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Liturgical Calendar for Sundays and feasts

— 2019 — 2020 —

December

1 Su	1	432
2 M	2	
3 Tu	3	
4 W	4	
5 Th	5	
6 F	6	
7 Sa	7	
8 Su	8	433
9 M	431	
10 Tu	10	
11 W	11	
12 Th	12	
13 F	13	
14 Sa	14	
15 Su	15	434
16 M	16	
17 Tu	22	
18 W	23	435
19 Th	24	
20 F	25	436
21 Sa	26	593
22 Su	21	438
23 M	28	
24 Tu	30	439
25 W	31	440
26 Th	34	443
27 F	35	444
28 Sa	36	445
29 Su	37	446

January

1 W	403	448
5 Su	39	449
6 M		450
12 Su	40	517
13 M		557
19 Su	107	518
25 Sa	404	
26 Su	108	519

February

2 Su	109	520
9 Su	110	451
16 Su	111	452
22 Sa	406	
23 Su	112	453
26 W	41	454
27 Th	42	455
28 F	43	456
29 Sa	44	457

March

1 Su	45	458
2 M	46	459
3 Tu	47	460
4 W	48	461
5 Th	49	462
6 F	50	463
7 Sa	51	464
8 Su	52	465
9 M	53	466
10 Tu	54	467
11 W	55	468
12 Th	56	469
13 F	57	470
14 Sa	58	471
15 Su	59	472
16 M	60	473
17 Tu	61	474
18 W	62	475
19 Th	407	559
20 F	64	477
21 Sa	65	478
22 Su	66	479
23 M	67	480
24 Tu	68	481
25 W	408	560
26 Th	70	483
27 F	71	484
28 Sa	72	485
29 Su	73	486

30 M	487	
31 Tu	74	488

April

1 W	75	489
2 Th	76	490
3 F	77	491
4 Sa	78	492
5 Su	79	493
6 M	80	494
7 Tu	81	495
8 W	82	496
9 Th	84	497
10 F	85	498
11 Sa	86	499
12 Su	87	500
13 M	88	501
14 Tu	89	
15 W	90	
16 Th	91	
17 F	92	
18 Sa	93	
19 Su	94	502
25 Sa	409	561
26 Su	95	503

May

1 F		562
3 Su	96	504
10 Su	97	505
11 M		563
14 Th	411	
17 Su	98	506
18 M		507
20 W		508
21 Th	99	509
24 Su	100	510
30 Sa		511
31 Su	101	512

June

1 M		513
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3 W		514
5 F		515
6 Sa		516
7 Su	103	527
11 Th	104	528
14 Su	116	533
19 F	105	529
21 Su	117	534
24 W	413	565
28 Su	118	535
29 M	414	567

July

1 W		568
2 Th		569
3 F	415	
5 Su	119	536
12 Su	120	537
19 Su	121	538
25 Sa	416	570
26 Su	122	571

August

2 Su	123	540
6 Th	417	572
9 Su	124	541
10 M	418	573
14 F		574
15 Sa	419	575
16 Su	125	576
22 Sa		577
23 Su	126	543
24 M	420	578
30 Su	127	544

September

6 Su	128	545
8 Tu	421	
13 Su	129	546
14 M	422	579
20 Su	130	547
21 M	423	580

23 W	530
25 F	531
26 Sa	532
27 Su	131 548
29 Tu	424 581

November

29 Su	140 432
30 M	430 591

December

1 Tu	142
2 W	143
3 Th	144
4 F	145
5 Sa	146
6 Su	147 433
7 M	148
8 Tu	431 592
9 W	150
10 Th	151
11 F	152
12 Sa	153
13 Su	154 434
14 M	155
15 Tu	156
16 W	157 435
17 Th	161
18 F	162 436
19 Sa	163 437
20 Su	160 438
21 M	165 593
22 Tu	166
23 W	167
24 Th	170 439
25 F	171 440
26 Sa	174 443
27 Su	177 446
28 M	176 445
29 Tu	447

January

1 F	403 448
3 Su	179 449

October

4 Su	132 549
7 W	582
11 Su	133 550
18 Su	134 551

25 Su	135 555
28 W	426 585

November

1 Su	427 586
2 M	428 587

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6 W	450
10 Su	180 517
13 W	557
17 Su	241 518
24 Su	242 519
25 M	404
31 Su	243 451

February

2 Tu	405 558
7 Su	244 452
14 Su	245 453
17 W	181 454
18 Th	182 455
19 F	183 456
20 Sa	184 457
21 Su	185 458
22 M	406
23 Tu	187 460
24 W	188
25 Th	189 462
26 F	190 463
27 Sa	191 464
28 Su	192 465

March

1 M	193 466
2 Tu	194 467
3 W	195 468
4 Th	196 469
5 F	197 470
6 Sa	198 471
7 Su	199 472
8 M	200 473
9 Tu	201 474
10 W	202 475
11 Th	203 476
12 F	204 477

13 Sa	205 478
14 Su	206 479
15 M	207 480
16 Tu	208 481
17 W	209 482
18 Th	210 483
19 F	407 559
20 Sa	212 485
21 Su	213 486
22 M	487
23 Tu	214 488
24 W	215 489
25 Th	408 560
26 F	217 491
27 Sa	218 492
28 Su	219 493
29 M	220 494
30 Tu	221 495
31 W	222 496

April

1 Th	224 497
2 F	225 498
3 Sa	226 499
4 Su	227 500
5 M	228 501
11 Su	229 502
18 Su	230 503
25 Su	231 504

May

1 Sa	562
2 Su	232 505
3 M	410
9 Su	233 506
10 M	507
11 Tu	563
12 W	508

8 Su	137 554
9 M	429 590
15 Su	138 526
22 Su	139 556

13 Th	234 509
14 F	411
16 Su	235 510
22 Sa	511
23 Su	236 512
24 M	513
26 W	514
28 F	515
29 Sa	516
30 Su	238 527
31 M	412 564

June

3 Th	239 528
6 Su	249 533
11 F	240 529
13 Su	250 534
20 Su	251 535
24 Th	413 565
27 Su	252 536
28 M	566
29 Tu	414 567

July

1 Th	568
2 F	569
3 Sa	415
4 Su	253 537
11 Su	254 538
18 Su	255 539
25 Su	256 570
26 M	571

August

1 Su	257 541
6 F	417 572
8 Su	258 542
10 Tu	418 573
14 Sa	574

15 Su 419 575
16 M 576
22 Su 260 544
24 Tu 420 578
29 Su 261 545
September
5 Su 262 546
8 W 421

12 Su 263 547
14 Tu 422 579
19 Su 264 548
21 Tu 423 580
22 W 530
24 F 531
25 Sa 532
26 Su 265 549
29 W 424 581

October
3 Su 266 550
7 Th 582
10 Su 267 551
11 M 583
17 Su 268 552
18 M 425 584
24 Su 269 553
28 Th 426 585

31 Su 270 555
November
1 M 427 586
2 Tu 428 587
7 Su 271 525
9 Tu 429 590
14 Su 272 526
21 Su 273 556

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November
28 Su 274 432
29 M 275
30 Tu 430 591
December
1 W 277
2 Th 278
3 F 279
4 Sa 280
5 Su 281 433
6 M 282
7 Tu 283
8 W 431 592
9 Th 285
10 F 286
11 Sa 287
12 Su 288 434
13 M 289
14 Tu 290
15 W 291 435
16 Th 292
17 F 295 436
18 Sa 296 437
19 Su 294 438
20 M 298
21 Tu 299 593
22 W 300
23 Th 301
24 F 303 439
25 Sa 304 440
26 Su 310 446
27 M 308 444

28 Tu 309 445
29 W 447
January
1 Sa 403 448
2 Su 311 449
6 Th 450
9 Su 312 517
10 M 313
13 Th 557
16 Su 375 518
23 Su 376 519
25 Tu 404
30 Su 377 520
February
2 W 405 558
6 Su 378 521
13 Su 379 451
20 Su 380 452
22 Tu 406
27 Su 381 453
March
2 W 314 454
3 Th 315 455
4 F 316 456
5 Sa 317 457
6 Su 318 458
7 M 319 459
8 Tu 320 460
9 W 321 461
10 Th 322 462
11 F 323 463
12 Sa 324 464

13 Su 325 465
14 M 326 466
15 Tu 327 467
16 W 328 468
17 Th 329 469
18 F 330 470
19 Sa 407 559
20 Su 332 472
21 M 333 473
22 Tu 334 474
23 W 335 475
24 Th 336 476
25 F 408 560
26 Sa 338 478
27 Su 339 479
28 M 340 480
29 Tu 341 481
30 W 342 482
31 Th 343 483
April
1 F 344 484
2 Sa 345 485
3 Su 346 486
4 M 347 487
5 Tu 348 488
6 W 349 489
7 Th 350 490
8 F 351 491
9 Sa 352 492
10 Su 353 493
11 M 354 494
12 Tu 355 495

13 W 356 496
14 Th 358 497
15 F 359 498
16 Sa 360 499
17 Su 361 500
18 M 362 501
24 Su 363 502
25 M 409 561
May
1 Su 364 503
3 Tu 410
8 Su 365 504
11 W 563
14 Sa 411
15 Su 366 505
22 Su 367 506
23 M 507
25 W 508
26 Th 368 509
29 Su 369 510
31 Tu 412 564
June
4 Sa 511
5 Su 370 512
6 M 513
8 W 514
10 F 515
11 Sa 516
12 Su 372 527
16 Th 373 528
19 Su 533
24 F 413 529

26 Su	385	534
28 Tu		566
29 W	414	567
July		
1 F		568
2 Sa		569
3 Su	386	535
10 Su	387	536
17 Su	388	537
24 Su	389	538
25 M	416	570
26 Tu		571
31 Su	390	539

November

27 Su	1	432
28 M	2	
29 Tu	3	
30 W	430	591

December

1 Th	5	
2 F	6	
3 Sa	7	
4 Su	8	433
5 M	9	
6 Tu	10	
7 W	11	
8 Th	431	592
9 F	13	
10 Sa	14	
11 Su	15	434
12 M	16	
13 Tu	17	
14 W	18	435
15 Th	19	
16 F	20	436
17 Sa	22	437
18 Su	21	438
19 M	24	
20 Tu	25	
21 W	26	593
22 Th	27	

August

6 Sa	417	572
7 Su	391	540
10 W	418	573
14 Su		541
15 M	419	575
16 Tu		576
21 Su	392	542
22 M		577
24 W	420	578
28 Su	393	543

September

4 Su	394	544
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8 Th	421	
11 Su	395	545
14 W	422	579
18 Su	396	546
21 W	423	580
23 F		531
24 Sa		532
25 Su		547
29 Th	424	581

October

2 Su		548
7 F		582
9 Su	397	549

11 Tu		583
16 Su	398	550
18 Tu	425	584
23 Su	399	551
28 F	426	585
30 Su	400	555

November

1 Tu	427	586
2 W	428	587
6 Su	401	553
9 W	429	590
13 Su		554
20 Su	402	556

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23 F	28	
24 Sa	30	439
25 Su	31	440
26 M	34	443
27 Tu	35	444
28 W	36	445
29 Th		447
30 F	37	

January

1 Su	403	448
2 M		449
6 F		450
8 Su	39	517
9 M	40	
13 F		557
15 Su	107	518
22 Su	108	519
25 W	404	
29 Su	109	520

February

2 Th	405	558
5 Su	110	451
12 Su	111	452
19 Su	112	453
22 W	41	454
23 Th	42	455
24 F	43	
25 Sa	44	457

26 Su	45	458
27 M	46	459
28 Tu	47	460

March

1 W	48	461
2 Th	49	462
3 F	50	463
4 Sa	51	464
5 Su	52	465
6 M	53	466
7 Tu	54	467
8 W	55	468
9 Th	56	469
10 F	57	470
11 Sa	58	471
12 Su	59	472
13 M	60	473
14 Tu	61	474
15 W	62	475
16 Th	63	476
17 F	64	477
18 Sa	65	478
19 Su	66	479
20 M	67	480
21 Tu	68	481
22 W	69	482
23 Th	70	483
24 F	71	484

25 Sa	408	560
26 Su	73	486
27 M		487
28 Tu	74	488
29 W	75	489
30 Th	76	490
31 F	77	491

April

1 Sa	78	492
2 Su	79	493
3 M	80	494
4 Tu	81	495
5 W	82	496
6 Th	84	497
7 F	85	498
8 Sa	86	499
9 Su	87	500
10 M	88	501
11 Tu	89	
12 W	90	
13 Th	91	
14 F	92	
15 Sa	93	
16 Su	94	502
23 Su	95	503
25 Tu	409	561
30 Su	96	504

May

1 M	562
3 W	410
7 Su	97 ... 505
11 Th	563
14 Su	98 ... 506
15 M	507
17 W	508
18 Th	99 ... 509
21 Su	100 ... 510
27 Sa	511
28 Su	101 ... 512
29 M	513
31 W	412 ... 514

June

2 F	515
3 Sa	516
4 Su	103 ... 527
8 Th	104 ... 528
11 Su	115 ... 533

16 F	105 ... 529
18 Su	116 ... 534
24 Sa	413 ... 565
25 Su	117 ... 535
28 W	566
29 Th	414 ... 567

July

1 Sa	568
2 Su	118 ... 536
3 M	415
9 Su	119 ... 537
16 Su	120 ... 538
23 Su	121 ... 539
25 Tu	416 ... 570
26 W	571
30 Su	122 ... 540

August

6 Su	123 ... 572
10 Th	418 ... 573

13 Su	124 ... 542
14 M	574
15 Tu	419 ... 575
16 W	576
20 Su	125 ... 543
22 Tu	577
24 Th	420 ... 578
27 Su	126 ... 544

September

3 Su	127 ... 545
8 F	421
10 Su	128 ... 546
14 Th	422 ... 579
17 Su	129 ... 547
20 W	530
21 Th	423 ... 580
22 F	531
23 Sa	532
24 Su	130 ... 548
29 F	424 ... 581

October

1 Su	131 ... 549
7 Sa	582
8 Su	132 ... 550
11 W	583
15 Su	133 ... 551
18 W	425 ... 584
22 Su	134 ... 552
28 Sa	426 ... 585
29 Su	135 ... 555

November

1 W	427 ... 586
2 Th	428 ... 587
5 Su	136 ... 554
9 Th	429 ... 590
12 Su	137 ... 525
19 Su	138 ... 526
26 Su	139 ... 556
30 Th	430

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December

3 Su	140 ... 432
4 M	141
5 Tu	142
6 W	143
7 Th	144
8 F	431 ... 592
9 Sa	146
10 Su	147 ... 433
11 M	148
12 Tu	149
13 W	150
14 Th	151
15 F	152
16 Sa	153
17 Su	154 ... 434
18 M	162
19 Tu	163
20 W	164 ... 435
21 Th	165 ... 593
22 F	166 ... 436

23 Sa	167 ... 437
24 Su	160 ... 439
25 M	171 ... 440
26 Tu	174 ... 443
27 W	175 ... 444
28 Th	176 ... 445
29 F	447
31 Su	177 ... 446

January

1 M	403 ... 448
2 Tu	449
6 Sa	450
7 Su	179 ... 517
8 M	180
13 Sa	557
14 Su	241 ... 518
21 Su	242 ... 519
25 Th	404
28 Su	243 ... 451

February

2 F	405 ... 558
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4 Su	244 ... 452
11 Su	245 ... 453
14 W	181 ... 454
15 Th	182 ... 455
16 F	183 ... 456
17 Sa	184 ... 457
18 Su	185 ... 458
19 M	186 ... 459
20 Tu	187 ... 460
21 W	188 ... 461
22 Th	406
23 F	190 ... 463
24 Sa	191 ... 464
25 Su	192 ... 465
26 M	193 ... 466
27 Tu	194 ... 467
28 W	195 ... 468
29 Th	196 ... 469

March

1 F	197 ... 470
2 Sa	198 ... 471

3 Su	199 ... 472
4 M	200 ... 473
5 Tu	201 ... 474
6 W	202 ... 475
7 Th	203 ... 476
8 F	204 ... 477
9 Sa	205 ... 478
10 Su	206 ... 479
11 M	207 ... 480
12 Tu	208 ... 481
13 W	209 ... 482
14 Th	210 ... 483
15 F	211 ... 484
16 Sa	212 ... 485
17 Su	213 ... 486
18 M	487
19 Tu	407 ... 559
20 W	215 ... 489
21 Th	216 ... 490
22 F	217 ... 491
23 Sa	218 ... 492

24 Su 219 493
25 M 220 494
26 Tu 221 495
27 W 222 496
28 Th 224 497
29 F 225 498
30 Sa 226 499
31 Su 227 500

April

1 M 228 501
7 Su 229 502
8 M 408
14 Su 230 503
21 Su 231 504
25 Th 409 561
28 Su 232 505

May

1 W 562
3 F 410
5 Su 233 506
6 M 507
8 W 508
9 Th 234 509

11 Sa 563
12 Su 235 510
14 Tu 411
18 Sa 511
19 Su 236 512
20 M 513
22 W 514
24 F 515
25 Sa 516
26 Su 238 527
30 Th 239 528
31 F 412 564

June

2 Su 248 533
7 F 240 529
9 Su 249 534
16 Su 250 535
23 Su 251 536
24 M 413 565
28 F 566
29 Sa 414 567
30 Su 252 537

July

1 M 568

2 Tu 569
3 W 415
7 Su 253 538
14 Su 254 539
21 Su 255 540
25 Th 416 570
26 F 571
28 Su 256 541

August

4 Su 257 542
6 Tu 417 572
10 Sa 418 573
11 Su 258 543
14 W 574
15 Th 419 575
16 F 576
18 Su 259 544
22 Th 577
24 Sa 420 578
25 Su 260 545

September

1 Su 261 546
8 Su 262
14 Sa 422 579

15 Su 263 548
18 W 530
20 F 531
21 Sa 423 580
22 Su 264 549
29 Su 265 581

October

6 Su 266 551
7 M 582
11 F 583
13 Su 267 552
18 F 425 584
20 Su 268 553
27 Su 269 555
28 M 426 585

November

1 F 427 586
2 Sa 428 587
3 Su 270 524
9 Sa 429 590
10 Su 271 525
17 Su 272 526
24 Su 273 556
30 Sa 430

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December

1 Su 274 432
2 M 275
3 Tu 276
4 W 277
5 Th 278
6 F 279
7 Sa 280
8 Su 281 433
9 M 431
10 Tu 283
11 W 284
12 Th 285
13 F 286
14 Sa 287
15 Su 288 434
16 M 289

17 Tu 295
18 W 296 435
19 Th 297
20 F 298 436
21 Sa 299 593
22 Su 294 438
23 M 301
24 Tu 303 439
25 W 304 440
26 Th 307 443
27 F 308 444
28 Sa 309 445
29 Su 310 446

January

1 W 403 448
5 Su 312 449
6 M 450

12 Su 313 517
13 M 557
19 Su 375 518
25 Sa 404
26 Su 376 519

February

2 Su 377 520
9 Su 378 521
16 Su 379 451
22 Sa 406
23 Su 380 452

March

2 Su 381 453
5 W 314 454
6 Th 315 455
7 F 316 456
8 Sa 317 457

9 Su 318 458
10 M 319 459
11 Tu 320 460
12 W 321 461
13 Th 322 462
14 F 323 463
15 Sa 324 464
16 Su 325 465
17 M 326 466
18 Tu 327 467
19 W 407 559
20 Th 329 469
21 F 330 470
22 Sa 331 471
23 Su 332 472
24 M 333 473
25 Tu 408 560

26 W 335 475
27 Th 336 476
28 F 337 477
29 Sa 338 478
30 Su 339 479
31 M 340 480

April

1 Tu 341 481
2 W 342 482
3 Th 343 483
4 F 344 484
5 Sa 345 485
6 Su 346 486
7 M 347 487
8 Tu 348 488
9 W 349 489
10 Th 350 490
11 F 351 491
12 Sa 352 492
13 Su 353 493
14 M 354 494
15 Tu 355 495
16 W 356 496
17 Th 358 497
18 F 359 498

19 Sa 360 499
20 Su 361 500
21 M 362 501
27 Su 363 502

May

1 Th 562
3 Sa 410
4 Su 364 503
11 Su 365 504
14 W 411
18 Su 366 505
25 Su 367 506
26 M 507
28 W 508
29 Th 368 509
31 Sa 412 564

June

1 Su 369 510
7 Sa 511
8 Su 370 512
9 M 513
11 W 514
13 F 515
14 Sa 516
15 Su 372 527
19 Th 373 528

22 Su 533
24 Tu 413 565
27 F 374 529
28 Sa 566
29 Su 414 567

July

1 Tu 568
2 W 569
3 Th 415
6 Su 386 535
13 Su 387 536
20 Su 388 537
25 F 416 570
26 Sa 571
27 Su 389 538

August

3 Su 390 539
6 W 417 572
10 Su 391 540
14 Th 574
15 F 419 575
16 Sa 576
17 Su 541
22 F 577
24 Su 392 578
31 Su 393 543

September

7 Su 394 544
8 M 421
14 Su 395 545
21 Su 396 580
24 W 530
26 F 531
27 Sa 532
28 Su 547
29 M 424 581

October

5 Su 548
7 Tu 582
11 Sa 583
12 Su 397 549
18 Sa 425 584
19 Su 398 550
26 Su 399 555
28 Tu 426 585

November

1 Sa 427 586
2 Su 428 552
3 M 587
9 Su 401 553
16 Su 554
23 Su 402 556

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November

30 Su 1 432

December

1 M 2
2 Tu 3
3 W 4
4 Th 5
5 F 6
6 Sa 7
7 Su 8 433
8 M 431 592
9 Tu 10
10 W 11
11 Th 12
12 F 13

13 Sa 14
14 Su 15 434
15 M 16
16 Tu 17
17 W 22 435
18 Th 23
19 F 24 436
20 Sa 25 437
21 Su 21 438
22 M 27
23 Tu 28
24 W 30 439
25 Th 31 440
26 F 34 443
27 Sa 35 444

28 Su 37 446
29 M 447

January

1 Th 403 448
4 Su 39 449
6 Tu 450
11 Su 40 517
13 Tu 557
18 Su 107 518
25 Su 108 519

February

1 Su 109 451
2 M 405 558
8 Su 110 452
15 Su 111 453

18 W 41 454
19 Th 42 455
20 F 43 456
21 Sa 44 457
22 Su 45 458
23 M 46 459
24 Tu 47
25 W 48 461
26 Th 49 462
27 F 50 463
28 Sa 51 464

March

1 Su 52 465
2 M 53 466
3 Tu 54 467

4 W	55	468
5 Th	56	469
6 F	57	470
7 Sa	58	471
8 Su	59	472
9 M	60	473
10 Tu	61	474
11 W	62	475
12 Th	63	476
13 F	64	477
14 Sa	65	478
15 Su	66	479
16 M	67	480
17 Tu	68	481
18 W	69	482
19 Th	407	559
20 F	71	484
21 Sa	72	485
22 Su	73	486
23 M		487
24 Tu	74	488
25 W	408	560
26 Th	76	490
27 F	77	491
28 Sa	78	492
29 Su	79	493
30 M	80	494
31 Tu	81	495

April

1 W	82	496
2 Th	84	497
3 F	85	498
4 Sa	86	499
5 Su	87	500
6 M	88	501
7 Tu		89
8 W		90
9 Th		91
10 F		92
11 Sa		93
12 Su	94	502
19 Su	95	503
25 Sa	409	561
26 Su	96	504

May

1 F		562
3 Su	97	505
10 Su	98	506
11 M		563
13 W		508
14 Th	99	509
17 Su	100	510
23 Sa		511
24 Su	101	512
25 M		513
27 W		514
29 F		515

30 Sa		516
31 Su	103	527

June

4 Th	104	528
7 Su	115	533
12 F	105	529
14 Su	116	534
21 Su	117	535
24 W	413	565
28 Su	118	536
29 M	414	567

July

1 W		568
2 Th		569
3 F		415
5 Su	119	537
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October

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November

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November

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30 M	430	591

December

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April

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May

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June

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July

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November

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November

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January

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February

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March

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**READINGS FOR
SUNDAYS AND FEASTS
ORDINARY FORM OF
THE ROMAN RITE
YEAR A
CHRISTMAS SEASON**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

isa 2:2-3

In days to come, The mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD'S mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, That he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.



Mount Zion

MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Mt 8:5-8

A centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully." He said to him, "I will come and cure him." The centurion said in reply, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed.



Healing of Centurion's Servant

TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Isa 11:1

But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.

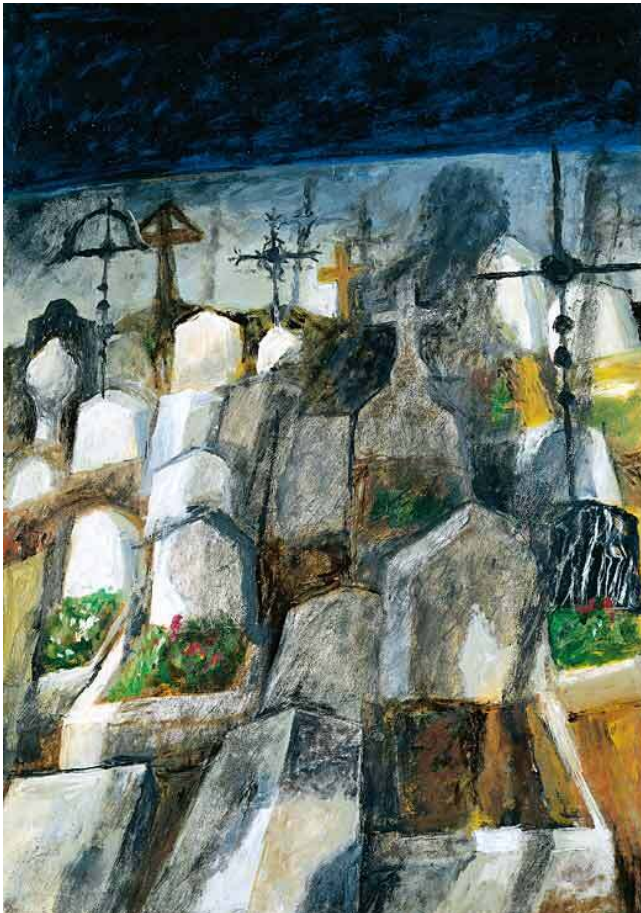


Geertgen tot Sint Jans, Tree of Jesse, c. 1500 (Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam)

WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Isa 25:7-8

On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, The web that is woven over all nations. He will destroy death forever. The Lord G will wipe away the tears from all faces; The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the L has spoken.

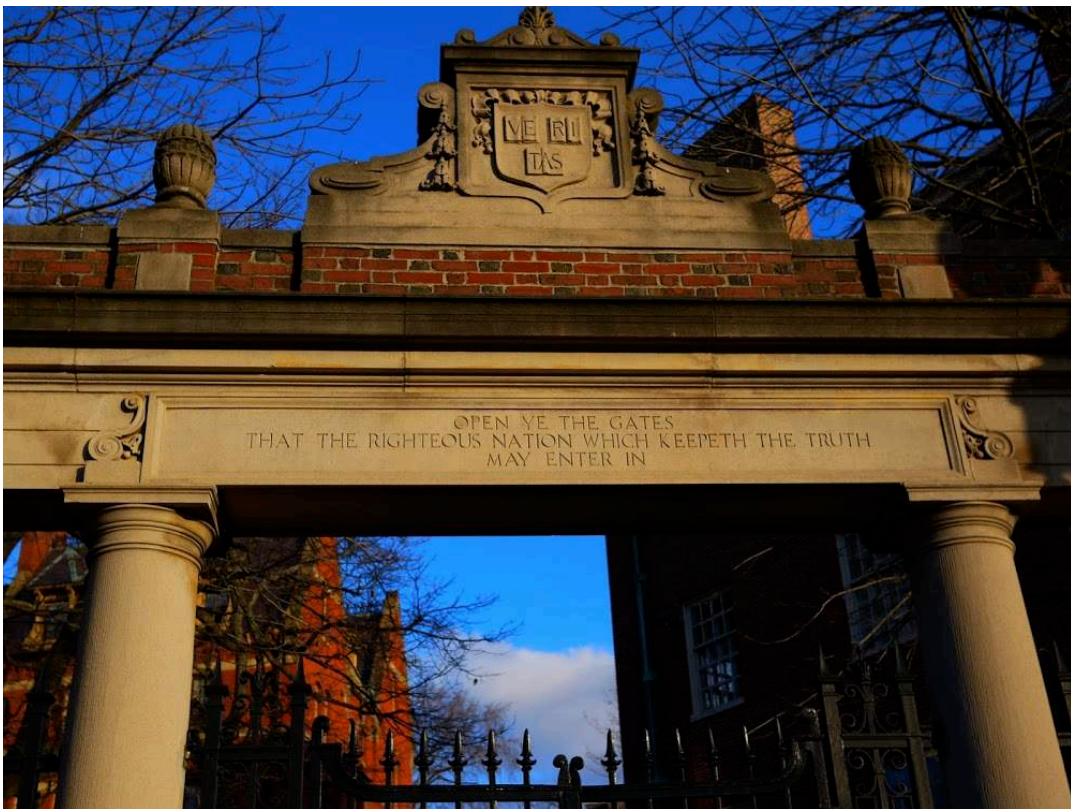


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THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 26:2

Open up the gates to let in a nation that is just, one that keeps faith.



Open Ye the Gates (Harvard)

FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 29:18-19

On that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book; And out of gloom and darkness, the eyes of the blind shall see. The lowly will ever find joy in the LORD, and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

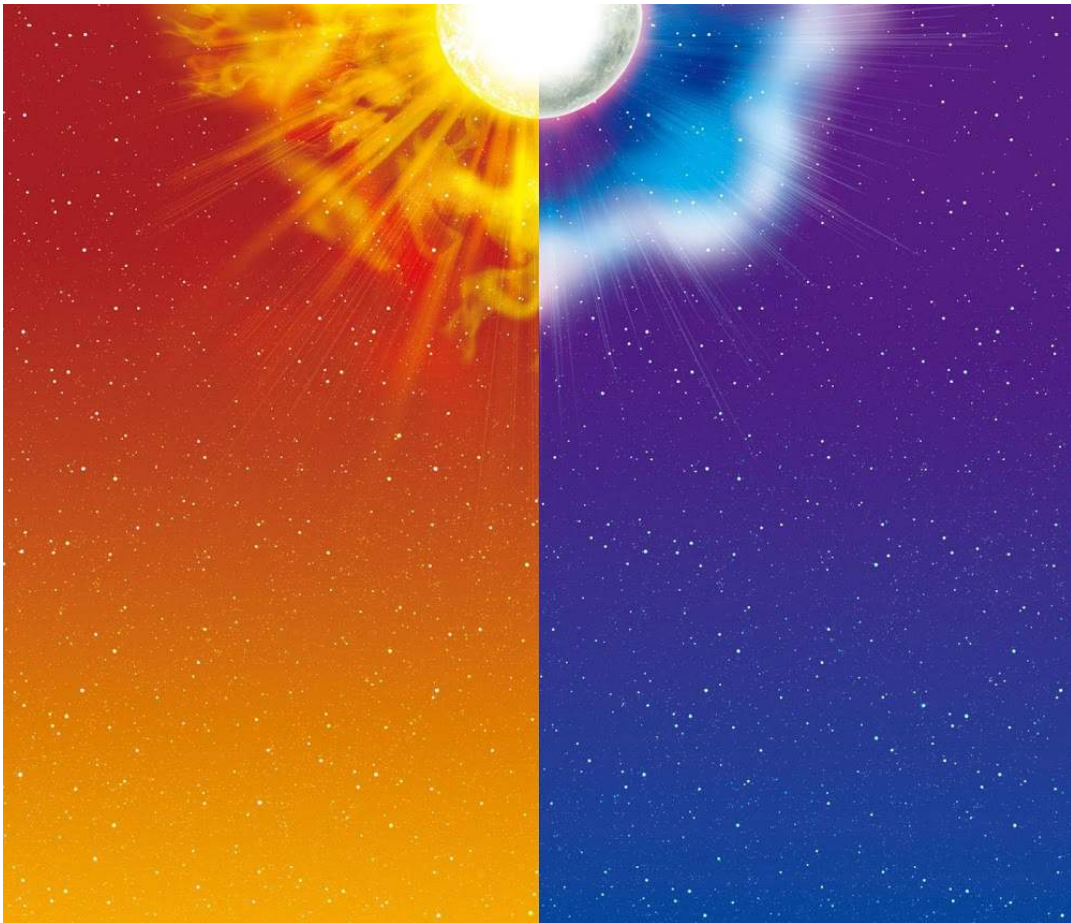


Be blessed

SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 30:26

The light of the moon will be like that of the sun and the light of the sun will be seven times greater (like the light of seven days). On the day the LORD binds up the wounds of his people, he will heal the bruises left by his blows.



Pokémon Sun and Pokémon Moon

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

isa 11:10

On that day, The root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, The Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

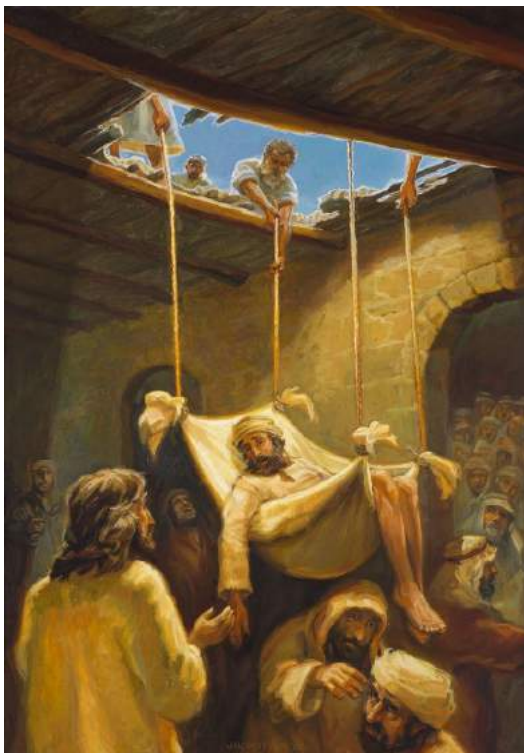


Sr. Ansgar Holmberg, CSJ, O Root

MONDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Lc 5:17-20

One day as Jesus was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem, and the power of the Lord was with him for healing. And some men brought on a stretcher a man who was paralyzed; they were trying to bring him in and set (him) in his presence. But not finding a way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on the stretcher through the tiles into the middle in front of Jesus. When he saw their faith, he said, "As for you, your sins are forgiven."



Jan van't Hoff, De verlamde - ©Jan van't Hoff

TUESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 40:3-5

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; The rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all mankind shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.



Massimo Stanzione, St. John the Baptist Preaching, 1635 (Prado)

WEDNESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 40:29-31

He gives strength to the fainting; for the weak he makes vigor abound. Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.



They shall mount up with wings like eagles - ©Overcomersart.com

THURSDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 41:17-20

The afflicted and the needy seek water in vain, their tongues are parched with thirst. I, the LORD, will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. I will open up rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the broad valleys; I will turn the desert into a marshland, and the dry ground into springs of water. I will plant in the desert the cedar, acacia, myrtle, and olive; I will set in the wasteland the cypress, together with the plane tree and the pine, That all may see and know, observe and understand, That the hand of the LORD has done this, the Holy One of Israel has created it.



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FRIDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 48:17-18

Thus says the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, I, the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go. If you would hearken to my commandments, your prosperity would be like a river, and your vindication like the waves of the sea.



River with stepping stones

SATURDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

sirach 48:9-11

You were taken aloft in a whirlwind, in a chariot with fiery horses. You are destined, it is written, in time to come to put an end to wrath before the day of the LORD. To turn back the hearts of fathers toward their sons, and to reestablish the tribes of Jacob. Blessed is he who shall have seen you before he dies.



Prophet Elijah (Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Louis, MO)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mt 11:7-10

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: 'Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.'"



Ernest Vincent Wood III, John the Baptist in the Wilderness - ©Ernest Vincent Wood III

MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

num 24:2-5

When he raised his eyes and saw Israel encamped, tribe by tribe, the spirit of God came upon him, and he gave voice to his oracle: The utterance of Balaam, son of Beor, the utterance of the man whose eye is true, The utterance of one who hears what God says, and knows what the Most High knows, Of one who sees what the Almighty sees, enraptured, and with eyes unveiled: How goodly are your tents, O Jacob; your encampments, O Israel!



Christina Mattison Ebert, Parashat Balak - ©Christina Mattison Ebert

TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Mt 21:28-31a

"What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards he changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?"



Ang Talinghaga Patungkol sa Dalawang Anak

WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 45:22-23

Turn to me and be safe, all you ends of the earth, for I am God, there is no other! By myself I swear, uttering my just decree and my unalterable word. To me every knee shall bend, by me every tongue shall swear.



Kacper Pempel, People kneel on the street as they take part in a Corpus Christi procession, 2013 (Gora Kalwaria, Poland) - ©CNS photo/Kacper Pempel, Reuters

THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 54:1-5

Raise a glad cry, you barren one who did not bear, break forth in jubilant song, you who were not in labor, For more numerous are the children of the deserted wife than the children of her who has a husband, says the LORD. Enlarge the space for your tent, spread out your tent cloths unsparingly; lengthen your ropes and make firm your stakes. For you shall spread abroad to the right and to the left; Your descendants shall dispossess the nations and shall people the desolate cities. Fear not, you shall not be put to shame; you need not blush, for you shall not be disgraced. The shame of your youth you shall forget, the reproach of your widowhood no longer remember. For he who has become your husband is your Maker; his name is the LORD of hosts; Your redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, called God of all the earth.



Jump For Joy-Mary en Elizabeth - ©ArtByCorby

FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 56:1-2

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. Happy is the man who does this, the son of man who holds to it; Who keeps the sabbath free from profanation, and his hand from any evildoing.



Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mt 1:20-21

Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."



François-Xavier de Boissoudy, L'Annonciation à Joseph, 2014 - ©François-Xavier de Boissoudy

DECEMBER 17TH

Mt 1:1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.



Jean Bourdichon, Saint Matthieu ("Grandes Heures d'Anne de Bretagne, Reine de France (1477-1514)")

DECEMBER 18TH

Mt 1:23

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."



Traditional greek icon, De ontmoeting van Joachim en Anna (Private collection)

DECEMBER 19TH

Lc 1:16-17

And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of fathers toward children and the disobedient to the understanding of the righteous, to prepare a people fit for the Lord."

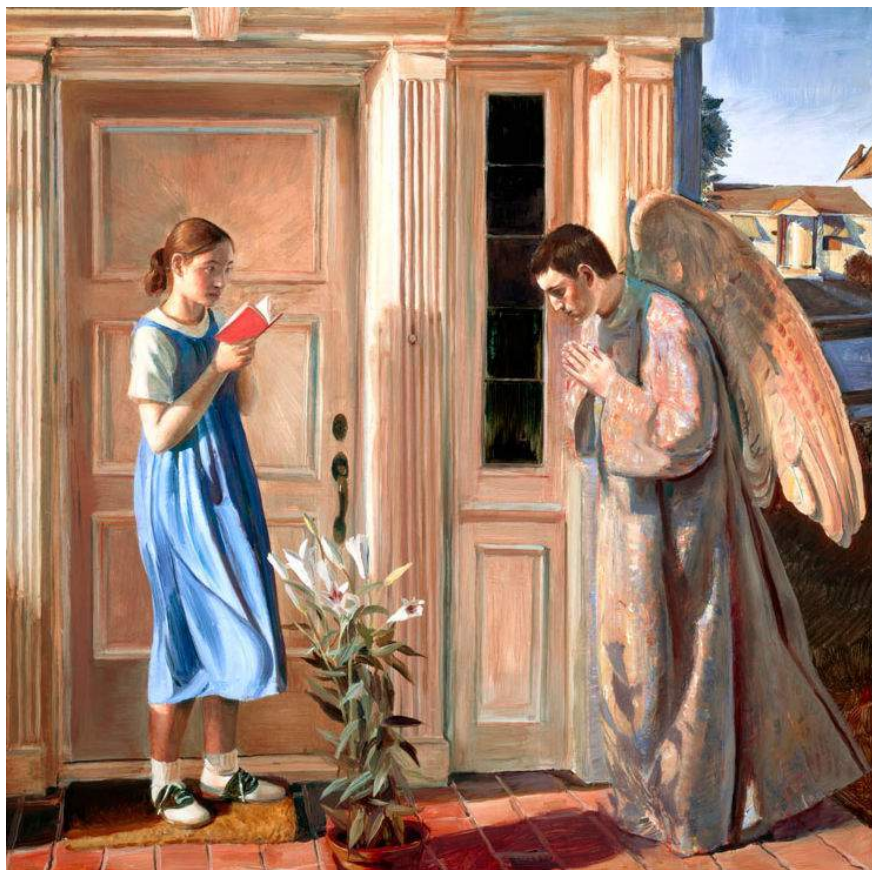


Greta Maria Le#ko, Contemporary Polish iconography - ©Greta Maria Le#ko

DECEMBER 20TH

Lc 1:26-29

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

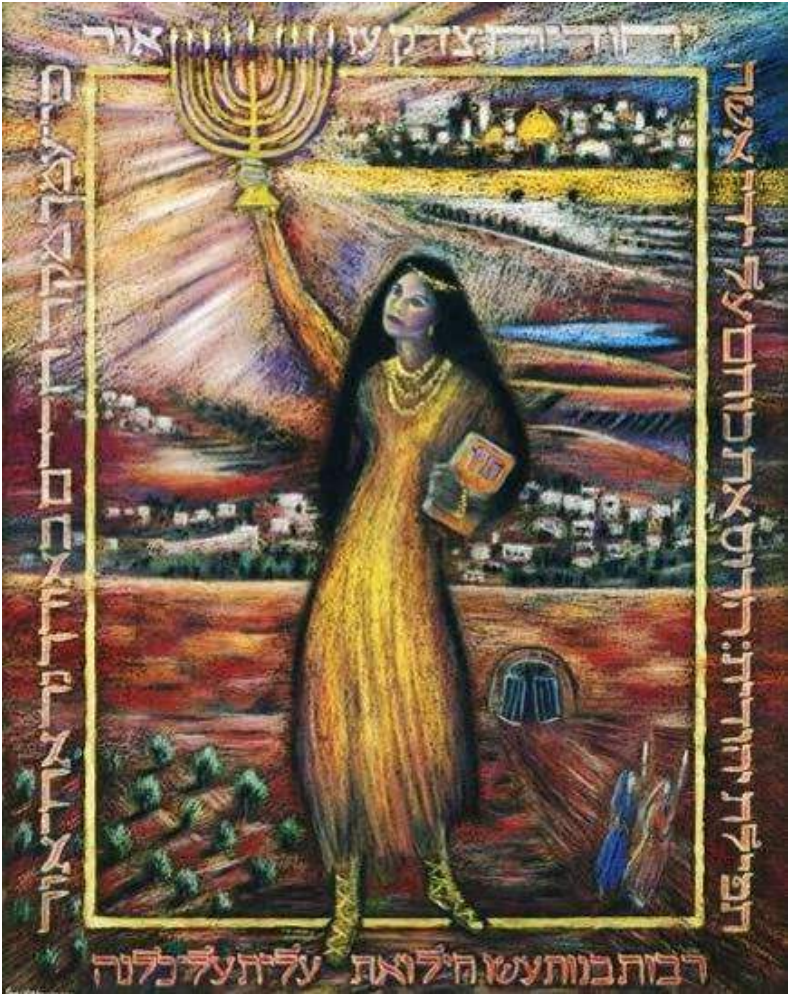


John Collier, Gabriel and Mary - ©John Collier

DECEMBER 21ST

zeph 3:14

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!



Daughter of Zion

DECEMBER 22ND

Lc 1:48

For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.



Assumption

DECEMBER 23RD

mal 3:2-3

But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye. He will sit refining and purifying (silver), and he will purify the sons of Levi, Refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD.



*The refining pot is
for silver and the
furnace for gold,
But the Lord tests
hearts.*

~Proverbs 17:3

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Proverbs 17:3

DECEMBER 24TH (MORNING MASS)

2 sam 7:2-3

he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you."



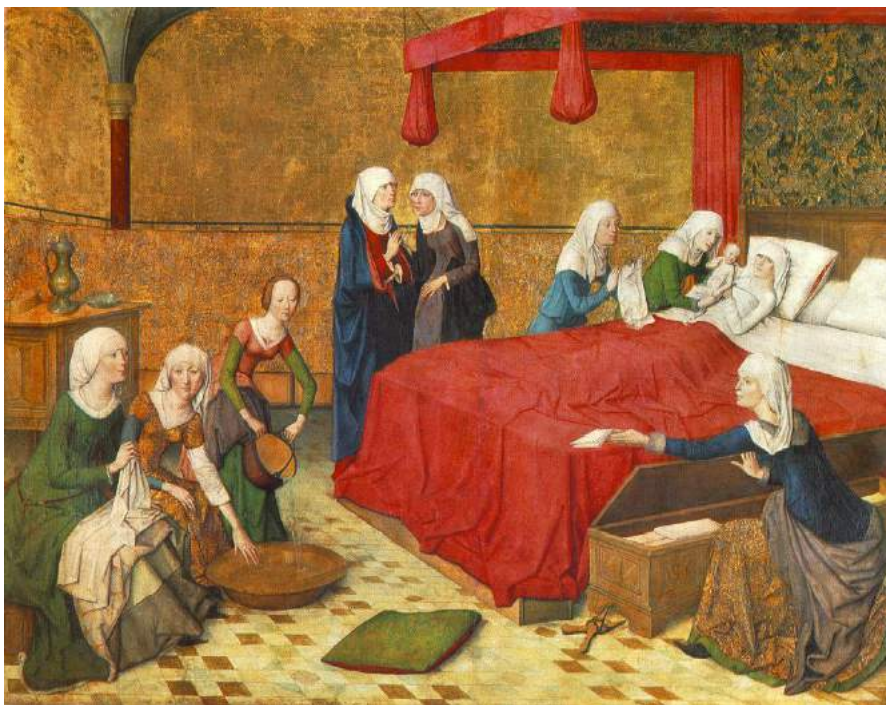
The ark of God

VIGIL FOR CHRISTMAS

December, 24th

Mt 1:1-6

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king. David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah.



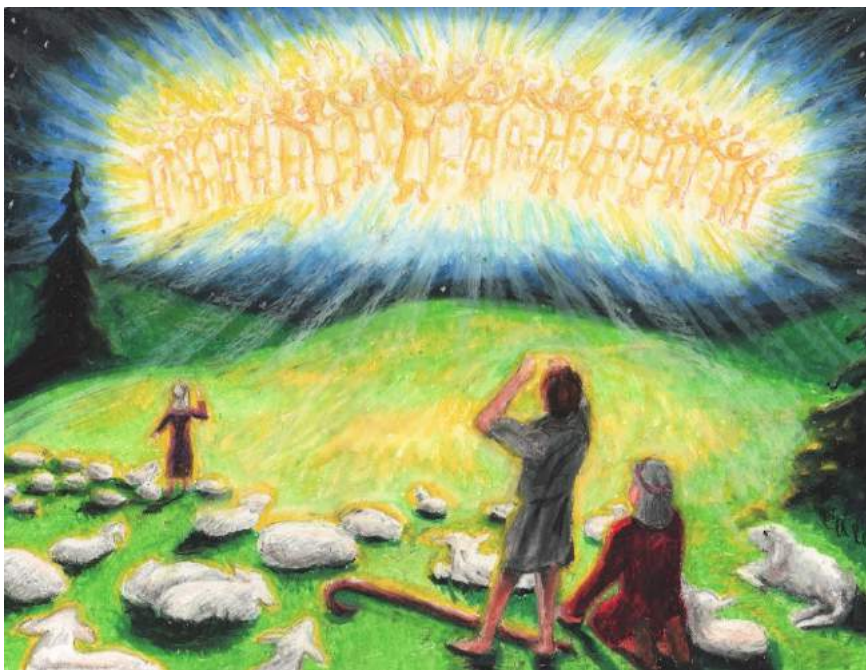
Master of the Life of the Virgin, The birth of Mary, 1470 (Alte Pinakothek, Munich)

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

December, 25th

Lc 2:8-14

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.".



Amber Pine, Glory to God in the Highest - ©Amber Pine

CHRISTMAS DAWN MASS

December, 25th

Lc 2:15-16

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.



Jos Speybrouck, Adoration of the Shepherds

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

December, 25th

Heb 1:4-5

As far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say: "You are my son; this day I have begotten you"? Or again: "I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me"?



Angel greeting

SAINT STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

December, 26th

Mt 10:19-20

When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say. For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.



Peter-Paul Rubens, The Martyrdom of St Stephen, 1620 (Musée des Beaux-Arts, Valenciennes)

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

December, 27th

Jn 20:6-7

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.



George Richardson, The Empty Tomb, 2011 - ©George Richardson

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

December, 28th

Mt 2:13

When they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him."

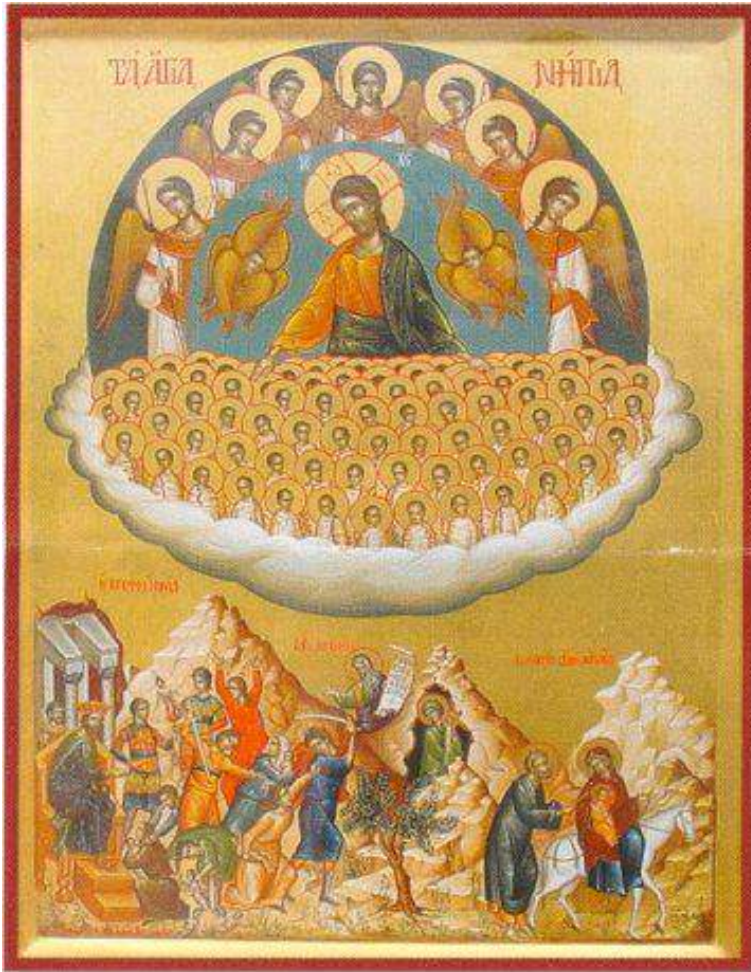


Kim Ki-chang, The Flight to Egypt

THE HOLY FAMILY

Mt 2:18

"A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more."



Icon commemorating the Slaughter of the Innocents with the Flight into Egypt

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Jn 1:9-13

‘He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man’s decision but of God.



Jesus with three children

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mt 2:11

And on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

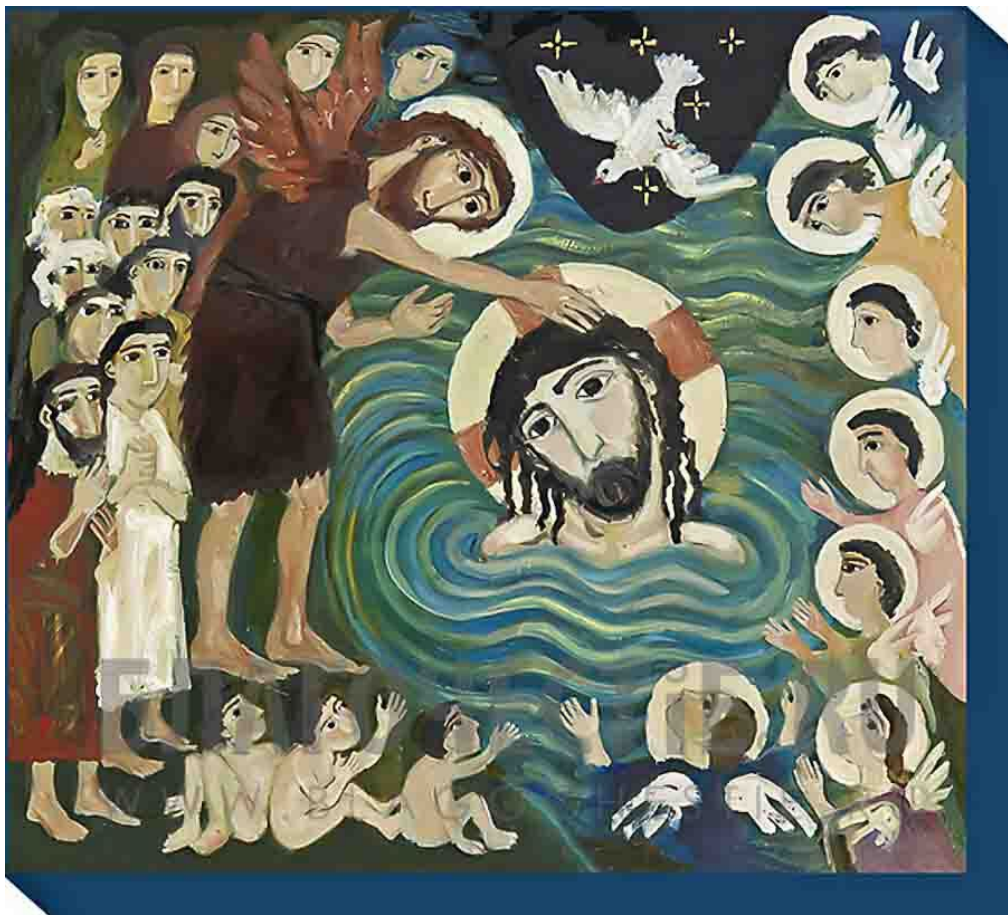


Andrea Mantegna, *The Adoration of the Magi*, c. 1461 (Galleria degli Uffizi, Florence)

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mt 3:16-17

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened (for him), and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove (and) coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



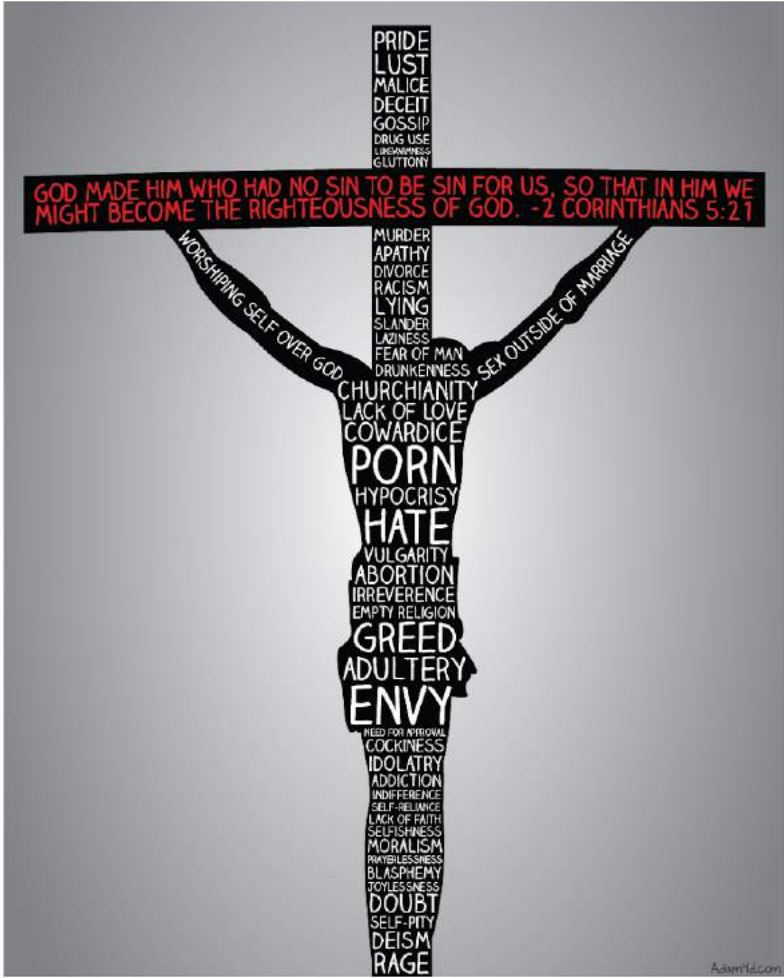
Baptism of Jezus

**READINGS FOR
SUNDAYS AND FEASTS
ORDINARY FORM OF
THE ROMAN RITE
YEAR A
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ASH WEDNESDAY

2 Cor 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.



Adam4d, For us - ©Adam4d

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Lc 9:23-24

Then he said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.



Pieter Bruegel de Oude, De kruisdraging, 1564 (Kunsthistorisches Museum, Wenen)

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Mt 9:14-15

Then the disciples of John approached him and said, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast (much), but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.



Raul Berszoa, Corazón Inmaculado de María de Fátima, 2012 - ©Raul Berszoa

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Isa 58:9-10

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

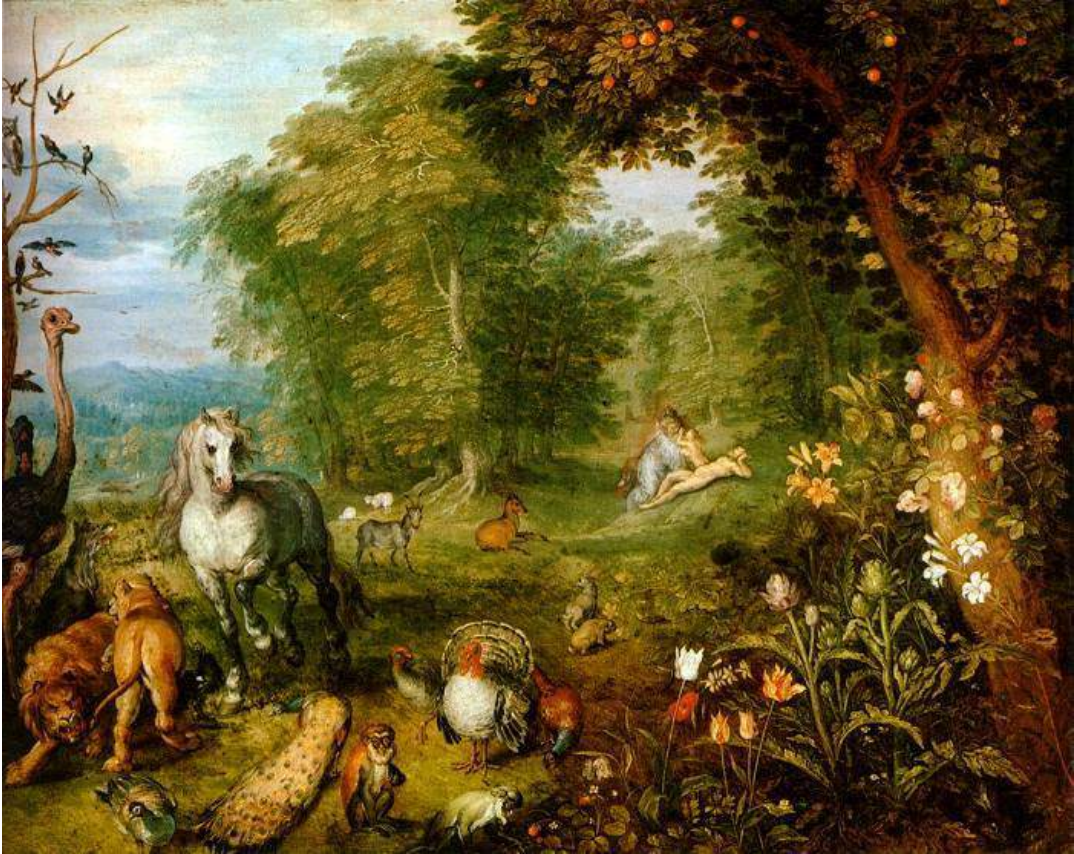


de Meester van Alkmaar, De zeven werken van barmhartigheid - De hongerigen voeden

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gen 2:25

The man and his wife were both naked, yet they felt no shame.



Jan Brueghel the Elder, *Paradise*, c. 1615 (Städelsches Museum, Frankfurt am Main)

MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Mt 25:40

And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'.



Toon en Luk spelen dokter, 2011

TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Isa 55:10-11

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down And do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, Giving seed to him who sows and bread to him who eats, So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.



Vincent van Gogh, Sower, 1888 (Private Collection)

WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Jon 3:10

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.



David Martin, Nineveh Repents ("Historie des Ouden en Nieuwen Testaments: verrykt met meer dan vierhonderd printverbeeldingen in koper gesneden")

THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

mt 7:12

"Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the law and the prophets.

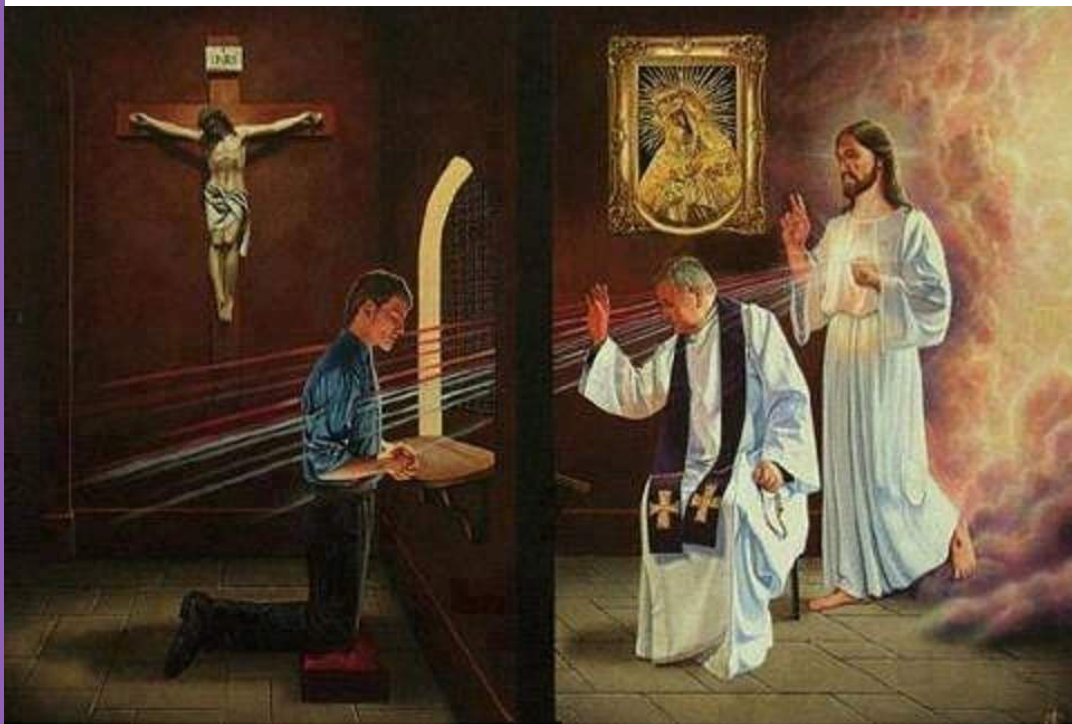


Per Krohg, 1950 (United Nations Security Council Chamber) - ©United Nations

FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

ezek 18:21-23

But if the wicked man turns away from all the sins he committed, if he keeps all my statutes and does what is right and just, he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of the crimes he committed shall be remembered against him; he shall live because of the virtue he has practiced. Do I indeed derive any pleasure from the death of the wicked? says the Lord GOD. Do I not rather rejoice when he turns from his evil way that he may live?



Confession

SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

mt 5:44

But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.



Jean Michel Basquiat, Jess Black And Jean Michel Basquiat Comparisons Subside

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mt 17:1-5

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

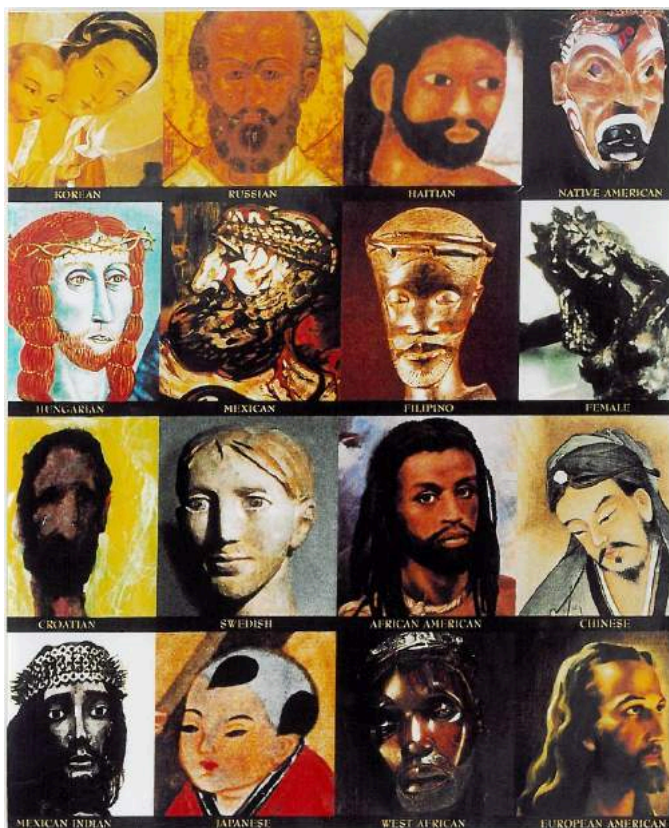


Gerard David, The Transfiguration of Christ, 1520 (O.L. Vrouwekerk, Bruges)

MONDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

dan 9:7-9

Justice, O Lord, is on your side; we are shamefaced even to this day: the men of Judah, the residents of Jerusalem, and all Israel, near and far, in all the countries to which you have scattered them because of their treachery toward you. O LORD, we are shamefaced, like our kings, our princes, and our fathers, for having sinned against you. But yours, O Lord, our God, are compassion and forgiveness! Yet we rebelled against you.

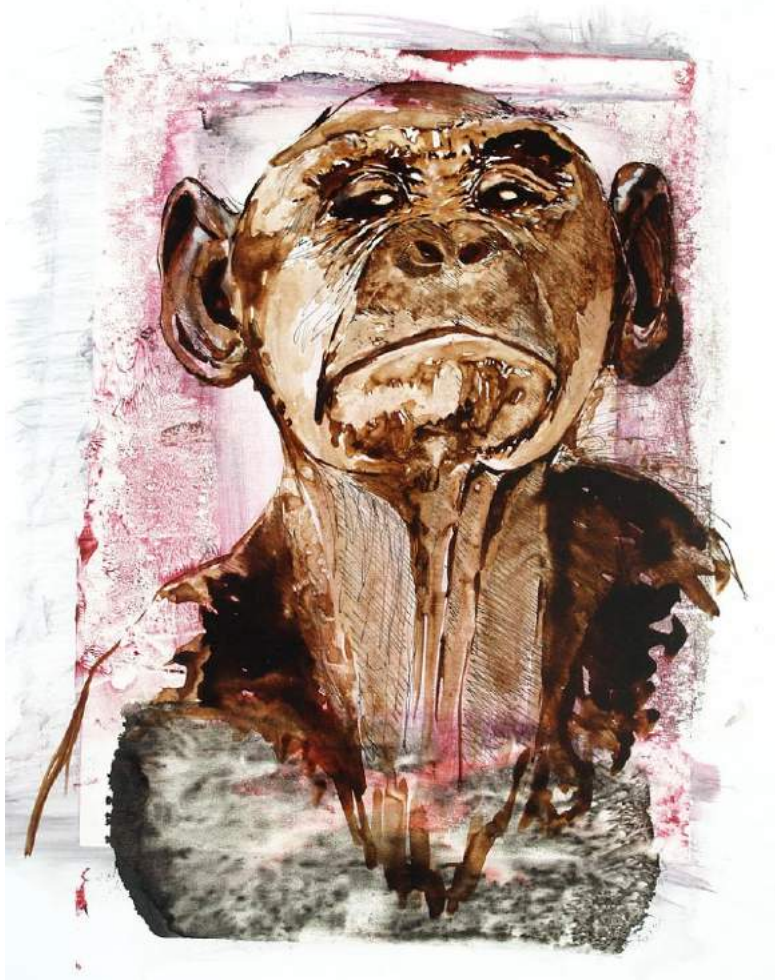


The many faces of Jesus

TUESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Mt 23:11-12

The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.



Christine Perdieus, Hoogmoed - ©Christine Perdieus

WEDNESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

jer 18:18

"Come," they said, "let us contrive a plot against Jeremiah. It will not mean the loss of instruction from the priests, nor of counsel from the wise, nor of messages from the prophets. And so, let us destroy him by his own tongue; let us carefully note his every word."



La la la, I can't hear you!

THURSDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

lc 16:22-24

When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.'



The rich man and Lazarus

FRIDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Mt 21:33-40

Put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"



Derrick Grant, The Crucifixion - ©Derrick Grant

SATURDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Lc 15:21-24

His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began.



Adina Henderson, The prodigal son, 2011 - ©Adina Henderson

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jn 4:25-26

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Anointed; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you."



Julio Romero de Torres, Samaritana - ©Julio Romero de Torres

MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

lc 4:24-28

And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury.

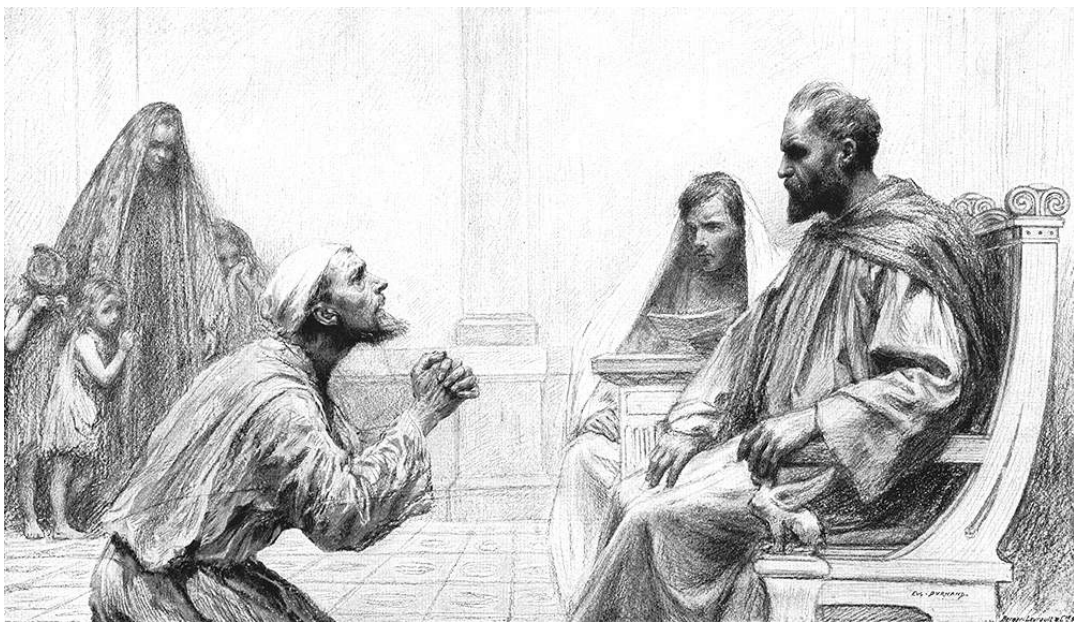


Jesus Declares He Is the Messiah

TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

mt 18:23-28

That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.'



Unforgiving servant

WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

mt 5:18

Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place.



Jewish new year

THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Lc 11:18-20

And if Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that it is by Beelzebul that I drive out demons. If I, then, drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own people drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that (I) drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

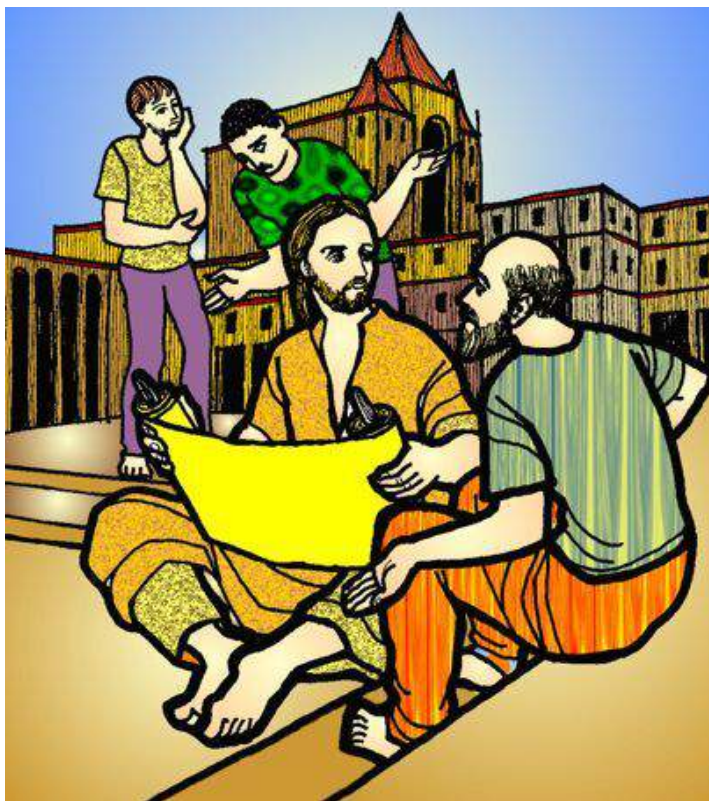


Rene van Tol, Martelaar no 2 - ©Rene van Tol

FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Mc 12:28-31

One of the scribes, when he came forward and heard them disputing and saw how well he had answered them, asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."



Crezo Barredo, Domingo 31° ordinario, 1999 - ©Crezo Barredo

SATURDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Lc 18:14b

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



The pharisee and the publican

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jn 9:6

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes.

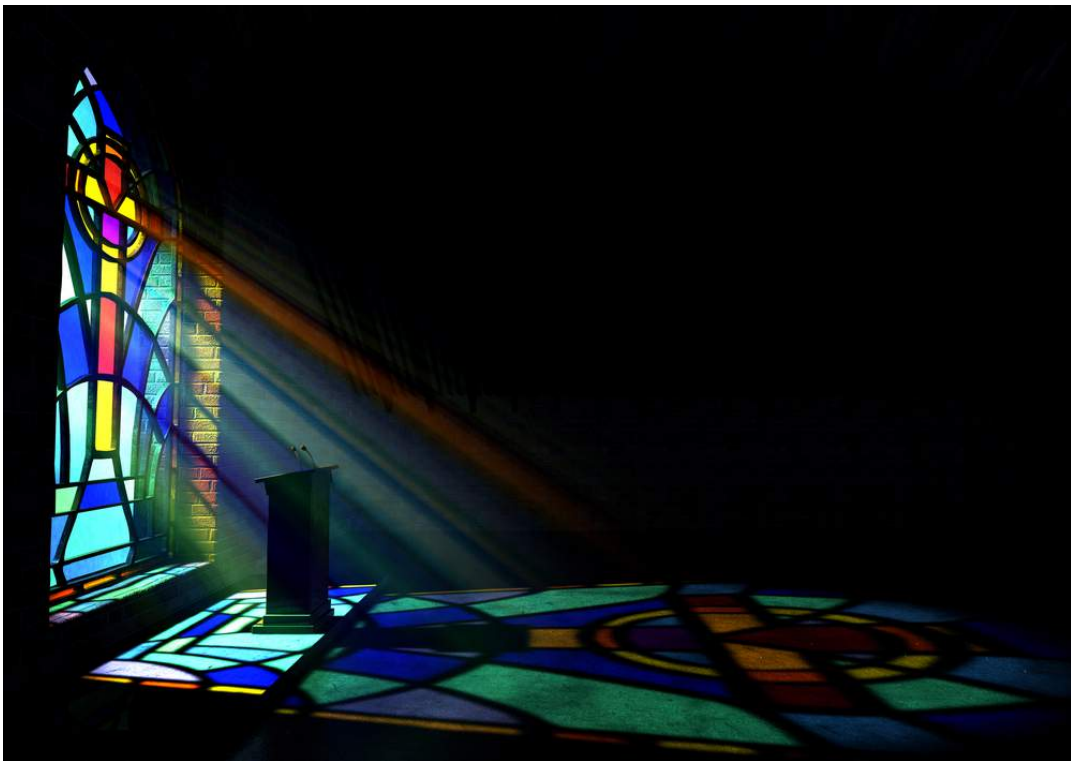


The man born blind, 2012 (St. Benito Menni Center, Rome)

MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

jn 4:48

Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe."



Glasraam

TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Jn 5:1-8

After this, there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem at the Sheep (Gate) a pool called in Hebrew Bethesda, with five porticoes. In these lay a large number of ill, blind, lame, and crippled. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your mat, and walk."



Pieter Aertsen, *The Healing of the Cripple of Bethesda*, 1575 (Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam)

WEDNESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

jn 5:25-29

Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.



Graveyard

THURSDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

ex 32:9-14

I see how stiff-necked this people is," continued the LORD to Moses. "Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. Then I will make of you a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying, "Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with such great power and with so strong a hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent he brought them out, that he might kill them in the mountains and exterminate them from the face of the earth'? Let your blazing wrath die down; relent in punishing your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.'" So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.



David Paynter', Transfiguration (St. Thomas's College in Colombo, Sri Lanka)

FRIDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

jn 7:27-29

But we know where he is from. When the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from." So Jesus cried out in the temple area as he was teaching and said, "You know me and also know where I am from. Yet I did not come on my own, but the one who sent me, whom you do not know, is true. I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me."



Knowing Jesus

SATURDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

jer 11:19-20

But then the Lord told me that they had planned to chop me down like a tree— fruit and all— so that no one would ever remember me again. I prayed, “Lord All-Powerful, 11.20 Ws 1.6 you always do what is right, and you know every thought. So I trust you to help me and to take revenge.”.



Francisco de Zurbarán, Agnus Dei, 1635–40 (Prado Museum in Madrid, Spain)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jn 11:23-27

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."



James Tissot, Jésus pleura, 1894 (Brooklyn Museum)

TUESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Num 21:8

And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if anyone who has been bitten looks at it, he will recover."



Anthony Van Dyck, Moses and the Brazen Serpent, 1620 (Museo del Prado, Madrid)

WEDNESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

dan 3:16-20

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, "There is no need for us to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If our God, whom we serve, can save us from the white-hot furnace and from your hands, O king, may he save us! But even if he will not, know, O king, that we will not serve your god or worship the golden statue which you set up." Nebuchadnezzar's face became livid with utter rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace to be heated seven times more than usual and had some of the strongest men in his army bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and cast them into the white-hot furnace.



Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

THURSDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

jn 8:55-58

You do not know him, but I know him. And if I should say that I do not know him, I would be like you a liar. But I do know him and I keep his word. Abraham your father rejoiced to see my day; he saw it and was glad. So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old and you have seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM."



Audrey, Before Abraham was, I am - ©Audrey

FRIDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

jer 20:11

But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion.



Lion of Judah

SATURDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

ezek 37:26-28

I will make with them a covenant of peace; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them, and I will multiply them, and put my sanctuary among them forever. My dwelling shall be with them; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Thus the nations shall know that it is I, the LORD, who make Israel holy, when my sanctuary shall be set up among them forever.



Mass

PALM SUNDAY

Mt 26:39

He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will."



Giovanni Bellini, *Agony in the Garden*, c. 1465 (National Gallery, London)

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Jn 12:1-8

‘Six days before Passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. They gave a dinner for him there, and Martha served, while Lazarus was one of those reclining at table with him. Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair; the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. Then Judas the Iscariot, one [of] his disciples, and the one who would betray him, said, “Why was this oil not sold for three hundred days’ wages and given to the poor?” He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief and held the money bag and used to steal the contributions. So Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”’.



The unction of Jezus, 2009

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

jn 13:21-26

When he had said this, Jesus was deeply troubled and testified, "Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, at a loss as to whom he meant. One of his disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus' side. So Simon Peter nodded to him to find out whom he meant. He leaned back against Jesus' chest and said to him, "Master, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I hand the morsel after I have dipped it." So he dipped the morsel and (took it and) handed it to Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot.



He is it

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

mt 26:14-16

Then one of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscar iot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

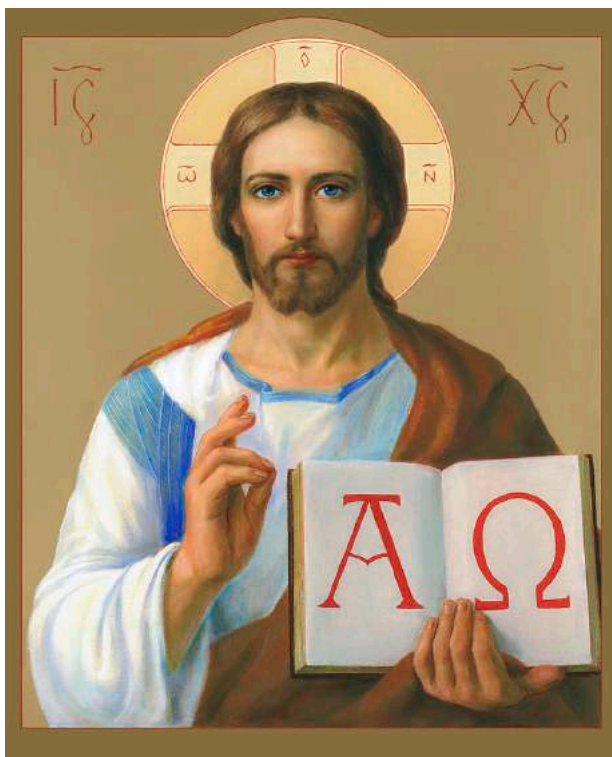


Barna da Siena, The pact of Judas, ca. 1350s ("Stories from the New Testament", in the right-side aisle of San Gimignano's Collegiate Church of the Assumption of Mary)

CHRISM MASS

rev 1:5-8

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever (and ever). Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. NAB-CREF: ; ; ; "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."



Alpha and Omega

HOLY THURSDAY

Jn 13:12-15

So when he had washed their feet (and) put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.



Stanley Spencer, Last Supper, 1920

GOOD FRIDAY

Jn 19:33-34

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.



Pasion viviente Castro Urdiales, 2015

EASTER VIGIL

Mt 28:1-7

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you."



Gijs Frieling, Paasmorgen (Museum voor Religieuze Kunst, Uden) - ©Gijs Frieling

EASTER SUNDAY

Jn 20:1

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.



Empty tomb at sunrise

MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Mt 28:8-9

Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage.



Daniel Owen, Detail from Stained Glass, 2010 (Church of the Ascension, Timoleague, Co. Cork) - ©Daniel Owen

TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Jn 20:17

Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"



Christ in the Garden with Mary Magdalene

WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Lc 24:35

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.



Consecration

THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Lc 24:45-47

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.



The Sacrament of Penance

FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Jn 21:3-7

Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea.



Konrad Witz, Draft of Petrus (Peter's altar table), 1444 (Geneva Musée d'Art et d'Histoire)

SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Mc 16:11-13

When they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After this he appeared in another form to two of them walking along on their way to the country. They returned and told the others; but they did not believe them either.



Janet Brooks Gerloff, Emmaus - ©Janet Brooks Gerloff

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 Pet 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time.



Empty tomb

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Lc 24:30-31

And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight.



Jodi Simmons, The Supper at Emmaus

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 Pet 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.



Graffiti

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jn 14:5-7

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."



Priesthood

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jn 14:16-17

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you.



Sue Ann Jackson, Reflection in water of the Holy Spirit dove - ©Sue Ann Jackson

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Mt 28:19-20a

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

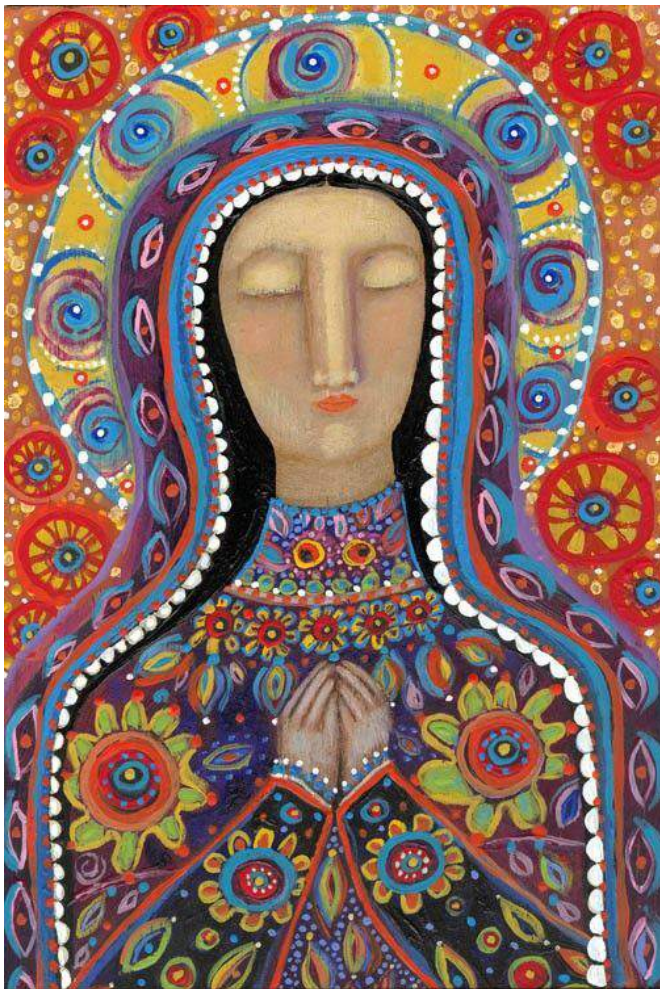


Pieter Franciscus Dierckx, St. Willibrordus predikt langs de Schelde, 1939 (Heilig-Hartkerk, Antwerpen)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:14

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.



Rose Walton, The Mexican Madonna - ©Rose Walton

PENTECOST

Jn 20:22-23

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."



William Blake, Christ Appearing to His Disciples After the Resurrection, 1795 (National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C)

MONDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jn 14:16-17

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you.



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**READINGS FOR
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THE HOLY TRINITY

Jn 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

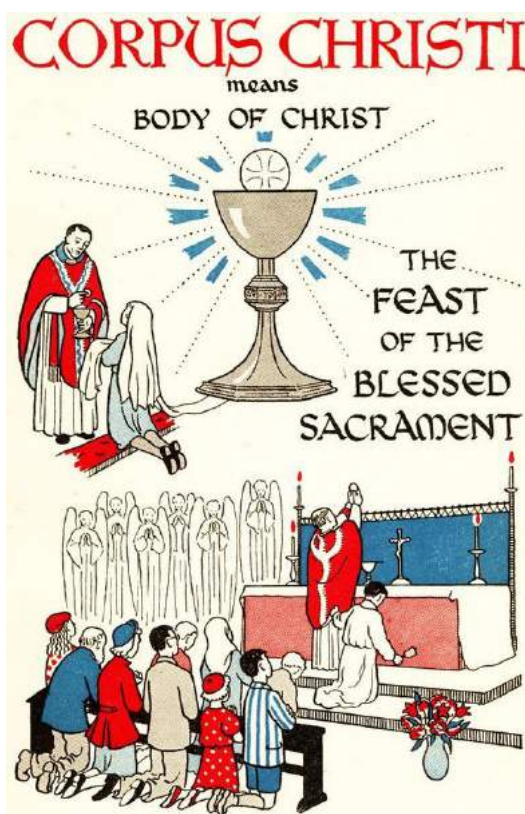


Paula Rego, Pieta, 2002 - ©Paula Rego

CORPUS CHRISTI

Deut 8:14-16

You then become haughty of heart and unmindful of the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers, that he might afflict you and test you, but also make you prosperous in the end.



Corpus Christi

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

1 Jn 4:10

In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.



Sacred heart

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Mt 9:14-15

Then the disciples of John approached him and said, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast (much), but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.



Raul Berszoa, Corazón Inmaculado de María de Fátima, 2012 - ©Raul Berszoa

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jn 1:29-31

Who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’ but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.”.



Annibale Carracci, Saint John the Baptist Bearing Witness, ca. 1600–1602 (The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 4:18-21

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them.



Lois Russell, Fishers of men - ©Lois Russell

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 5:3-9

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.



Giusto de' Menabuoi, Paradise, 1376 (Baptistry, Padua)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isa 58:9-10

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.



de Meester van Alkmaar, De zeven werken van barmhartigheid - De hongerigen voeden

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 5:29-30

If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.

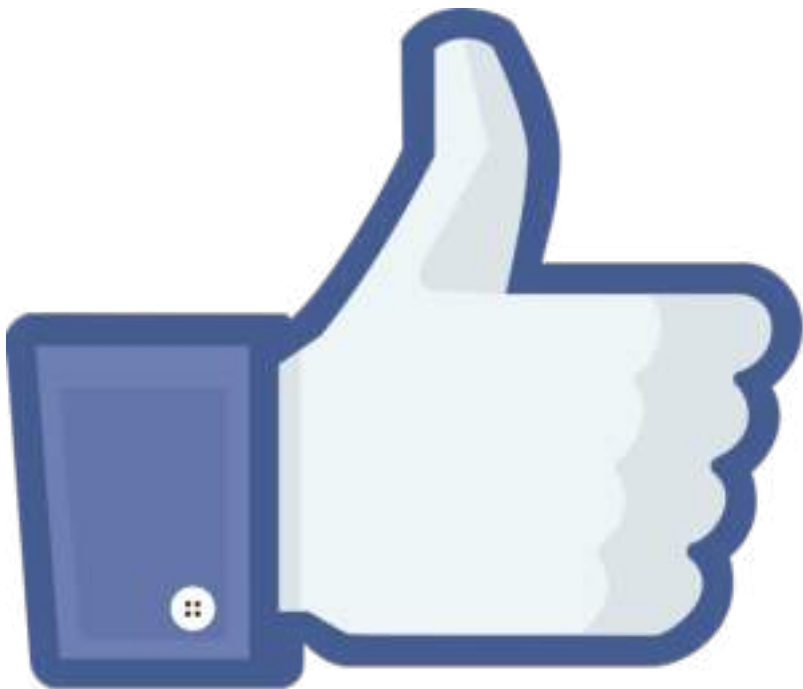


Keith Fieler, Hand eye guy, 2010 - ©kfieler

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Cor 3:18

Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool so as to become wise.



Like

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 6:28-30

Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?

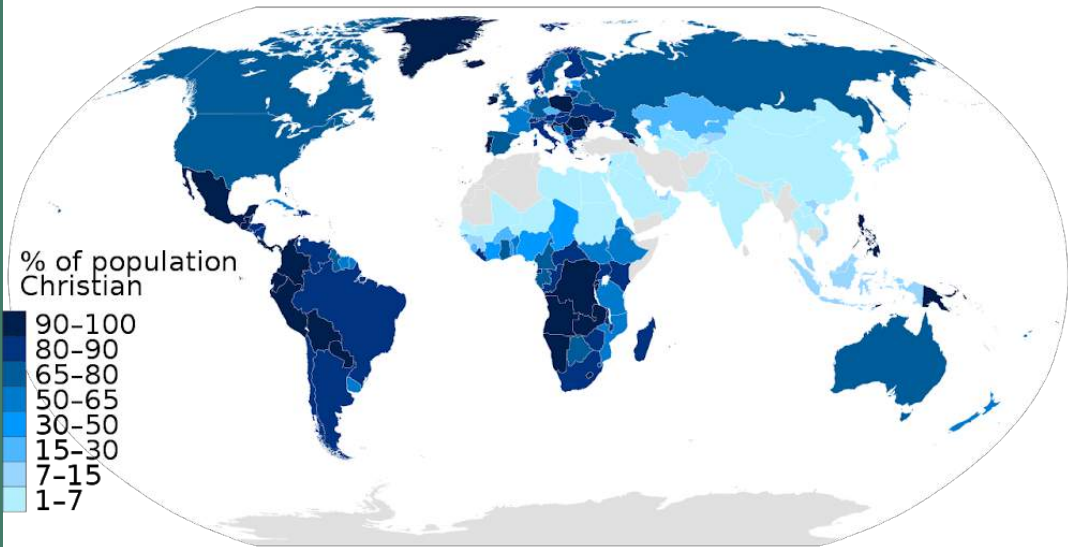


Jos Speybrouck, The Lilies of the Field (The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost from Liturgical Calendar poster series)

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

deut 11:24

Every place where you set foot shall be yours: from the desert and from Lebanon, from the Euphrates River to the Western Sea, shall be your territory.

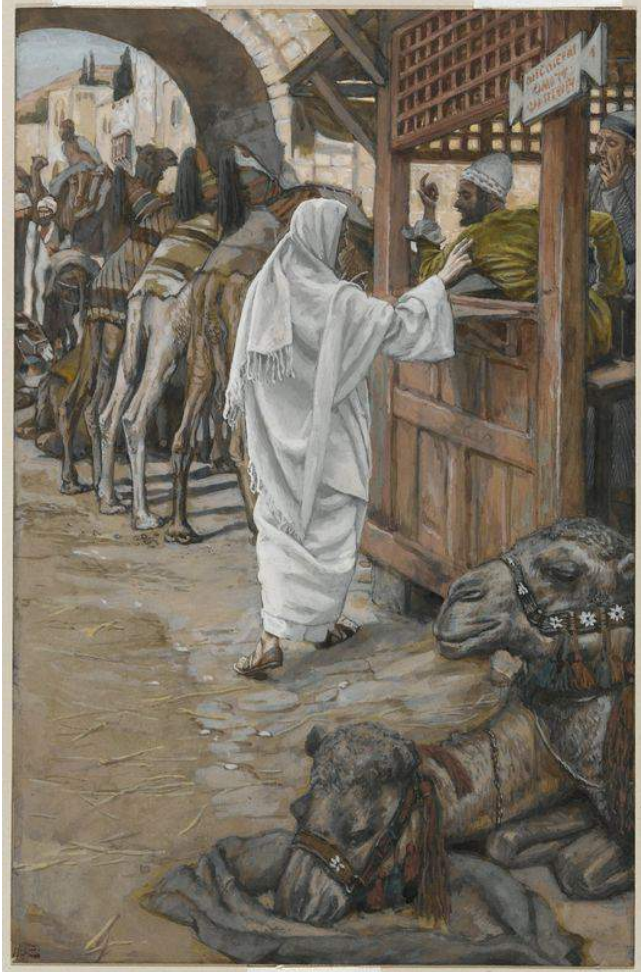


Christianity percent population in each nation World Map Christian data by Pew Research, 2014

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 9:9

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.



James Tissot, The calling of St. Matthew (Brooklyn Museum, New York)

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 10:3

Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus.



Caravaggio, St Matthew and the Angel, 1602 (San Luigi dei Francesi, Rome)

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Rom 5:12-14

Therefore, just as through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned - for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.



Eric Armusik, Crucifixion of Jesus Christ, 2015 (St. Sebastian RC Church, Akron OH) - ©Eric Armusik

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 10:37

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."



Gezinsfoto

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zech 9:9

Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, Meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass.

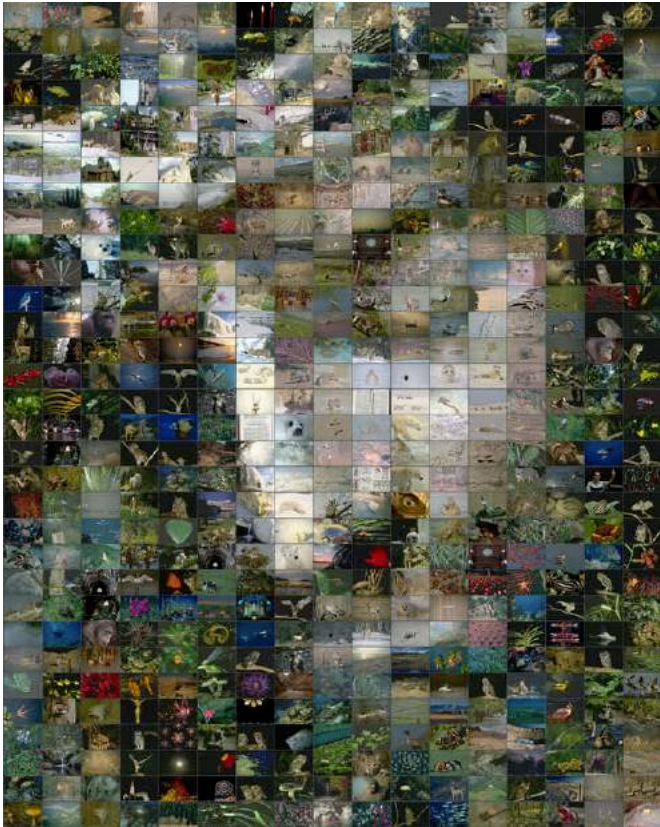


Oleksandr Antonyuk, Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem - ©Oleksandr Antonyuk

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Rom 8:18-21

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.



Jezus composed of pictures

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 13:24-30

He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"



anjun, The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares, 2012 - ©anjun

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 13:44

Which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.



Master of the Berlin Sketchbook, *Anna selbdritt*, 1525 (Musée des Beaux-Arts, Strasbourg)

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isa 55:1

All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!



de Meester van Alkmaar, De zeven werken van barmhartigheid - De dorstigen laven

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 14:30-31

But when he saw how (strong) the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"



Jesus walks on the water

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

mt 15:25-28

But the woman came and did him homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.

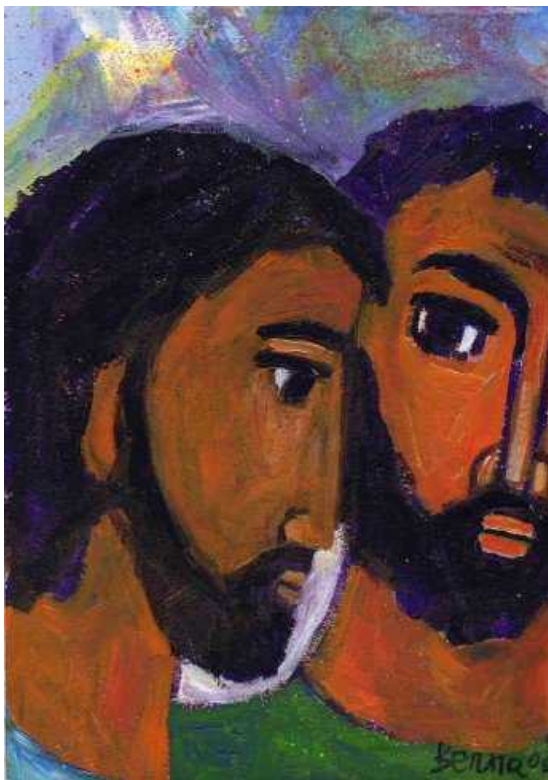


Jesus heals the Canaanite Woman's daughter

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 16:16-19

Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."



SS. Peter and Paul

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 16:24-26

Take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?



Jan van Eyck, Het laatste oordeel

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 18:19-20

Again, (amen,) I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."



Anthony Falbo, A Cubist Prayer, 2012 - ©Anthony Falbo

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 18:21-22

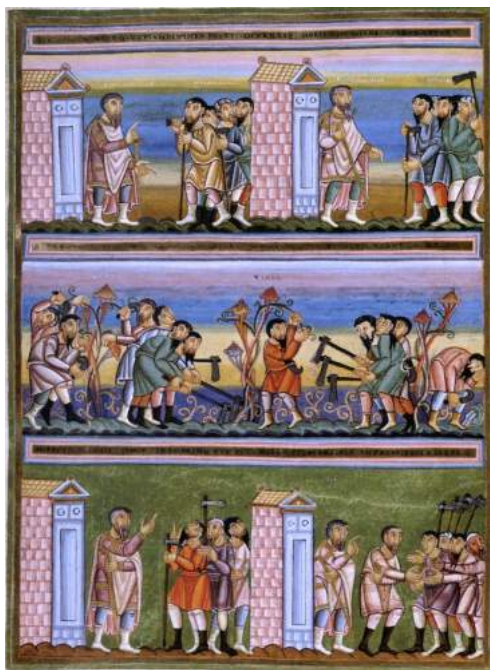
Then Peter approaching asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 20:9-16

When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? (Or) am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

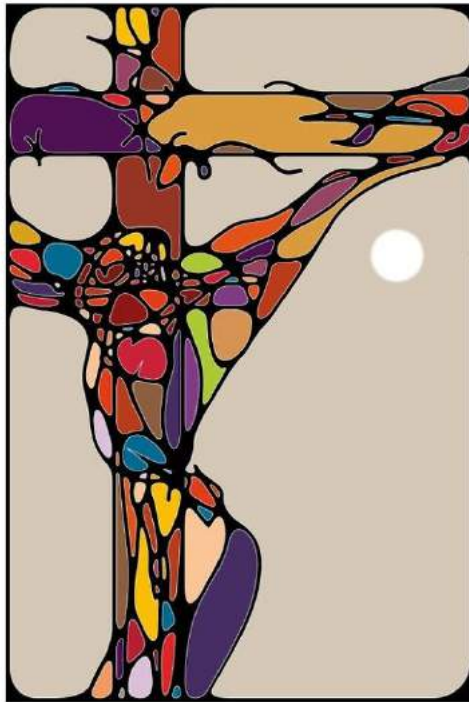


Codex Aureus Epternacensis, Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, 11th century

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Phil 2:5-8

Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.



RAYMOND FRANCIS JOHN

Raymond Francis John, Divinity collection, 2014 - ©Raymond Francis John

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

mt 21:37-39

Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.



This is the heir. Come let us kill him and seize his inheritance

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 22:8-10

Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.



Enguerrand Quarton, *Le Couronnement de la Vierge*, 1454 (Villeneuve-lès-Avignon, France)

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 22:15-21

Went off and plotted how they might entrap him in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."



Geeft dan aan de keizer wat de keizer toekomt, en aan God wat God toekomt

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 22:37-40

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."



Ten Commandments

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

mt 23:9

Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven.



God the Father

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 25:10

While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked.

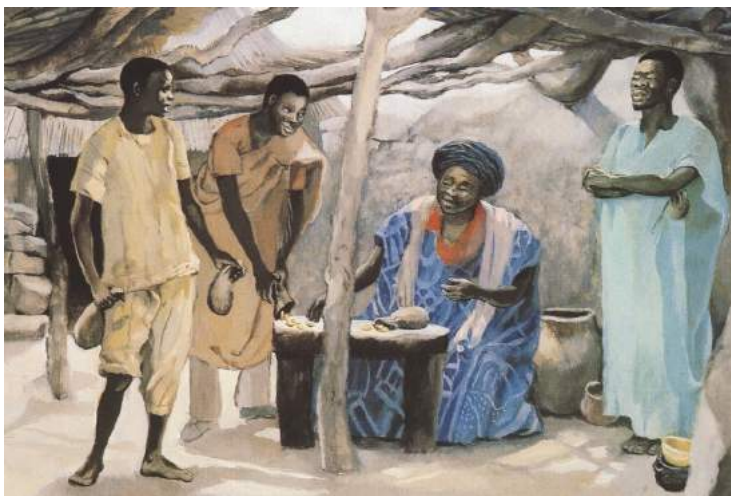


Fadi Mikhail, The Ten Bridesmaids - ©Fadi Mikhail

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mt 25:20-26

The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' (Then) the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter?



Jesus Mafa, Parable of the Three Servants, 1973 ("Art in the Christian Tradition") - ©Jesus Mafa

CHRIST THE KING

mt 25:31

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne.



When the Son of Man comes in his glory

**READINGS FOR
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CHRISTMAS SEASON**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mc 13:35-36

Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.



Kendra, Toothpaste Jesus, 2014 - ©Kendra

MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Mt 8:5-8

A centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully." He said to him, "I will come and cure him." The centurion said in reply, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed.



Healing of Centurion's Servant

TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 11:10

On that day, The root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, The Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.



Sr. Ansgar Holmberg, CSJ, O Root

WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 25:8

he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces;
The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken.

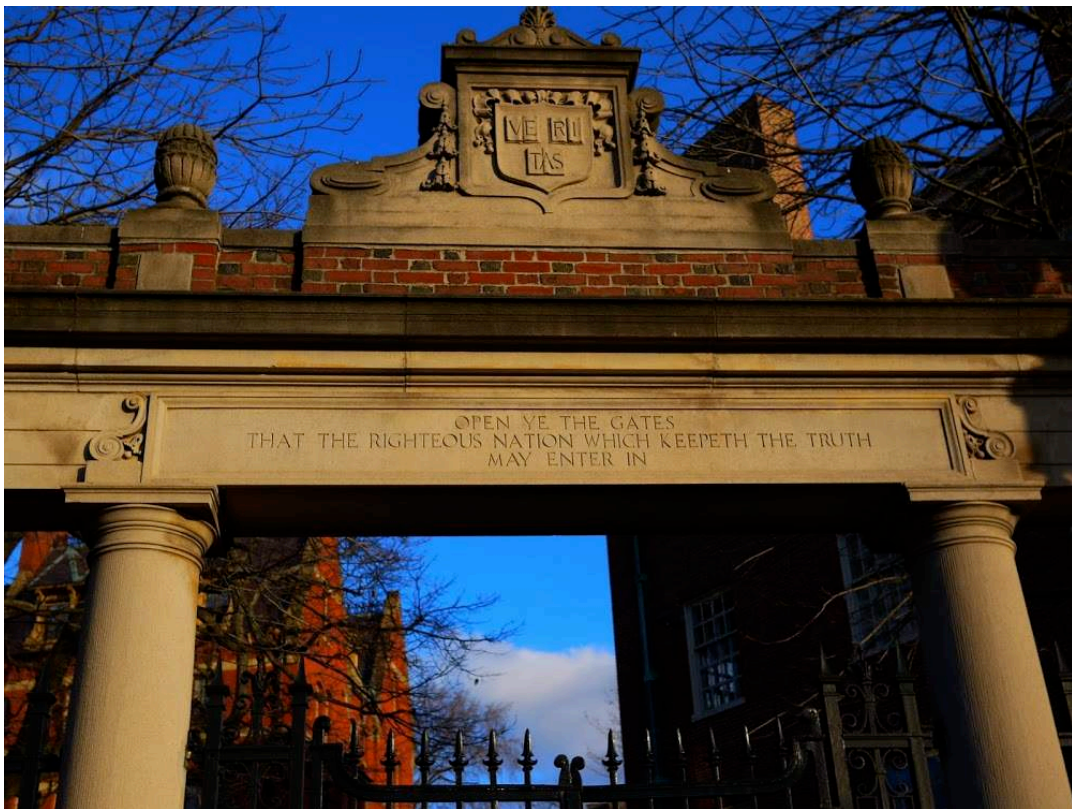


He will swallow up death in victory

THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 26:2

Open up the gates to let in a nation that is just, one that keeps faith.



Open Ye the Gates (Harvard)

FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 29:18-19

On that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book; And out of gloom and darkness, the eyes of the blind shall see. The lowly will ever find joy in the LORD, and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

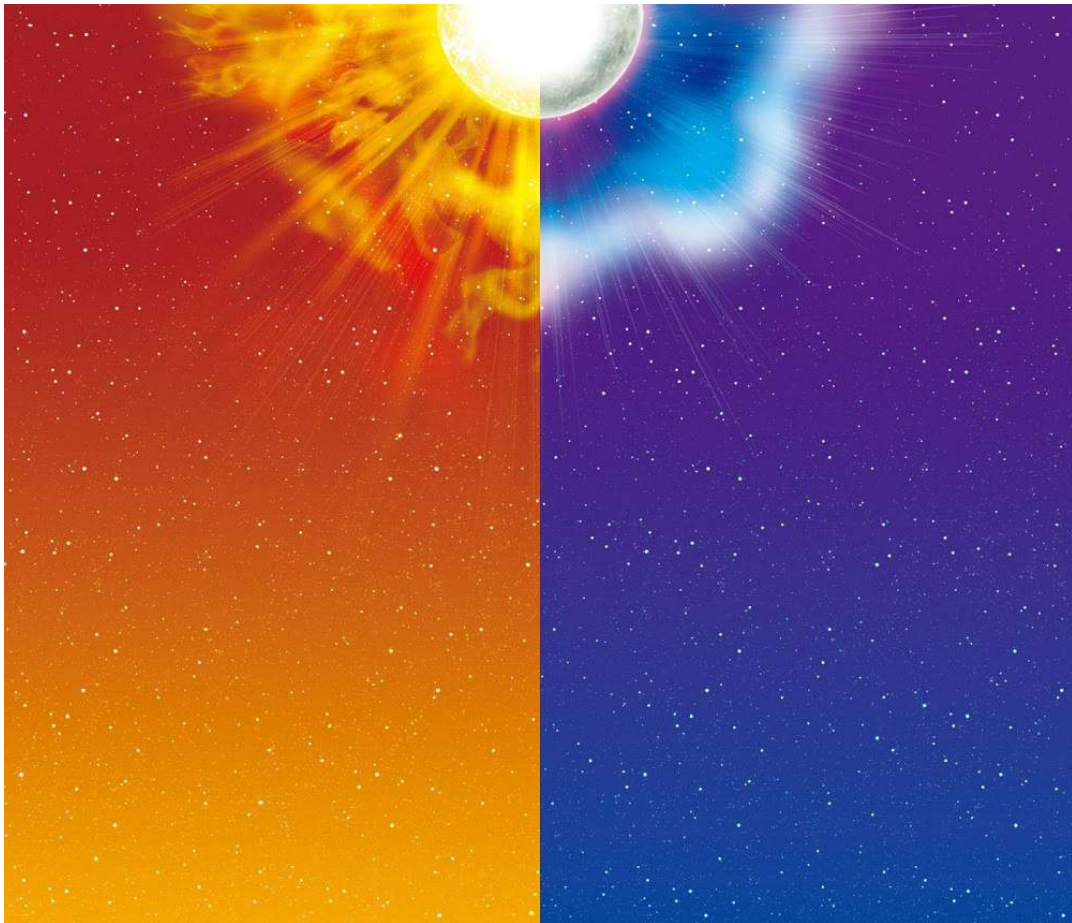


Be blessed

SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 30:26

The light of the moon will be like that of the sun and the light of the sun will be seven times greater (like the light of seven days). On the day the LORD binds up the wounds of his people, he will heal the bruises left by his blows.



Pokémon Sun and Pokémon Moon

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mc 1:1-3

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ (the Son of God). As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'".

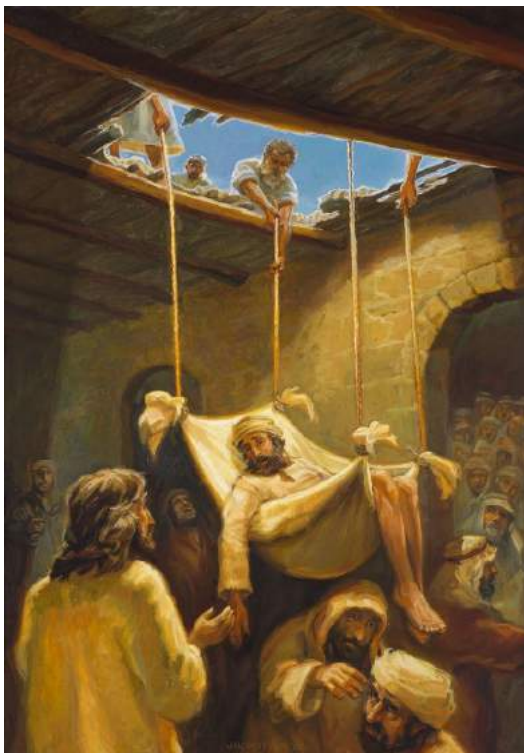


Jean Bourdichon, Saint Marc l'évangéliste ("Grandes Heures d'Anne de Bretagne, Reine de France (1477-1514)")

MONDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Lc 5:17-20

One day as Jesus was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem, and the power of the Lord was with him for healing. And some men brought on a stretcher a man who was paralyzed; they were trying to bring him in and set (him) in his presence. But not finding a way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on the stretcher through the tiles into the middle in front of Jesus. When he saw their faith, he said, "As for you, your sins are forgiven."



Jan van't Hoff, De verlamde - ©Jan van't Hoff

TUESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Isa 40:11

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, Carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

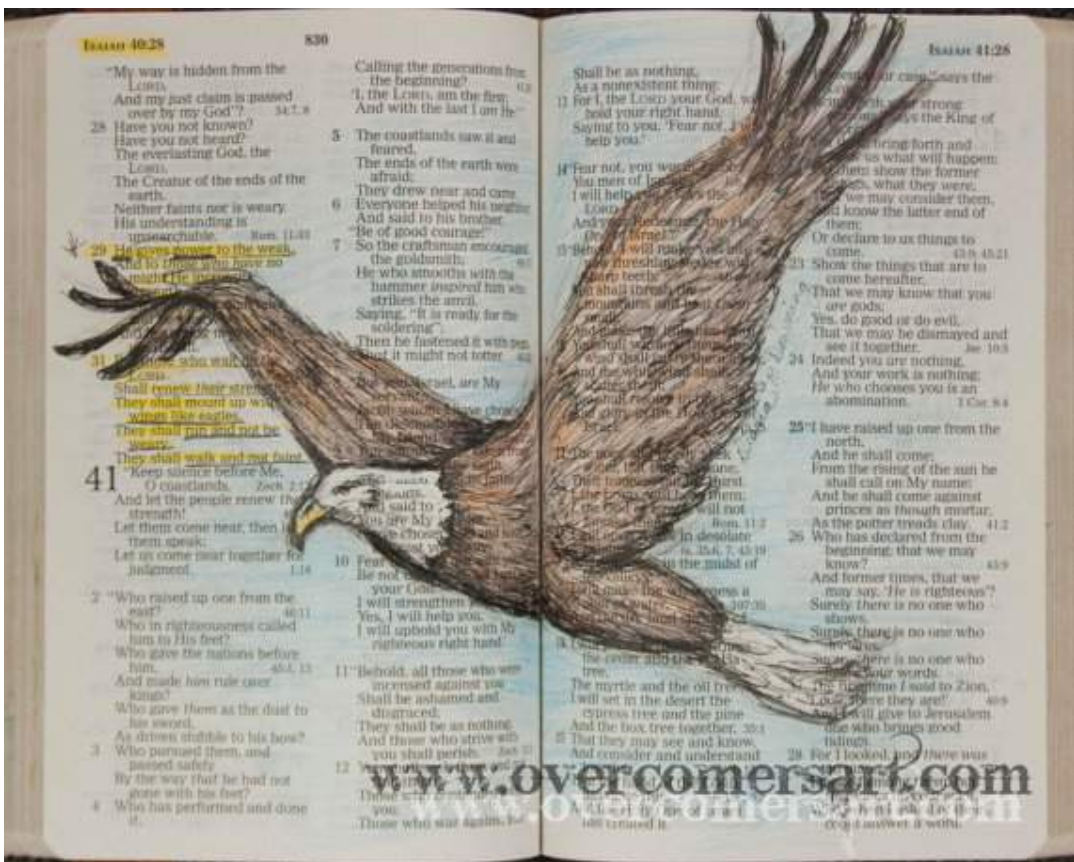


Philippe de Champaigne, The Good Shepherd, 17th c.

WEDNESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 40:29-31

He gives strength to the fainting; for the weak he makes vigor abound. Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.



They shall mount up with wings like eagles - ©overcomersart.com

THURSDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Mt 11:11

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.



Eric Armusik, Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist, 2015 - ©Eric Armusik

FRIDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 48:17-18

Thus says the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, I, the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go. If you would hearken to my commandments, your prosperity would be like a river, and your vindication like the waves of the sea.



River with stepping stones

SATURDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

sirach 48:9-11

You were taken aloft in a whirlwind, in a chariot with fiery horses. You are destined, it is written, in time to come to put an end to wrath before the day of the LORD. To turn back the hearts of fathers toward their sons, and to reestablish the tribes of Jacob. Blessed is he who shall have seen you before he dies.



Prophet Elijah (Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Louis, MO)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isa 61:10

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; For he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, Like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels.



Renate Rohn, Angelic Host (St. Joseph Catholic Church, Macon, Georgia)

MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

num 24:2-5

When he raised his eyes and saw Israel encamped, tribe by tribe, the spirit of God came upon him, and he gave voice to his oracle: The utterance of Balaam, son of Beor, the utterance of the man whose eye is true, The utterance of one who hears what God says, and knows what the Most High knows, Of one who sees what the Almighty sees, enraptured, and with eyes unveiled: How goodly are your tents, O Jacob; your encampments, O Israel!



Christina Mattison Ebert, Parashat Balak - ©Christina Mattison Ebert

TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Mt 21:28-31a

"What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards he changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?"



Ang Talinghaga Patungkol sa Dalawang Anak

WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 45:22-23

Turn to me and be safe, all you ends of the earth, for I am God, there is no other! By myself I swear, uttering my just decree and my unalterable word. To me every knee shall bend, by me every tongue shall swear.



Kacper Pempel, People kneel on the street as they take part in a Corpus Christi procession, 2013 (Gora Kalwaria, Poland) - ©CNS photo/Kacper Pempel, Reuters

THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 54:1-5

Raise a glad cry, you barren one who did not bear, break forth in jubilant song, you who were not in labor, For more numerous are the children of the deserted wife than the children of her who has a husband, says the LORD. Enlarge the space for your tent, spread out your tent cloths unsparingly; lengthen your ropes and make firm your stakes. For you shall spread abroad to the right and to the left; Your descendants shall dispossess the nations and shall people the desolate cities. Fear not, you shall not be put to shame; you need not blush, for you shall not be disgraced. The shame of your youth you shall forget, the reproach of your widowhood no longer remember. For he who has become your husband is your Maker; his name is the LORD of hosts; Your redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, called God of all the earth.



Jump For Joy-Mary en Elizabeth - ©ArtByCorby

FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 56:1-2

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. Happy is the man who does this, the son of man who holds to it; Who keeps the sabbath free from profanation, and his hand from any evildoing.



Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lc 1:31-33

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."



Silouan, Moeder Gods van het Teken, 2008

DECEMBER 17TH

Mt 1:1-6

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king. David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah.



Master of the Life of the Virgin, The birth of Mary, 1470 (Alte Pinakothek, Munich)

DECEMBER 18TH

Mt 1:20b-21

For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."



Georges de la Tour, The dream of St. Joseph, 1640 (Musée des Beaux-Arts, Nantes)

DECEMBER 19TH

Lc 1:5-6

In the days of Herod, King of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah of the priestly division of Abijah; his wife was from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both were righteous in the eyes of God, observing all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly.



François-Xavier de Boissoudy, Zacharie et Élisabeth, 2014 - ©François-Xavier de Boissoudy

DECEMBER 20TH

Lc 1:26-29

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

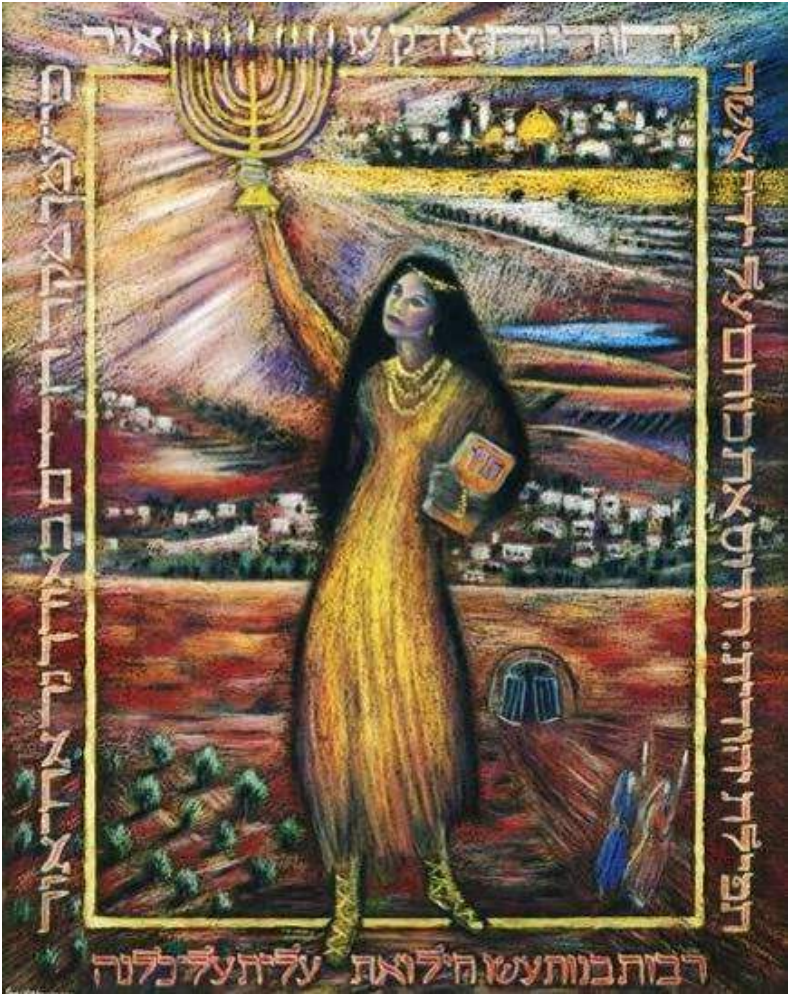


William-Adolphe Bouguereau, The Annunciation, 1888

DECEMBER 21ST

zeph 3:14

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!



Daughter of Zion

DECEMBER 22ND

1 sam 1:24-28

Once he was weaned, she brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said, "Pardon, my lord! As you live my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD, as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." She left him there.

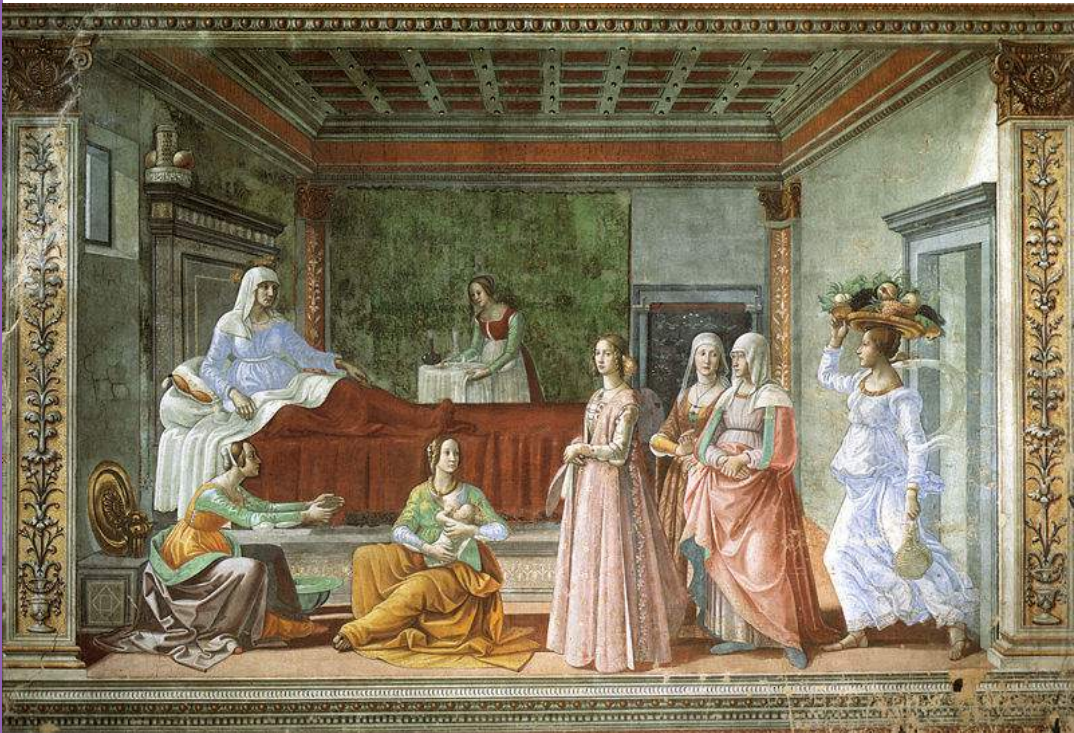


And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to Eli

DECEMBER 23RD

Lc 1:57-58

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her.



the-birth-of-john-the-baptist-domenico-ghirlandaio-1486-1490-santa-maria-novella-florence.jpg

DECEMBER 24TH (MORNING MASS)

Lc 1:76

And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.



Jacob Jordaens, John the Baptist (Rubenshuis, Antwerpen)

SATURDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Lc 1:76

And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.



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VIGIL FOR CHRISTMAS

December, 24th

Mt 1:1-6

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CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

December, 25th

Lc 2:13-14

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.".



William Blake, The Angels appearing to the Shepherds, 1809 (Whitworth Art Gallery)

CHRISTMAS DAWN MASS

December, 25th

Lc 2:15-16

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.



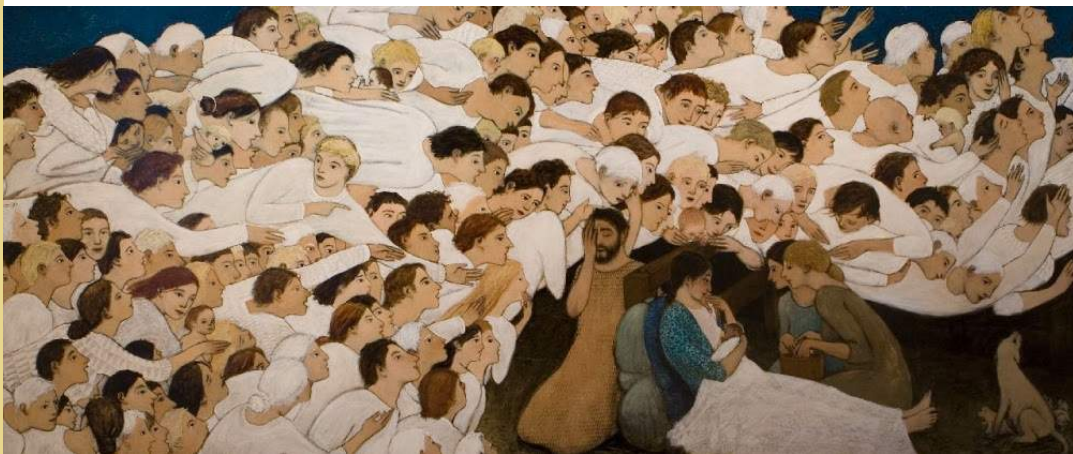
Jos Speybrouck, Adoration of the Shepherds

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

December, 25th

Heb 1:5-6

For to which of the angels did God ever say: "You are my son; this day I have begotten you"? Or again: "I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me"? And again, when he leads the first-born into the world, he says: "Let all the angels of God worship him.".



Brian Kershisnik, Nativity, 2007 - ©Brian Kershisnik

SAINT STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

December, 26th

Mt 10:19-20

When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say. For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.



Peter-Paul Rubens, The Martyrdom of St Stephen, 1620 (Musée des Beaux-Arts, Valenciennes)

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

December, 27th

Jn 20:6-7

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.



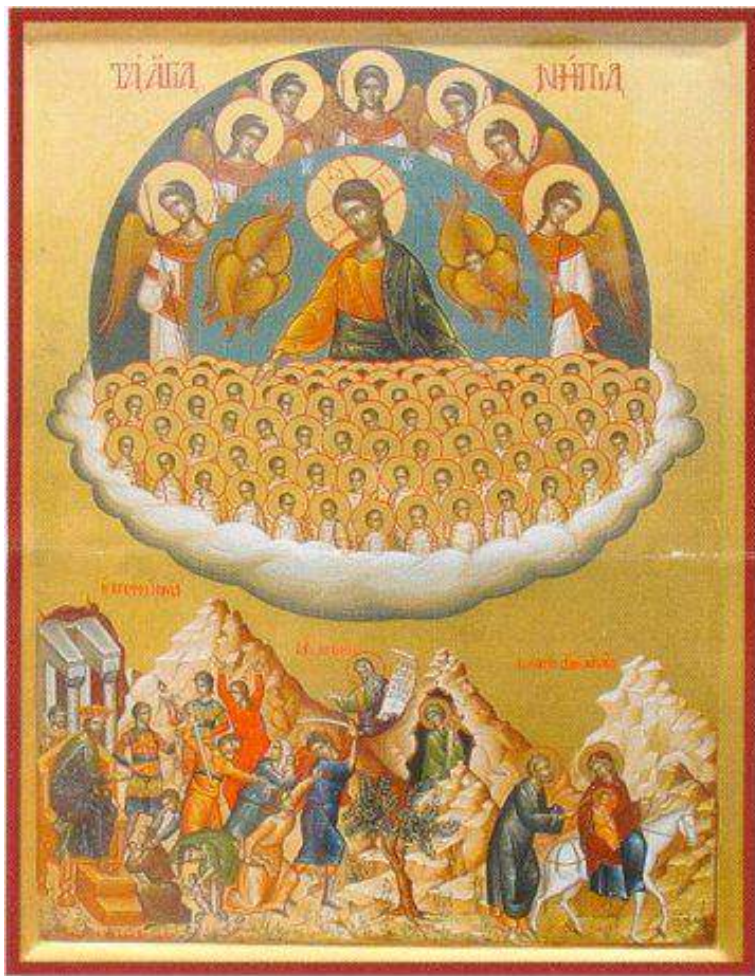
George Richardson, The Empty Tomb, 2011 - ©George Richardson

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

December, 28th

Mt 2:18

"A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more."



Icon commemorating the Slaughter of the Innocents with the Flight into Egypt

THE HOLY FAMILY

Lc 2:27-32

He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."



Nerina Canzi, JESÚS EN EL TEMPLO CON SIMEÓN, 2015 - ©Nerina Canzi

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Jn 1:9-13

'He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God.



Jesus with three children

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mt 2:10-11

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

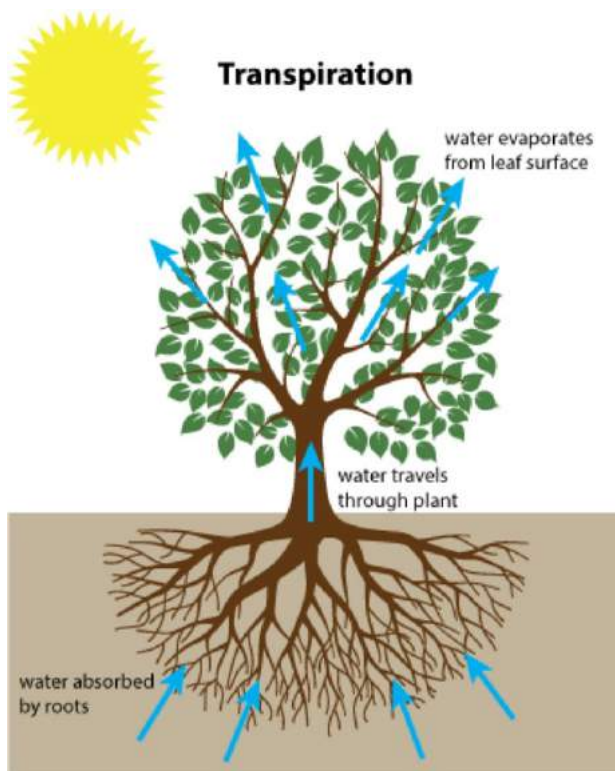


Cody F. Miller, 3 Magi - ©Cody F. Miller

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

isa 55:8-11

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down And do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, Giving seed to him who sows and bread to him who eats, So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.



Evaporation

**READINGS FOR
SUNDAYS AND FEASTS
ORDINARY FORM OF
THE ROMAN RITE
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ASH WEDNESDAY

Mt 6:5-6

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.



Alexandre Bida, The Prayer in Secret

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Lc 9:23-24

Then he said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.



Pieter Bruegel de Oude, *De kruisdraging*, 1564 (Kunsthistorisches Museum, Wenen)

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Mt 9:14-15

Then the disciples of John approached him and said, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast (much), but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.



Raul Berszoa, Corazón Inmaculado de María de Fátima, 2012 - ©Raul Berszoa

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Isa 58:9-10

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

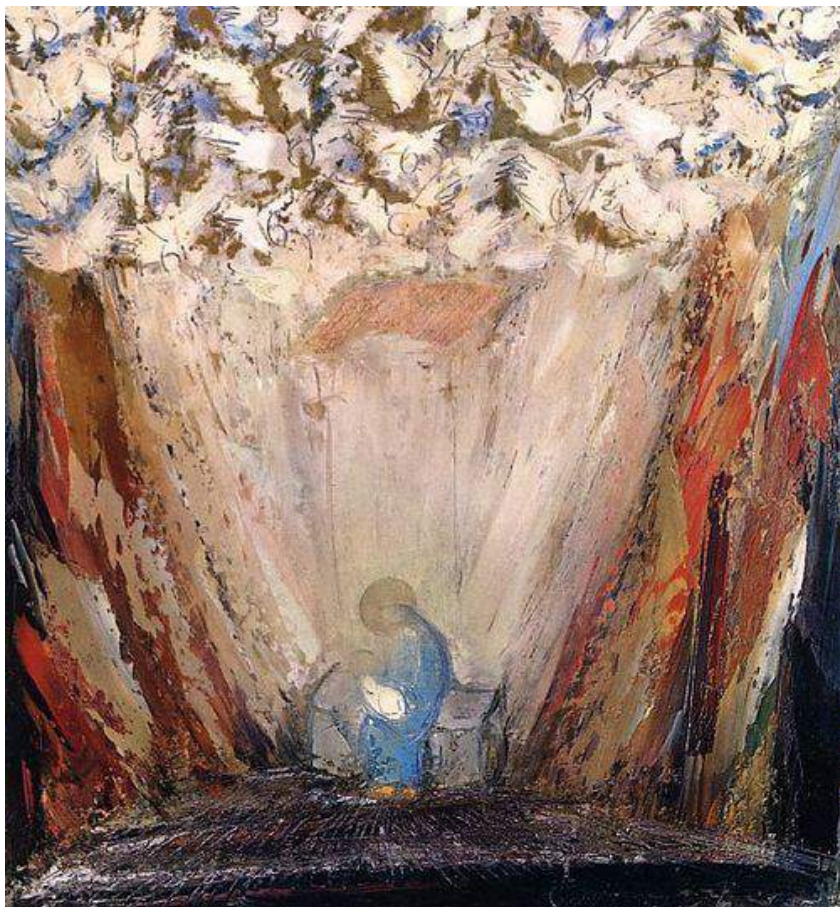


de Meester van Alkmaar, De zeven werken van barmhartigheid - De hongerigen voeden

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Pet 3:21-22

This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.



William Congdon, Nativity, 1960 - ©William Congdon

MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Mt 25:34-36

Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'



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TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

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Vincent van Gogh, Sower, 1888 (Private Collection)

WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Jon 3:10

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.



David Martin, Nineveh Repents ("Historie des Ouden en Nieuwen Testaments: verrykt met meer dan vierhonderd printverbeeldingen in koper gesneden")

THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

mt 7:7-8

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.



Perseverance in faith

FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Mt 5:25-26

Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court with him. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.



The Master of Catherine of Cleves, Mouth of Hell, XVe eeuw (Het Getijdenboek van Katharina van Kleef, the Morgan Library and Museum)

SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

mt 5:44

But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.



Jean Michel Basquiat, Jess Black And Jean Michel Basquiat Comparisons Subside

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gen 22:10

9. When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Next he tied up his son Isaac, and put him on top of the wood on the altar.

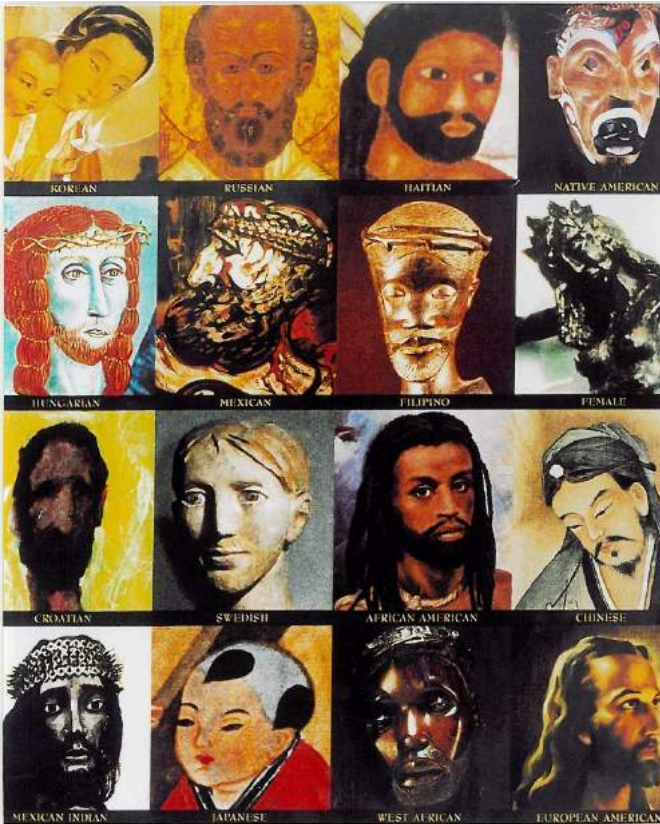


Titian, Abraham and Isaac, 1542-44 (Santa Maria della Salute, Venice)

MONDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

dan 9:7-9

Justice, O Lord, is on your side; we are shamefaced even to this day: the men of Judah, the residents of Jerusalem, and all Israel, near and far, in all the countries to which you have scattered them because of their treachery toward you. O LORD, we are shamefaced, like our kings, our princes, and our fathers, for having sinned against you. But yours, O Lord, our God, are compassion and forgiveness! Yet we rebelled against you.

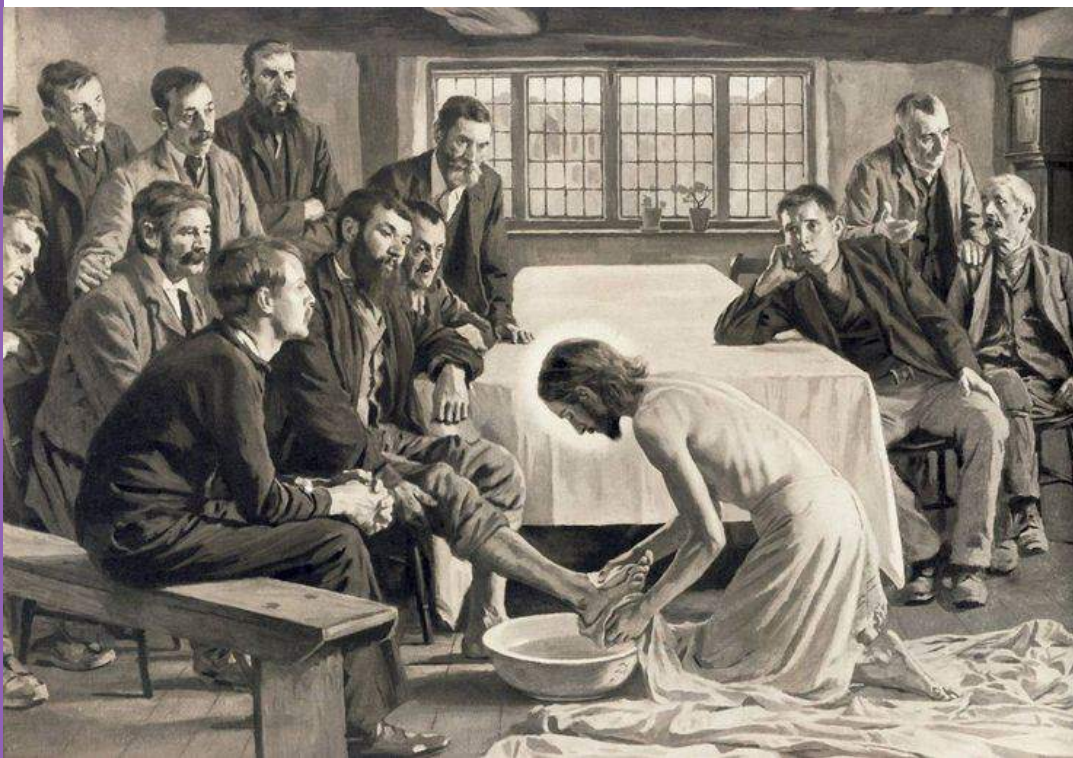


The many faces of Jesus

TUESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Mt 23:8-12

As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Messiah. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

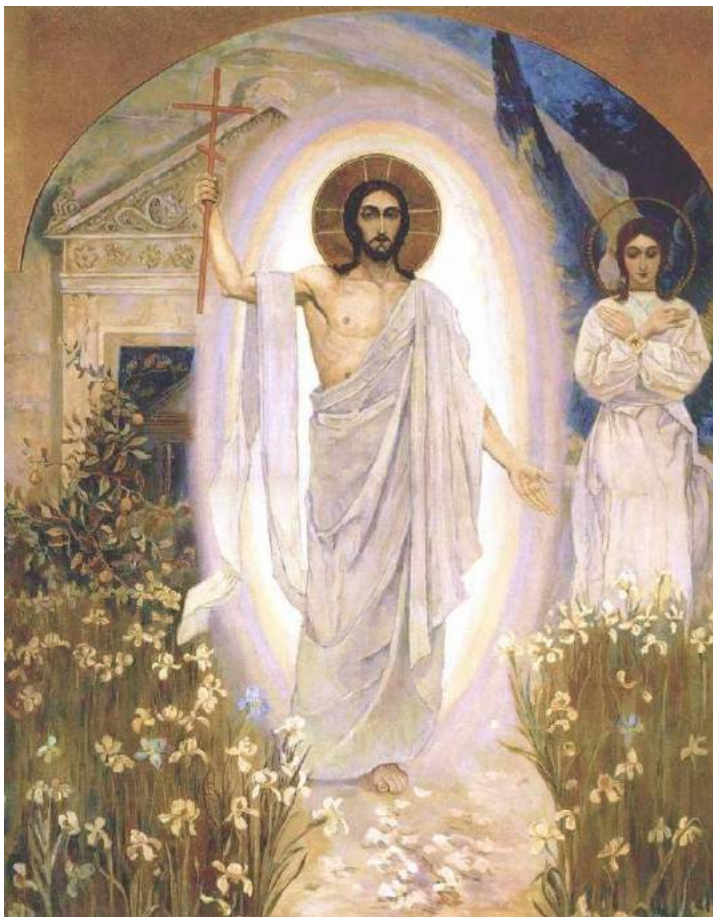


Gunning King, But He That Is Greatest Among You Shall Be Your Servant, 1911

WEDNESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Mt 20:18-19

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and scourged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."

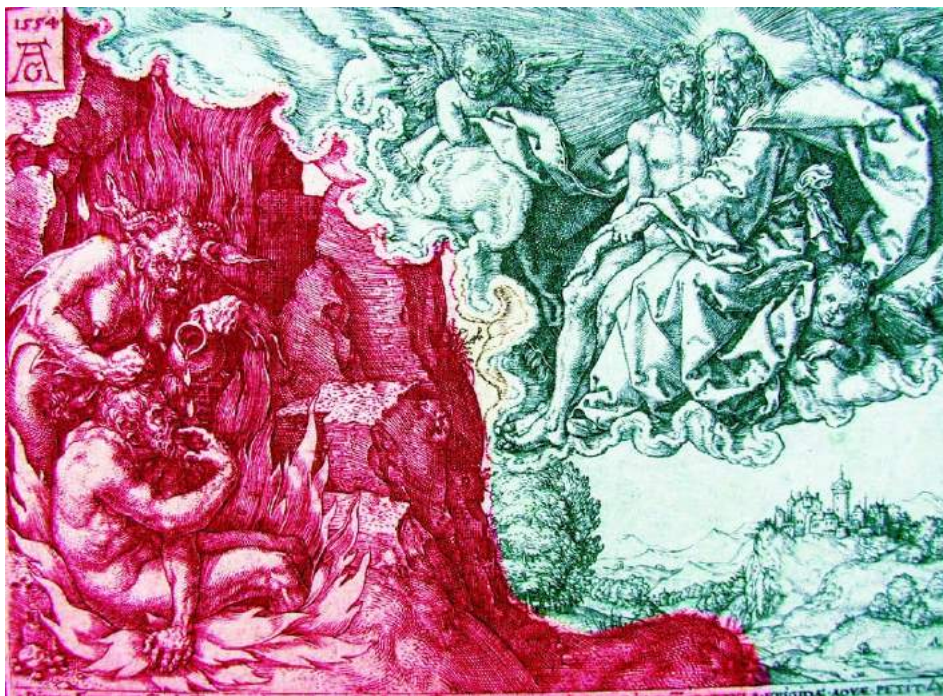


Mikhail Vasilyevich Nesterov, The Resurrection of Christ, ca. 1890-1900

THURSDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Lc 16:19-24

Who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.'



Heinrich Aldegrever, Parabel van Lazarus en de rijke man, 1554

FRIDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Mt 21:33-40

Put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?''.



Derrick Grant, The Crucifixion - ©Derrick Grant

SATURDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Lc 15:18-21

I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.'



Jan van't Hoff, De verloren zoon - ©Jan van't Hoff

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jn 2:14-15

He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.



Caravaggio, cleansing of the temple, 1610 (Gemäldegalerie der Staatlichen Museen zu Berlin)

MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

lc 4:24-28

And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury.

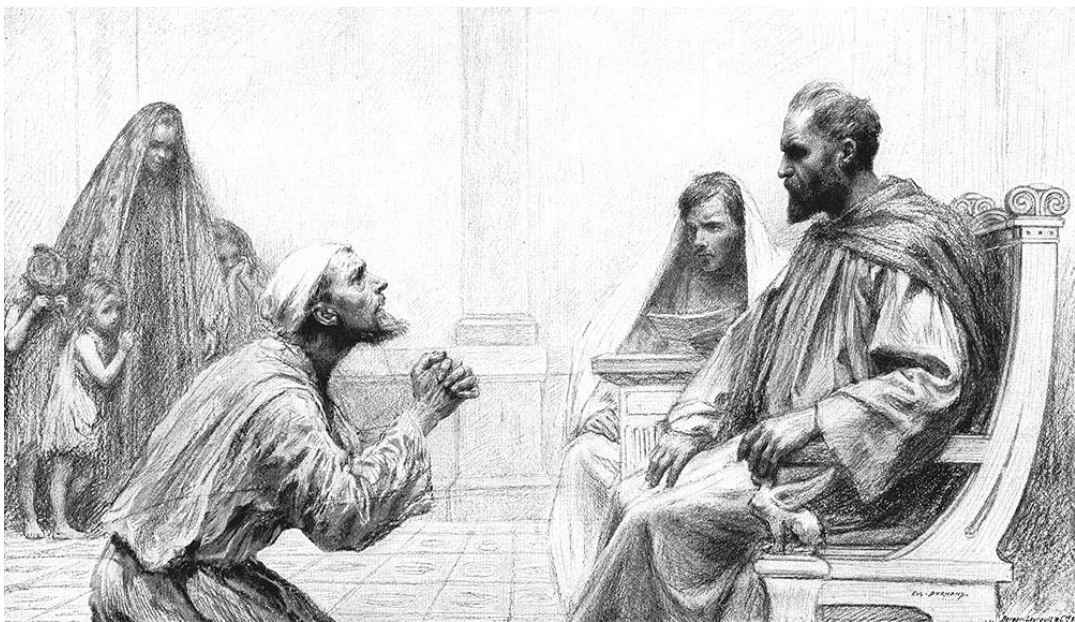


Jesus Declares He Is the Messiah

TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

mt 18:23-28

That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.'



Unforgiving servant

WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

deut 4:8-9

Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today? "However, take care and be earnestly on your guard not to forget the things which your own eyes have seen, nor let them slip from your memory as long as you live, but teach them to your children and to your children's children.



Tech parenting feature

THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Lc 11:18-20

And if Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that it is by Beelzebul that I drive out demons. If I, then, drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own people drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that (I) drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

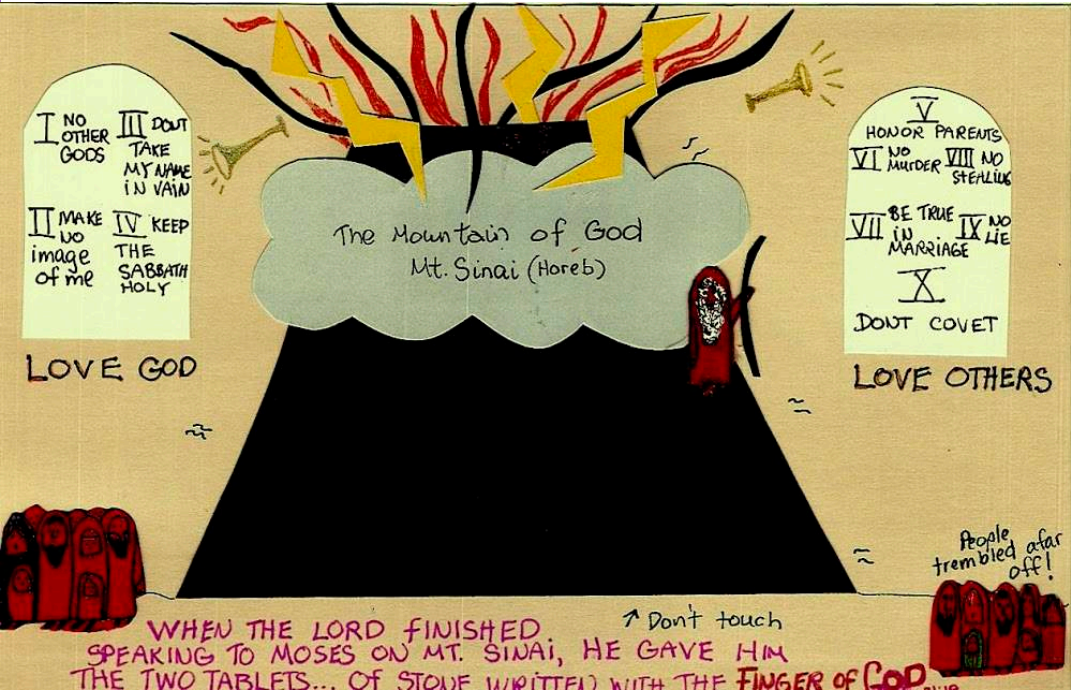


Rene van Tol, Martelaar no 2 - ©Rene van Tol

FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Mc 12:28-31

One of the scribes, when he came forward and heard them disputing and saw how well he had answered them, asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

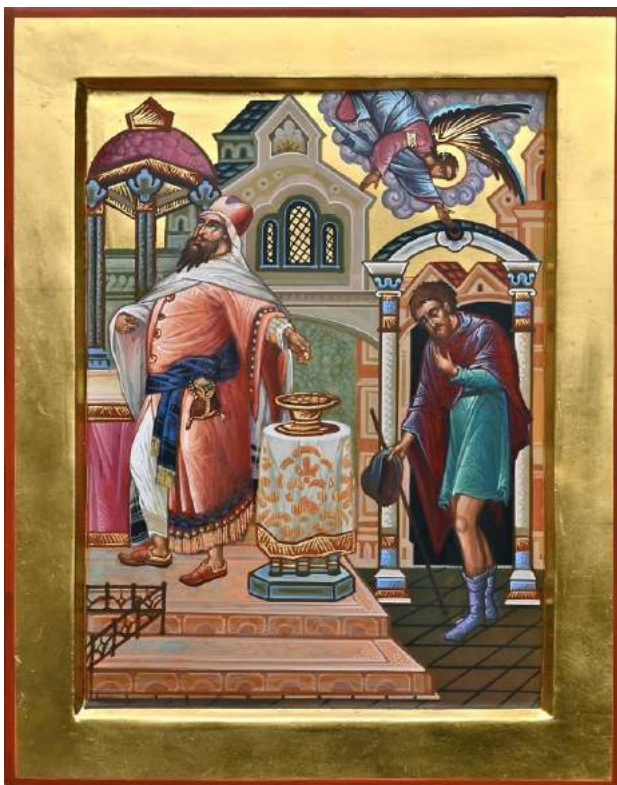


The two commandments (numbering according to protestant tradition)

SATURDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

lc 18:10-13

"Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity--greedy, dishonest, adulterous--or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'"



The publican and the pharisee

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jn 3:19-21

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.



Dean Cornwell, Nicodemus Coming to Jesus at Night, 1927

MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

isa 65:18-19

Instead, there shall always be rejoicing and happiness in what I create. For I create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and exult in my people. No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there, or the sound of crying.



Joy

TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Ezek 47:1-2,8-12

Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and I saw water flowing out from beneath the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the facade of the temple was toward the east; the water flowed down from the southern side of the temple, south of the altar. He led me outside by the north gate, and around to the outer gate facing the east, where I saw water trickling from the southern side. He said to me, "This water flows into the eastern district down upon the Arabah, and empties into the sea, the salt waters, which it makes fresh. Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live, and there shall be abundant fish, for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh. Fishermen shall be standing along it from En-gedi to En-eglaim, spreading their nets there. Its kinds of fish shall be like those of the Great Sea, very numerous. Only its marshes and swamps shall not be made fresh; they shall be left for salt. Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. Every month they shall bear fresh fruit, for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary. Their fruit shall serve for food, and their leaves for medicine."



William Blake, The river of life

WEDNESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

isa 49:11-13

I will cut a road through all my mountains, and make my highways level. See, some shall come from afar, others from the north and the west, and some from the land of Syene. Sing out, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth, break forth into song, you mountains. For the LORD comforts his people and shows mercy to his afflicted.



Road

THURSDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

jn 5:31-36

"If I testify on my own behalf, my testimony cannot be verified. But there is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that the testimony he gives on my behalf is true. You sent emissaries to John, and he testified to the truth. I do not accept testimony from a human being, but I say this so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and for a while you were content to rejoice in his light. But I have testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father gave me to accomplish, these works that I perform testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me.



Pieter Bruegel the Elder, *The Preaching of St. John the Baptist*, 1566 (Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest)

FRIDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

jn 7:6-12

So Jesus said to them, "My time is not yet here, but the time is always right for you. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me, because I testify to it that its works are evil. You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, because my time has not yet been fulfilled." After he had said this, he stayed on in Galilee. But when his brothers had gone up to the feast, he himself also went up, not openly but (as it were) in secret. The Jews were looking for him at the feast and saying, "Where is he?" And there was considerable murmuring about him in the crowds. Some said, "He is a good man," (while) others said, "No; on the contrary, he misleads the crowd."



The disciples go to the festival without Jesus

SATURDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

jer 11:19-20

But then the Lord told me that they had planned to chop me down like a tree— fruit and all— so that no one would ever remember me again. I prayed, “Lord All-Powerful, 11.20 Ws 1.6 you always do what is right, and you know every thought. So I trust you to help me and to take revenge.”.



Francisco de Zurbarán, Agnus Dei, 1635–40 (Prado Museum in Madrid, Spain)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jn 12:31-33

Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.



Maître de l'Epiphanie de Fiesole, Christ sur la Croix entouré des saints Vincent Ferrier, Jean-Baptiste, Marc et Antonius, 1491-1495 (Los Angeles County Museum of Art)

TUESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

num 21:6-9

In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents, which bit the people so that many of them died. Then the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses, "Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if anyone who has been bitten looks at it, he will recover." Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he recovered.



William Blake, Moses and the Serpent

WEDNESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

dan 3:25

In the fire Azariah stood up and prayed aloud.



The fiery furnace

THURSDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

gen 17:3-9

When Abram prostrated himself, God continued to speak to him: "My covenant with you is this: you are to become the father of a host of nations. No longer shall you be called Abram; your name shall be Abraham, for I am making you the father of a host of nations. I will render you exceedingly fertile; I will make nations of you; kings shall stem from you. I will maintain my covenant with you and your descendants after you throughout the ages as an everlasting pact, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. I will give to you and to your descendants after you the land in which you are now staying, the whole land of Canaan, as a permanent possession; and I will be their God." God also said to Abraham: "On your part, you and your descendants after you must keep my covenant throughout the ages.



New Priest for the Ordinariate in Essex—Deo Gratias!

FRIDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

jer 20:11

But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion.



Lion of Judah

SATURDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

jn 11:47-53

So the chief priests and the Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin and said, "What are we going to do? This man is performing many signs. If we leave him alone, all will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our land and our nation."

But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing, nor do you consider that it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish." He did not say this on his own, but since he was high priest for that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not only for the nation, but also to gather into one the dispersed children of God. So from that day on they planned to kill him.



Every Time I Look At You I Don't Understand (Jesus Christ Superstar) - ©Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber

PALM SUNDAY

Phil 2:8-11

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, *The Discovery of the True Cross and St. Helena*, c. 1745 (Gallerie dell'Accademia, Venice, Italy)

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Jn 12:1-8

‘Six days before Passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. They gave a dinner for him there, and Martha served, while Lazarus was one of those reclining at table with him. Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair; the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. Then Judas the Iscariot, one [of] his disciples, and the one who would betray him, said, “Why was this oil not sold for three hundred days’ wages and given to the poor?” He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief and held the money bag and used to steal the contributions. So Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”’.



The unction of Jezus, 2009

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Jn 13:31-32

When he had left, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. [If God is glorified in him,] God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him at once.



Carl Heinrich Bloch, The Last Supper, late 19th century

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

isa 50:6-9

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let him confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? Lo, they will all wear out like cloth, the moth will eat them up.

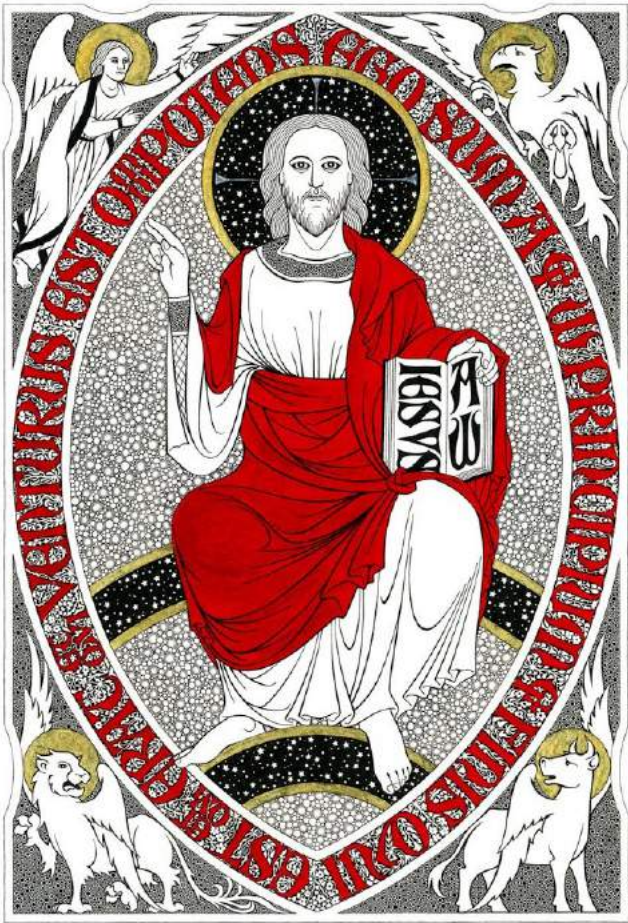


I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair

CHRISM MASS

Rev 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."



Daniel Mitsui, Christ in Majesty, 2012 - ©Daniel Mitsui

HOLY THURSDAY

Ex 12:11-12

"This is how you are to eat it: with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand, you shall eat like those who are in flight. It is the Passover of the LORD. For on this same night I will go through Egypt, striking down every first-born of the land, both man and beast, and executing judgment on all the gods of Egypt-I, the LORD!

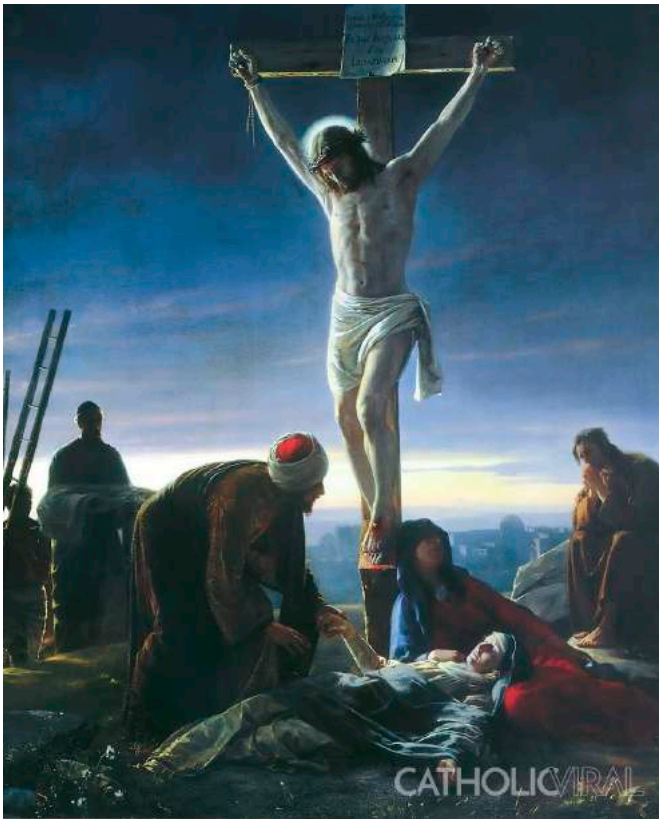


Marc Chagall, Les Israélites mangent l'Agneau de la Pâque, 1931
(Musée national Message Biblique Marc Chagall, Nice, France)

GOOD FRIDAY

Jn 19:38-40

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So he came and took his body. Nicodemus, the one who had first come to him at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes weighing about one hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom.



Carl Heinrich Bloch, The Crucifixion

EASTER VIGIL

Gen 1:31

God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day. The seventh day, on which God rests, the climax of the account, falls outside the six-day structure.



Sieger Köder, Schöpfung - ©Sieger Köder

EASTER SUNDAY

Jn 20:6-7

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.



George Richardson, The Empty Tomb, 2011 - ©George Richardson

MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Mt 28:8-9

Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage.

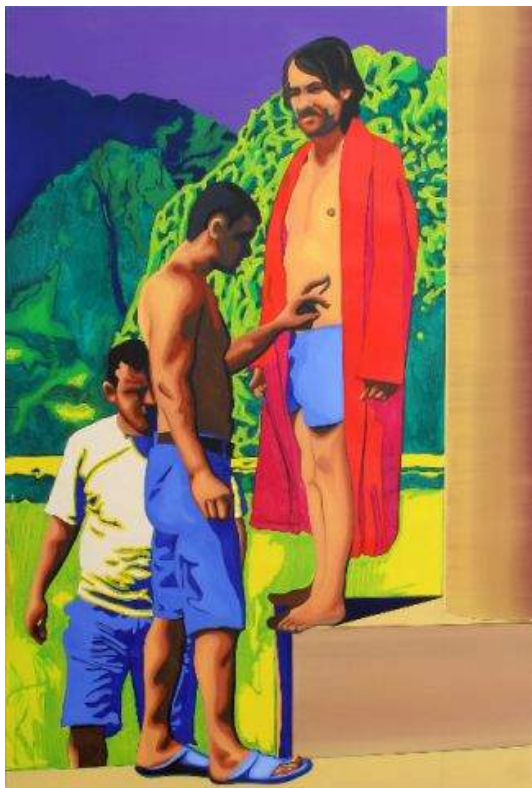


Daniel Owen, Detail from Stained Glass, 2010 (Church of the Ascension, Timoleague, Co. Cork) - ©Daniel Owen

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jn 20:26-29

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

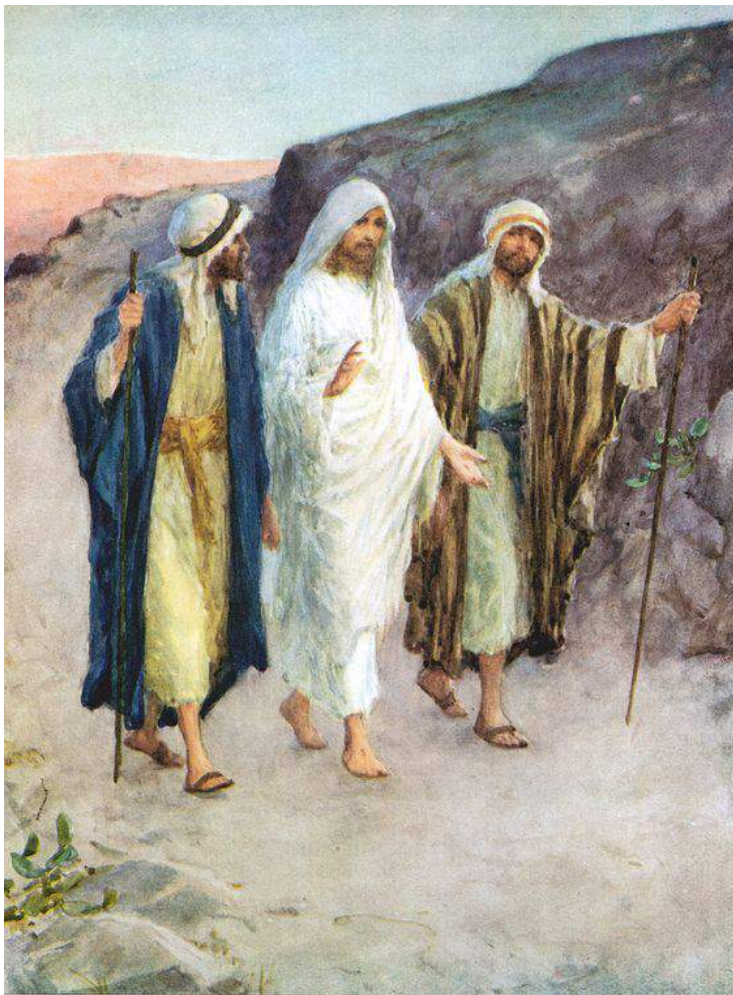


De ongelovige Thomas

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Lc 24:35

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.



Emmaus

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jn 10:17

This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.



Trinity (Sanktuarium b#. Karoliny Kózkówny w Zabawie)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jn 15:1-3

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.



Mark Lawrence, Jesus Christ The True Vine - ©Mark Lawrence

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 Jn 4:10

In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

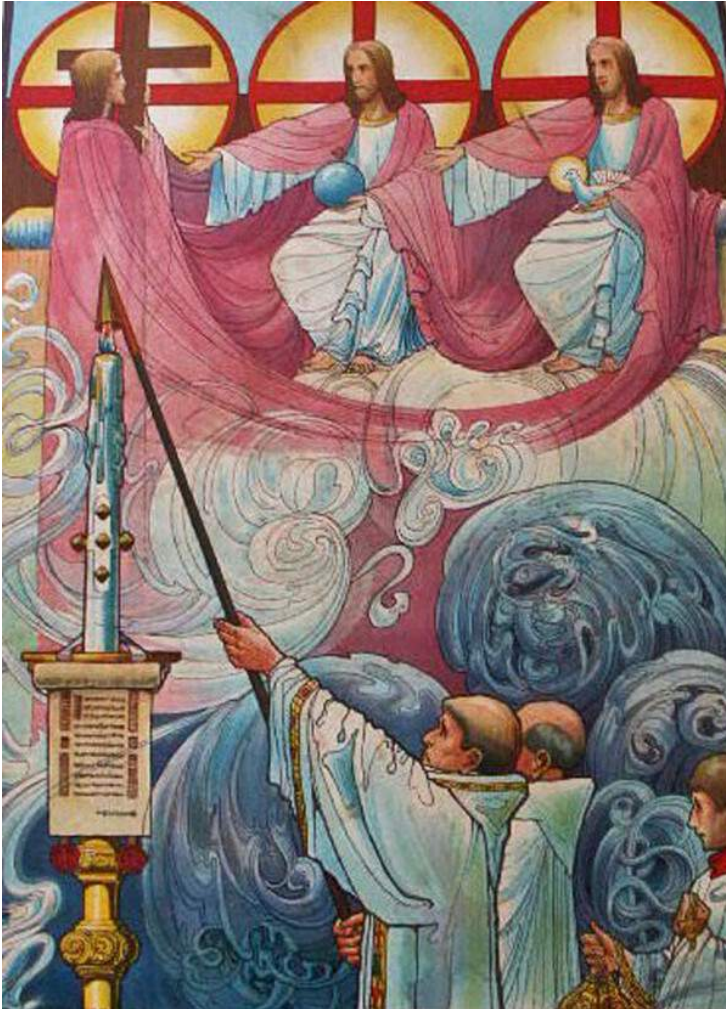


Sacred heart

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Mc 16:15

He said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.

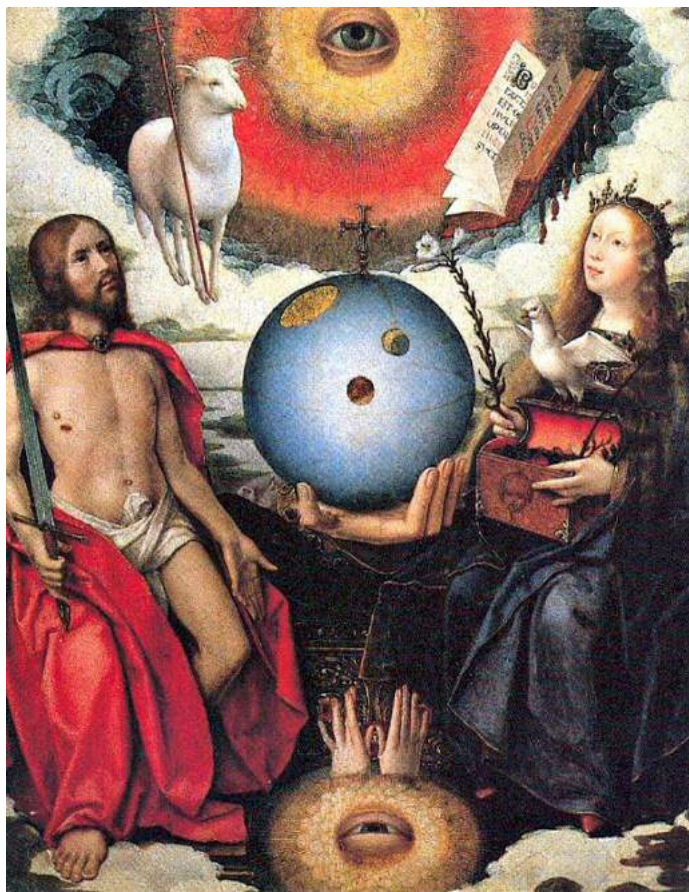


Jos Speybrouck, The Ascension (The Feast of the Ascension from Liturgical Calendar poster series)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jn 17:13-15

But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one.



Jan Provoost, Christian Allegory, ca. 1510-1515 (Louvre, Paris)

PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-3

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.



Emma Munneke, Pinksteren, 2005 - ©Emma Munneke

MONDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jn 14:16-17

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you.



Sue Ann Jackson, Reflection in water of the Holy Spirit dove - ©Sue Ann Jackson

**READINGS FOR
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THE HOLY TRINITY

Mt 28:19-20a

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.



Pieter Franciscus Dierckx, St. Willibrordus predikt langs de Schelde, 1939 (Heilig-Hartkerk, Antwerpen)

CORPUS CHRISTI

Ex 24:5-7

Then, having sent young men of the Israelites to offer burnt offerings and sacrifice young bulls as communion offerings to the L.

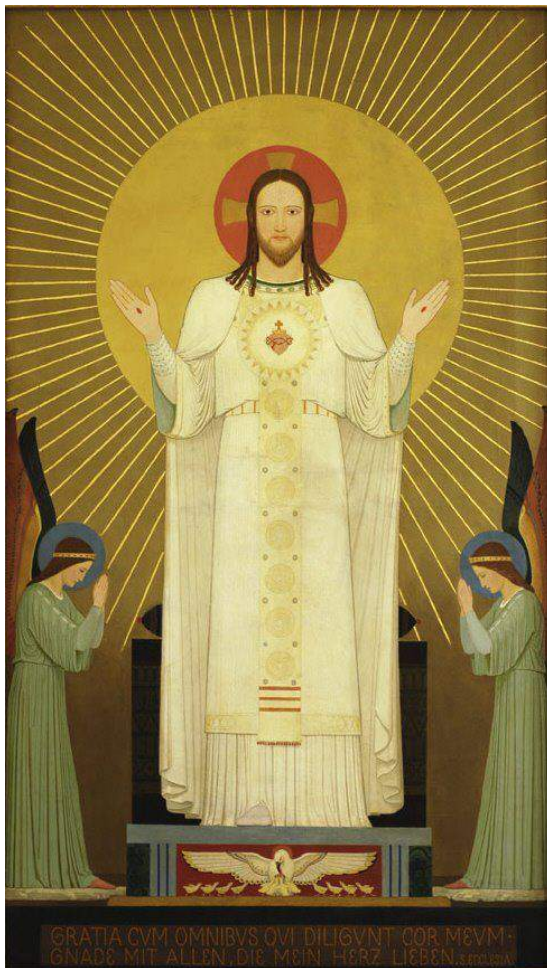


Holy sacrifice of the Mass

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Hos 11:8

How could I give you up, O Ephraim, or deliver you up, O Israel? How could I treat you as Admah, or make you like Zeboiim? My heart is overwhelmed, my pity is stirred.



Sacred Heart of Jesus

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sam 3:9-10

So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."



Corbin Watkins, SAMUEL HEARS GOD'S VOICE - ©Corbin Watkins

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jon 3:2-5

"Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.



Jan van den Berge, Jona bij Nineve - ©Jan van den Berge

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Cor 7:34

And he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.



Taylor Marshall, The True Presentation of the Virgin Mary (Foretold in the Book of Sirach)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue he entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.



"Très Riches Heures du Duc de Berry", Jesus drives out a demon

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 1:40-42

A leper came to him (and kneeling down) begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.

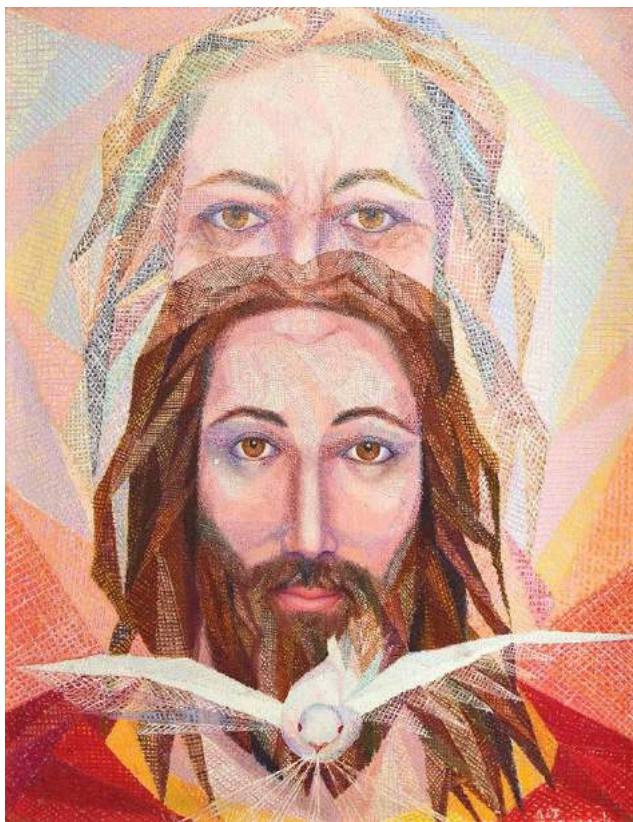


Rembrandt Harmensz. van Rijn, Jesus and the leper

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Cor 1:19-22

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was proclaimed to you by us, Silvanus and Timothy and me, was not "yes" and "no," but "yes" has been in him. For however many are the promises of God, their Yes is in him; therefore, the Amen from us also goes through him to God for glory. But the one who gives us security with you in Christ and who anointed us is God; he has also put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.



dios uno y trino

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 2:18-22

The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were accustomed to fast. People came to him and objected, "Why do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak. If he does, its fullness pulls away, the new from the old, and the tear gets worse. Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the skins are ruined. Rather, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins."



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MMBOX, New wine in old wineskins, 2012 (Mc 2:22) - ©MMBOX

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 cor 4:6-7

Seeing it is God, that said, Light shall shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves.



Rebecca Brogan, The All-Surpassing Power in Jars of Clay - ©Rebecca Brogan

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 3:21-22

When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons."



David Richardson, Jesus casting out demon into swine - ©David Richardson

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 4:30-32

He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."



Agnes Leung, Faith as a mustard seed, 2006 - ©Agnes Leung

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 4:39

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm.



Simon Dewey, Peace, Be Still - ©Simon Dewey

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 5:39-41

So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!".



Edwin Long, The Raising of Jairus' Daughter, 1889 (Victoria Art Gallery, Bath)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 6:2-3

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.



John Everett Millais, Christ in the House of His Parents ('The Carpenter's Shop'), 1849 (Tate Britain)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 6:10-12

He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave from there. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance.



mappystyle, Converse hipster

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

jer 23:6

In his days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give him: "The LORD our justice."



Jehova tsidkenu

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jn 6:11

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted.

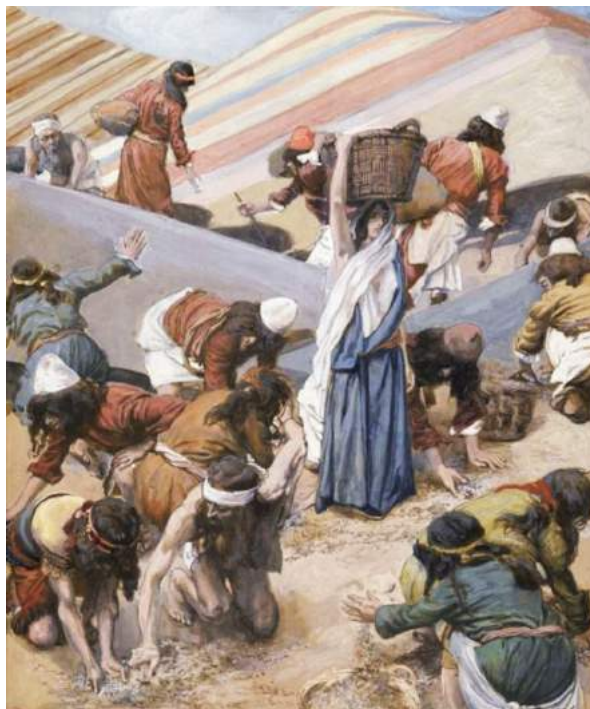


Jacques Muller, La multiplication des pains, 1992 - ©Jacques Muller

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ex 16:2-5

Here in the desert the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD'S hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!" Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not. On the sixth day, however, when they prepare what they bring in, let it be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

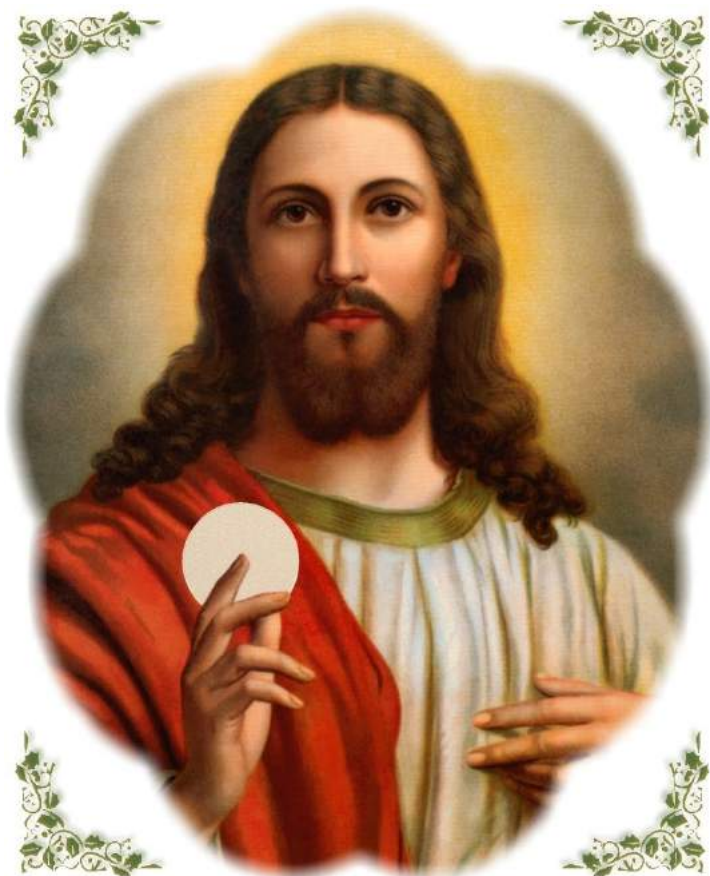


James Tissot, The Gathering of the Manna

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jn 6:48-51

I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."



Blessed Sacrament praying card

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jn 6:51

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

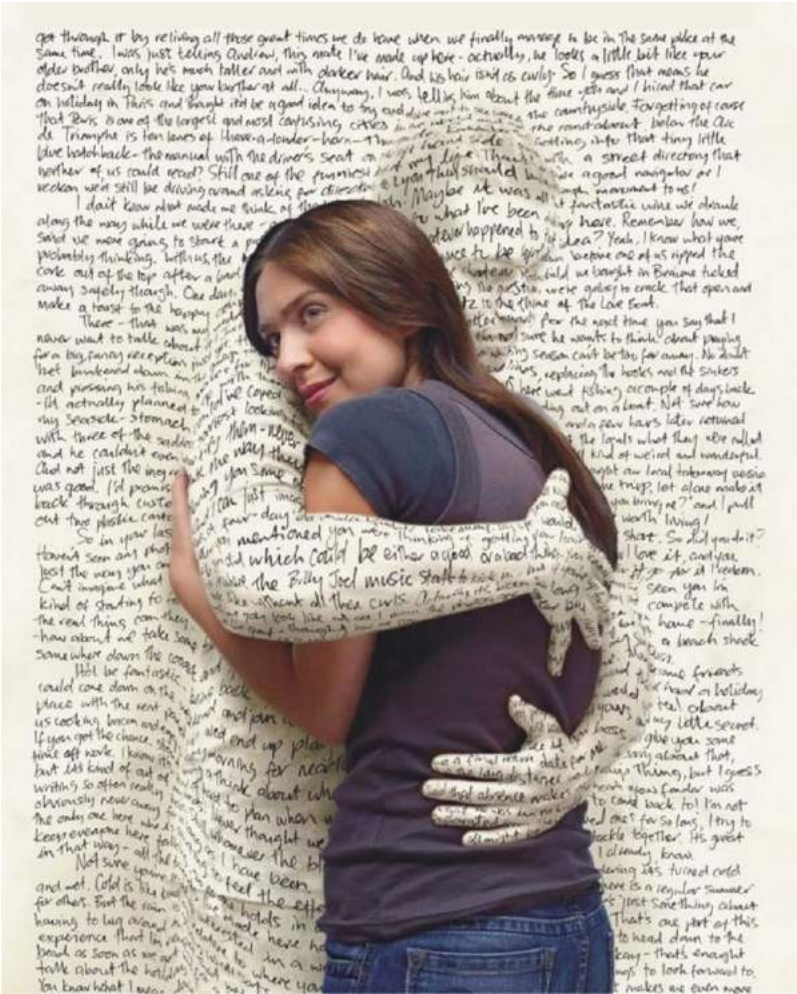


Dave Manning, First Holy Communion - ©Dave Manning

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jn 6:63

It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

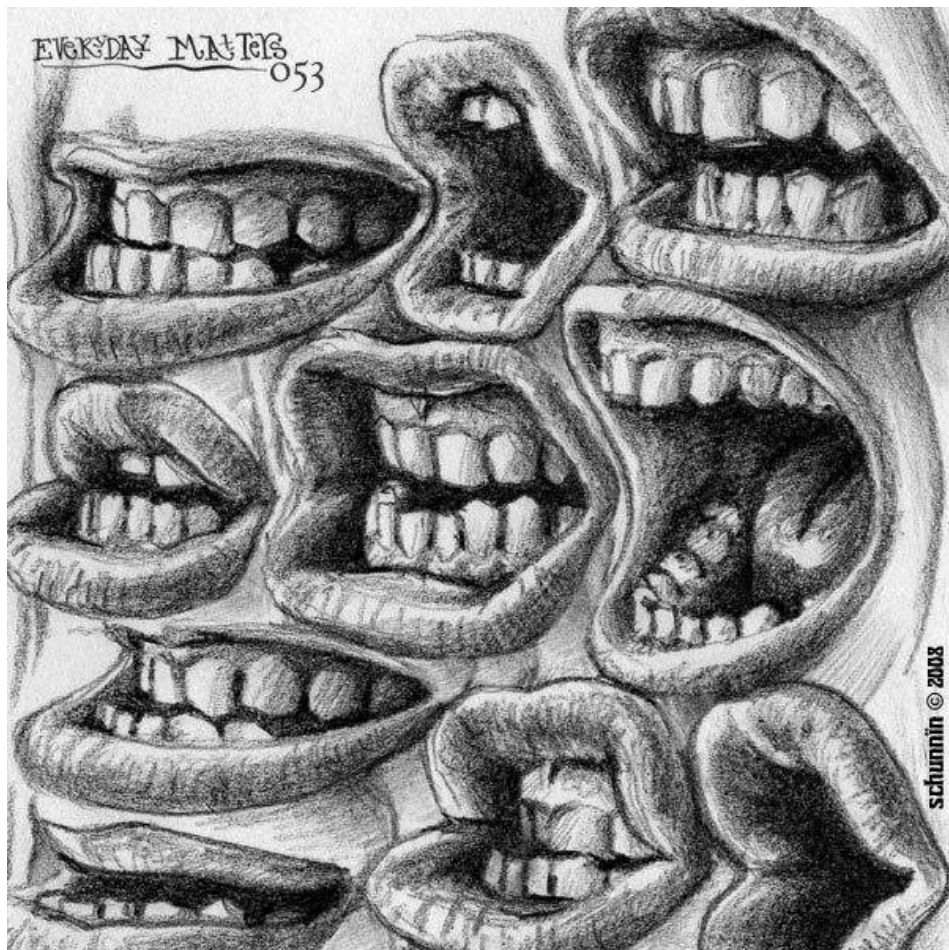


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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 7:14-15

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."



Shunnin, Everyday Matters 053, 2008 - ©Shunnin

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 7:32-35

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" (that is, "Be opened!") And (immediately) the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.



Cerezo Barredo, Effeta, 1999 - ©Cerezo Barredo

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

isa 50:6-9

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let him confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? Lo, they will all wear out like cloth, the moth will eat them up.



I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 9:35-37

Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the one who sent me."



Carl Heinrich Bloch, Christ and child

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 9:40-42

For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe (in me) to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.



Geef geen ergernis, 1891

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gen 2:18-23

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man. So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; This one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken.".



Solomon Joseph Solomon, Eve, 1892

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 10:29-30

Jesus said, “Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come.



Raul Berzosa, María, Madre de la Eucaristía, 2015 - ©Raul Berzosa

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Heb 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.



Tapestry of Christ the King (Saint James the Greater Roman Catholic Church in Saint Louis)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 10:51-52

Jesus said to him in reply, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man replied to him, “Master, I want to see.” Jesus told him, “Go your way; your faith has saved you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

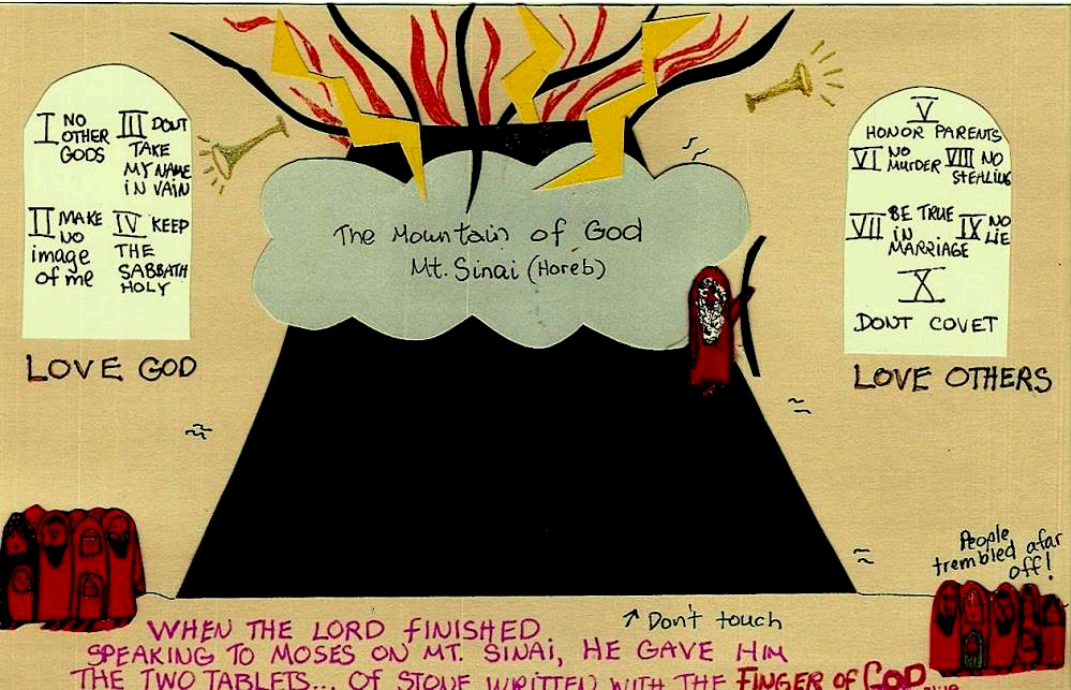


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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 12:28-31

One of the scribes, when he came forward and heard them disputing and saw how well he had answered them, asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."



The two commandments (numbering according to protestant tradition)

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 12:41-44

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."



James C. Christensen, The widow's mite, 1988 - ©James C. Christensen

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mc 13:26

And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory.



Son of man coming on the clouds

CHRIST THE KING

Rev 1:7-8

Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.”.



Matthew Garrett, Ascension of Christ, 2009 (Church of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary (OCA) in Monongahela PA) - ©Matthew Garrett

**READINGS FOR
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lc 21:34-36

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."



Fra Angelico, Last Judgement, 1431 (Museo di San Marco, Florence)

MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 2:4

He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.



donated to the UN by the USSR in 1959, Let Us Beat Swords into Plowshares, 1959

TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Isa 11:1-2

But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD.

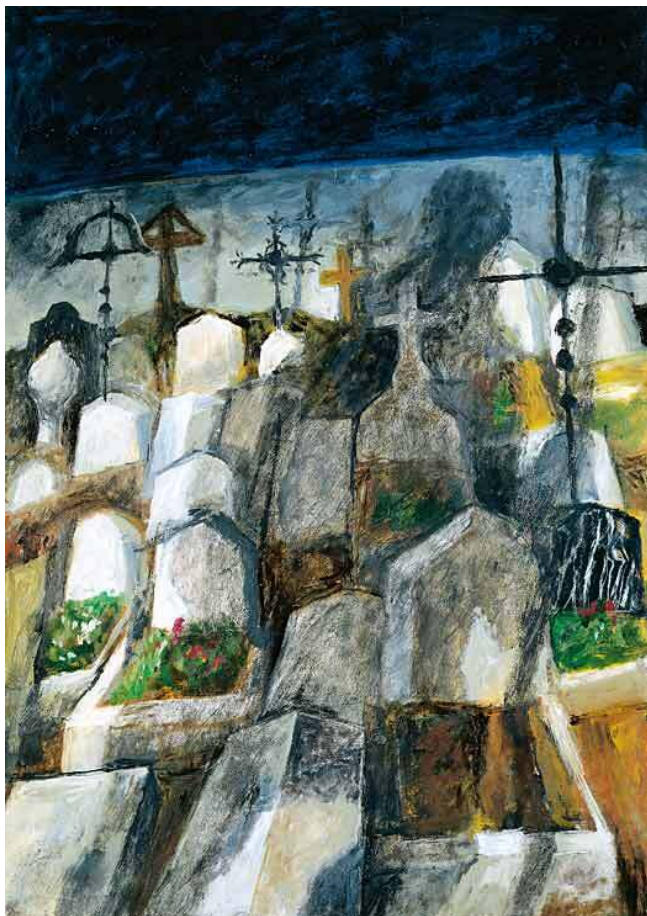


Simon Dewey, Hallowed Be Thy Name - ©Simon Dewey

WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Isa 25:7-8

On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, The web that is woven over all nations. He will destroy death forever. The Lord G will wipe away the tears from all faces; The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the L has spoken.

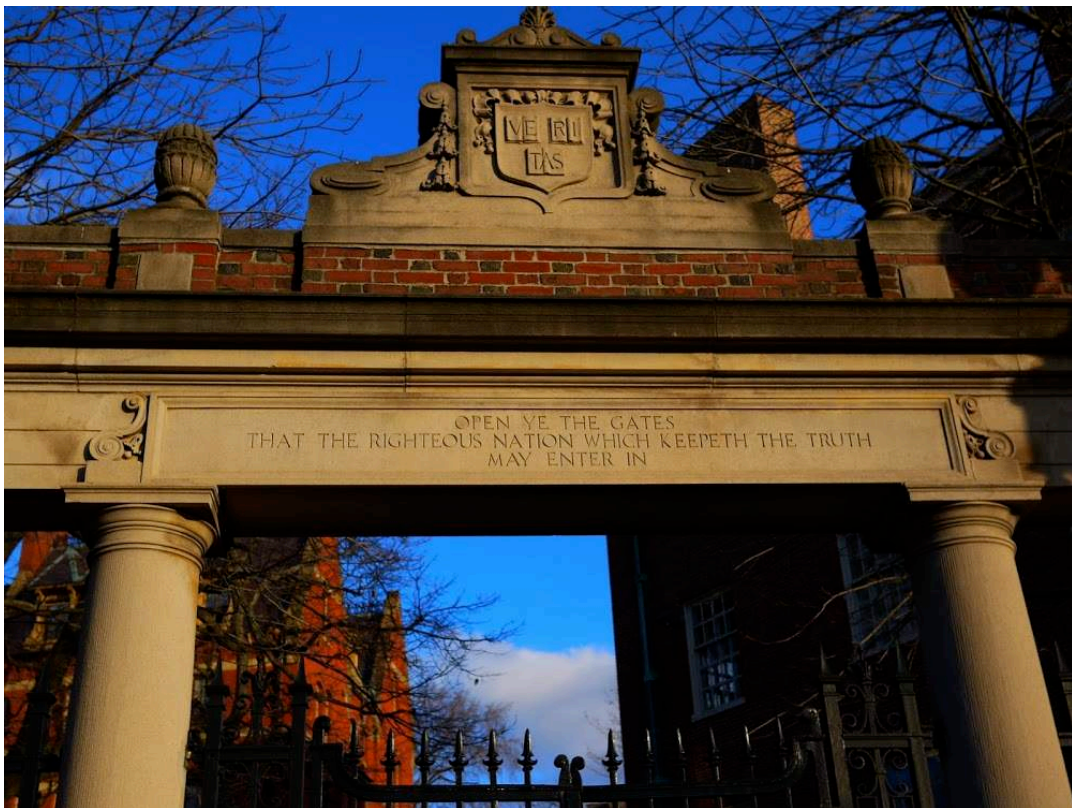


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THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 26:2

Open up the gates to let in a nation that is just, one that keeps faith.



Open Ye the Gates (Harvard)

FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 29:18-19

On that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book; And out of gloom and darkness, the eyes of the blind shall see. The lowly will ever find joy in the LORD, and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.



Be blessed

SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Mt 10:3

Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus.

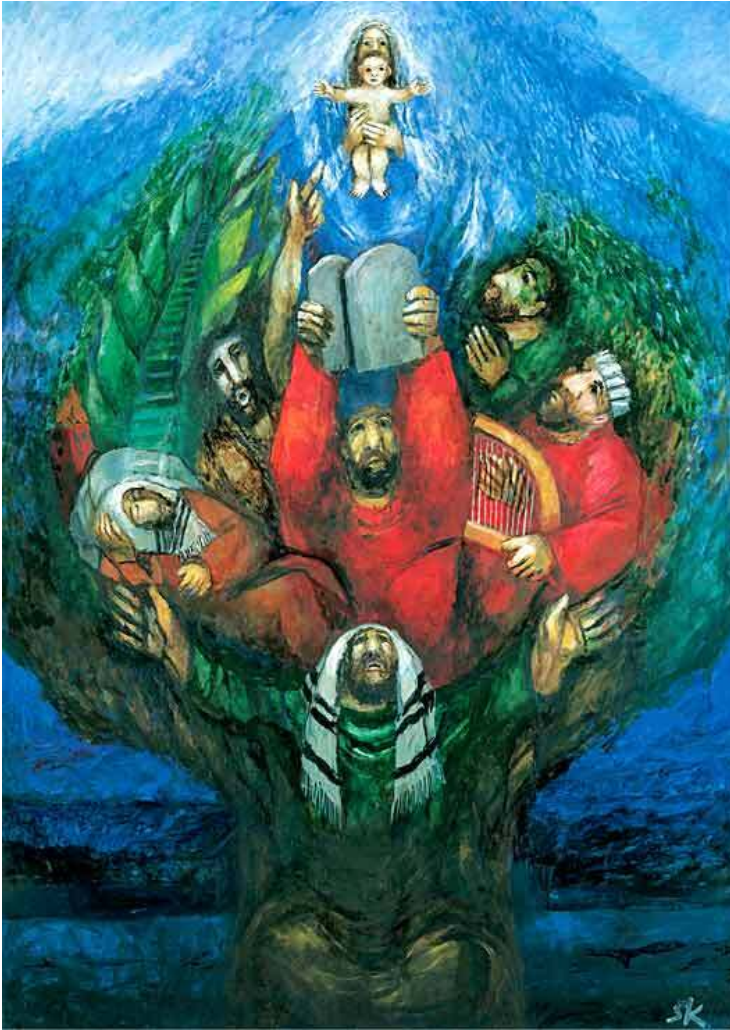


Caravaggio, St Matthew and the Angel, 1602 (San Luigi dei Francesi, Rome)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lc 3:6

‘And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”.



Sieger Köder, Stammbaum Jesu - ©Sieger Köder

MONDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 35:3-5

Strengthen the hands that are feeble. make firm the knees that are weak. Say to those whose hearts are frightened. Be strong, fear not! Here is your God. he comes with vindication. With divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened. the ears of the deaf be cleared.



Eustache Le Sueur, Christ Healing the Blind Man, eerste helft
17e eeuw (Bildergalerie (Sanssouci), Potsdam, Duitsland)

TUESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Isa 40:11

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, Carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.



Philippe de Champaigne, The Good Shepherd, 17th c.

WEDNESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 40:29-31

He gives strength to the fainting; for the weak he makes vigor abound. Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.



They shall mount up with wings like eagles - ©overcomersart.com

THURSDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Mt 11:11

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.



Eric Armusik, Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist, 2015 - ©Eric Armusik

FRIDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 48:17-18

Thus says the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, I, the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go. If you would hearken to my commandments, your prosperity would be like a river, and your vindication like the waves of the sea.



River with stepping stones

SATURDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

sirach 48:9-11

You were taken aloft in a whirlwind, in a chariot with fiery horses. You are destined, it is written, in time to come to put an end to wrath before the day of the LORD. To turn back the hearts of fathers toward their sons, and to reestablish the tribes of Jacob. Blessed is he who shall have seen you before he dies.



Prophet Elijah (Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Louis, MO)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lc 3:15-17

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."



Holy Spirit in Fire

MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

num 24:2-5

When he raised his eyes and saw Israel encamped, tribe by tribe, the spirit of God came upon him, and he gave voice to his oracle: The utterance of Balaam, son of Beor, the utterance of the man whose eye is true, The utterance of one who hears what God says, and knows what the Most High knows, Of one who sees what the Almighty sees, enraptured, and with eyes unveiled: How goodly are your tents, O Jacob; your encampments, O Israel!



Christina Mattison Ebert, Parashat Balak - ©Christina Mattison Ebert

TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Mt 21:28-31a

"What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards he changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?"



Ang Talinghaga Patungkol sa Dalawang Anak

WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 45:22-23

Turn to me and be safe, all you ends of the earth, for I am God, there is no other! By myself I swear, uttering my just decree and my unalterable word. To me every knee shall bend, by me every tongue shall swear.



Kacper Pempel, People kneel on the street as they take part in a Corpus Christi procession, 2013 (Gora Kalwaria, Poland) - ©CNS photo/Kacper Pempel, Reuters

THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

isa 54:1-5

Raise a glad cry, you barren one who did not bear, break forth in jubilant song, you who were not in labor, For more numerous are the children of the deserted wife than the children of her who has a husband, says the LORD. Enlarge the space for your tent, spread out your tent cloths unsparingly; lengthen your ropes and make firm your stakes. For you shall spread abroad to the right and to the left; Your descendants shall dispossess the nations and shall people the desolate cities. Fear not, you shall not be put to shame; you need not blush, for you shall not be disgraced. The shame of your youth you shall forget, the reproach of your widowhood no longer remember. For he who has become your husband is your Maker; his name is the LORD of hosts; Your redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, called God of all the earth.



Jump For Joy-Mary en Elizabeth - ©ArtByCorby

FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Isa 56:6-7

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, Loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants - All who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, Them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; Their holocausts and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.



Procession

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lc 1:39-40

During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

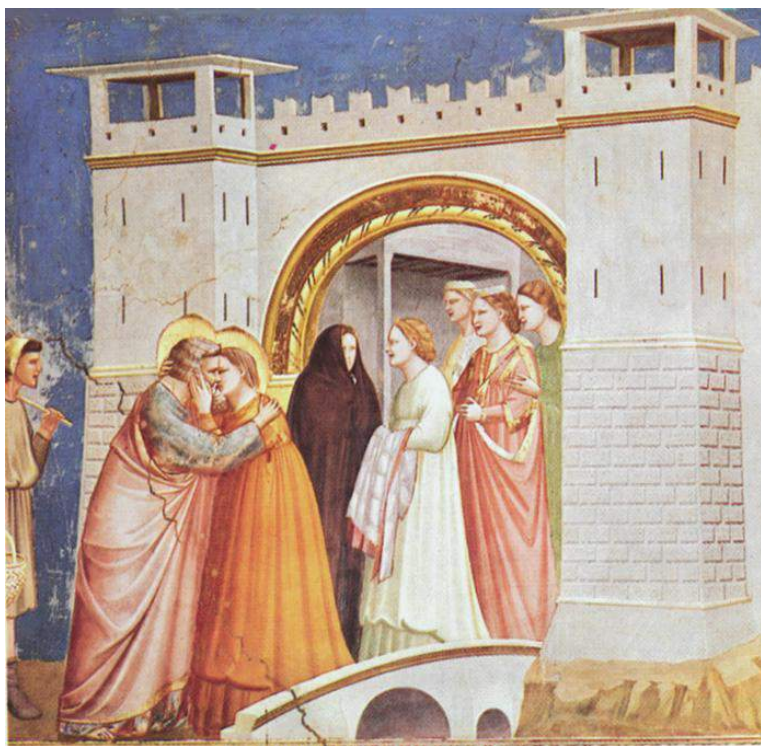


Maurice Denis, Visitación

DECEMBER 17TH

Mt 1:6-11

Jesse the father of David the king. David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph. Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile.



Giotto di Bondone, Legend of St Joachim, Meeting at the Golden Gate, 1304-1306 (Cappella Scrovegni a Padova)

DECEMBER 18TH

Mt 1:23

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."



Our Lady of She-Shan

DECEMBER 19TH

judg 13:24

The woman bore a son and named him Samson. The boy grew up and the LORD blessed him.



Lucas Cranach d. Ä., Samson's Fight with the Lion, between 1520 and 1525 (Schloss Weimar)

DECEMBER 20TH

Lc 1:35

And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.



Gabriel talking to Mary

DECEMBER 21ST

Lc 1:39-40

During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.



Raymond Virac, Visitation, 1926

DECEMBER 22ND

Lc 1:46-48

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.

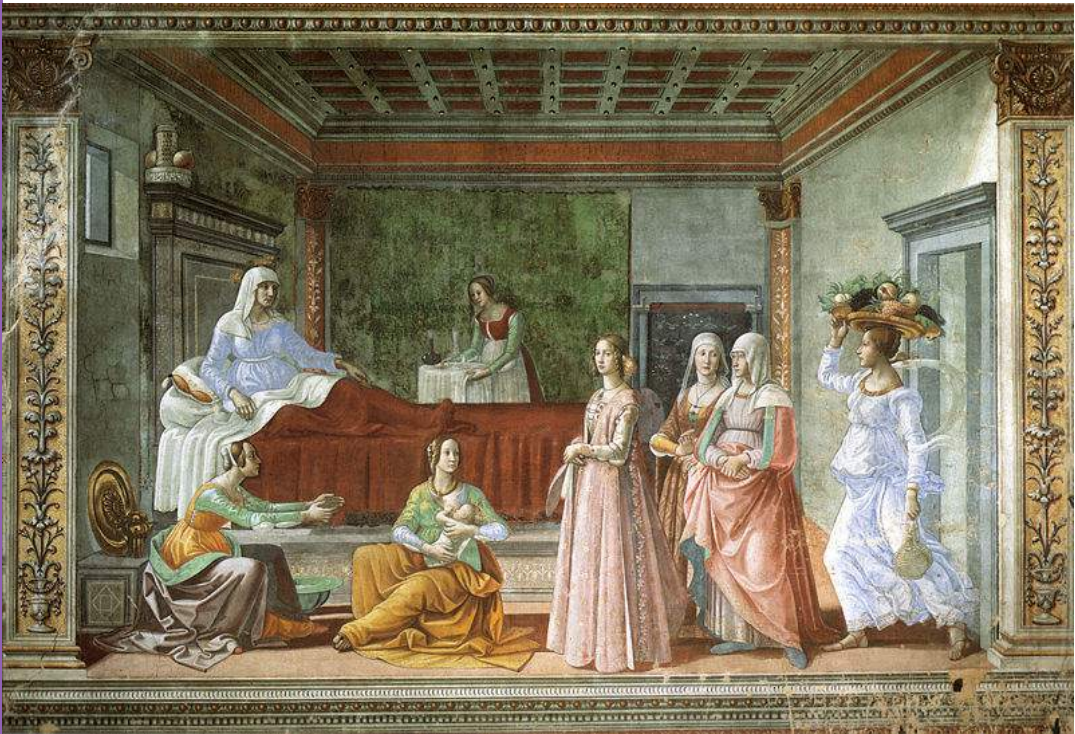


Sandro Botticelli, *Madonna of the Magnificat*, 1481 (Uffizi, Florence)

DECEMBER 23RD

Lc 1:57-58

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her.



the-birth-of-john-the-baptist-domenico-ghirlandaio-1486-1490-santa-maria-novella-florence.jpg

DECEMBER 24TH (MORNING MASS)

2 sam 7:2-3

he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you."



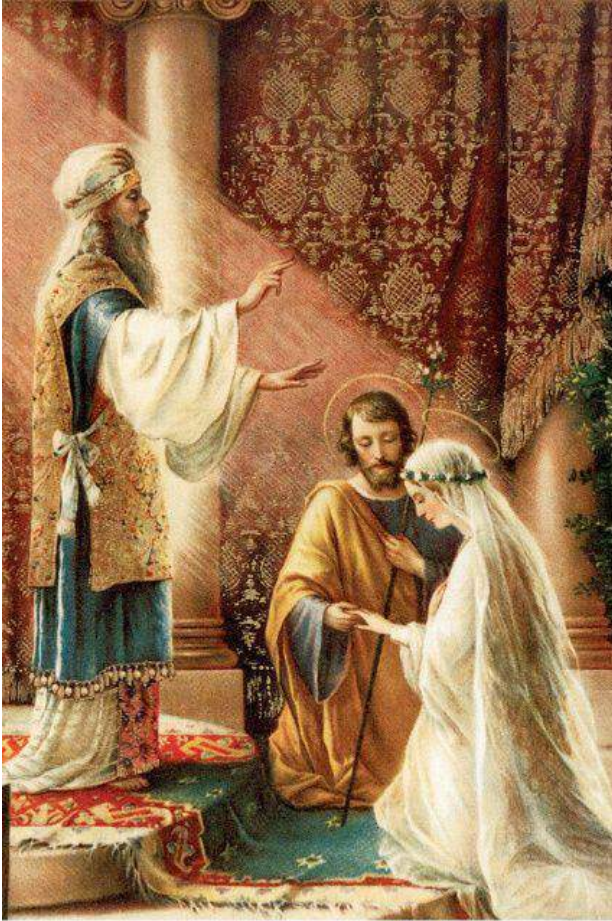
The ark of God

VIGIL FOR CHRISTMAS

December, 24th

Mt 1:20

Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.



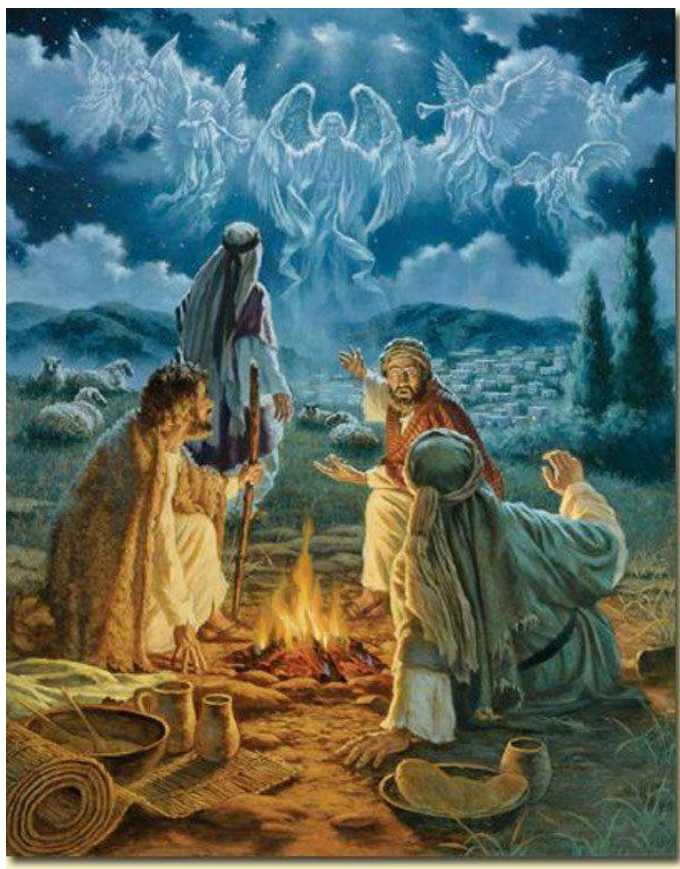
Marriage of Mary & Joseph

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

December, 25th

Lc 2:8-10

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.



Angels appear to the shepherds

CHRISTMAS DAWN MASS

December, 25th

isa 62:11

See, the LORD proclaims to the ends of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, your savior comes! Here is his reward with him, his recompense before him.



Hosanna!

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

December, 25th

Jn 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.



Raul Berzosa, Niño Jesús, 2007 - ©Raul Berzosa

SAINT STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

December, 26th

Mt 10:19-20

When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say. For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.



Peter-Paul Rubens, The Martyrdom of St Stephen, 1620 (Musée des Beaux-Arts, Valenciennes)

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

December, 27th

Jn 20:3-4

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first.



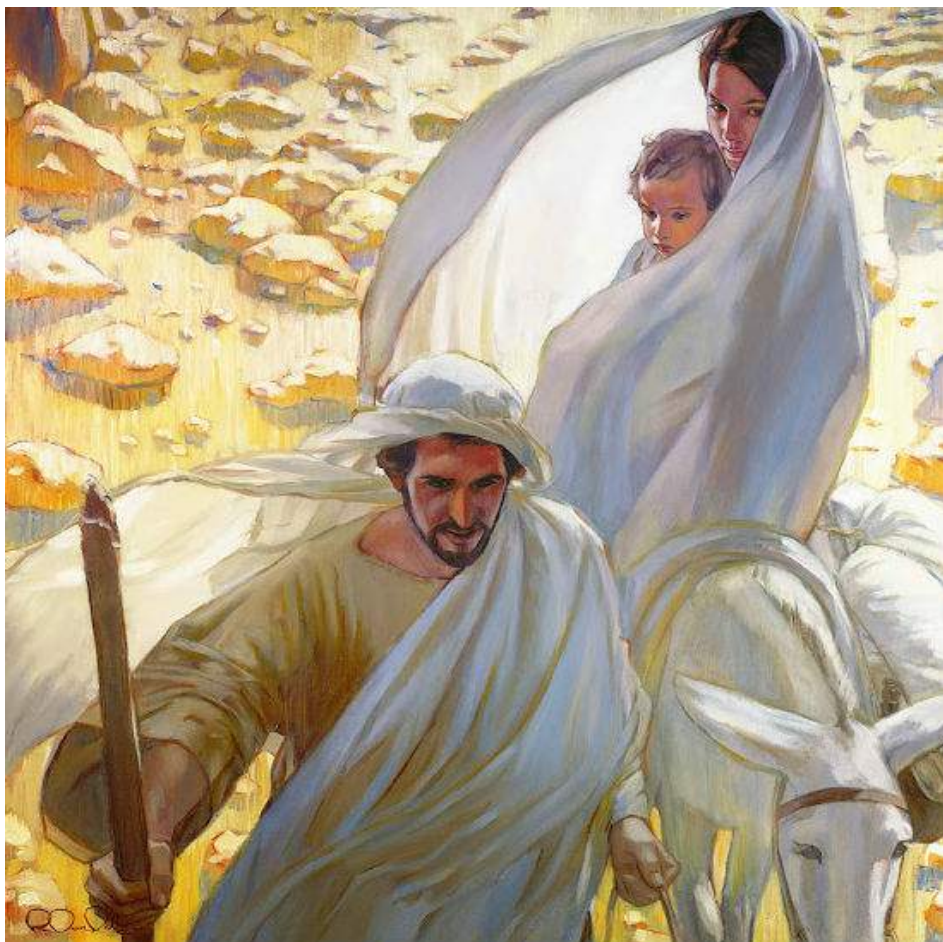
Eugene Burnand, Les Disciples Pierre et Jean courant au sépulcre
le matin de la Résurrection, 1898 (Musée d'Orsay, Paris)

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

December, 28th

Mt 2:14-15

Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

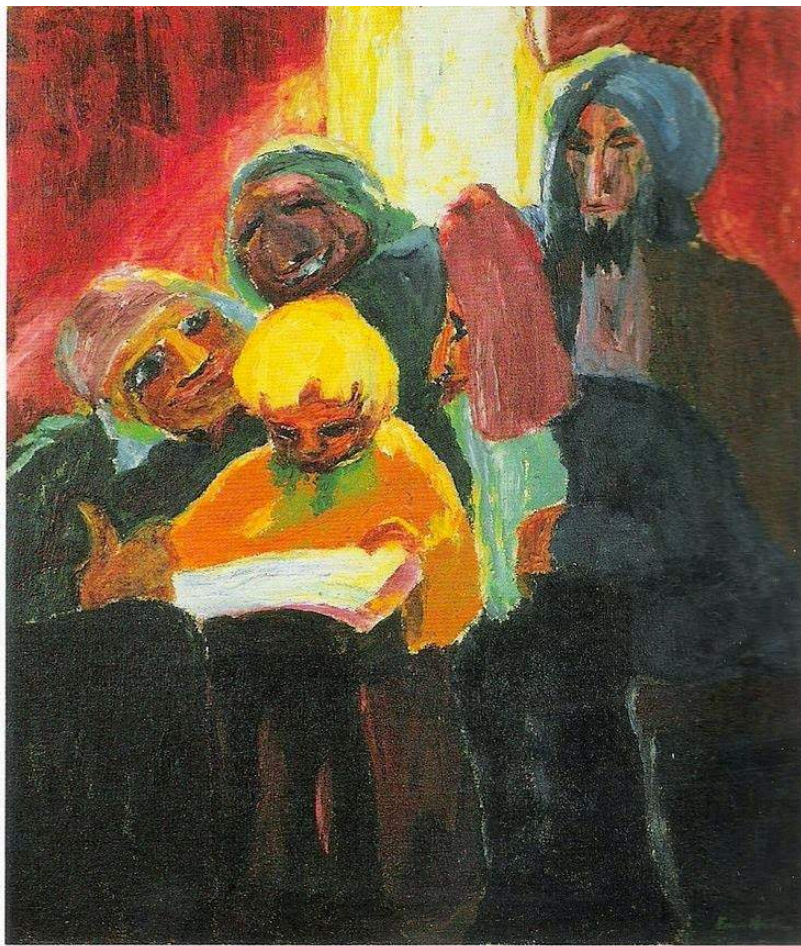


Rose Datoc Dall, Flight, 2008 (Church History Museum in Salt Lake City, UT.) - ©Rose Datoc Dall

THE HOLY FAMILY

Lc 2:46-47

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.



Emil Nolde, Jesús ante los doctores

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Jn 1:14

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.



William Bouguereau, La vierge au Lys, 1899

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mt 2:11

And on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



Andrea Mantegna, *The Adoration of the Magi*, c. 1461 (Galleria degli Uffizi, Florence)

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Lc 3:21-22

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



Joachim Patinir, Le Baptême du Christ, 1510-1515 (Kunsthistorische Museum, Vienna, Austria)

**READINGS FOR
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ASH WEDNESDAY

Mt 6:5-6

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.



Alexandre Bida, The Prayer in Secret

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Lc 9:23-24

Then he said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.



Pieter Bruegel de Oude, De kruisdraging, 1564 (Kunsthistorisches Museum, Wenen)

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Mt 9:14-15

Then the disciples of John approached him and said, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast (much), but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.



Raul Berszo, Corazón Inmaculado de María de Fátima, 2012 - ©Raul Berszo

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Isa 58:9-10

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.



de Meester van Alkmaar, De zeven werken van barmhartigheid - De hongerigen voeden

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Lc 4:1-2

Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry.



Eric Armusik, The temptation of Christ, 2011 - ©Eric Armusik

MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Mt 25:34-36

Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'



de Meester van Alkmaar, De zeven werken van barmhertigheid

TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Isa 55:10-11

For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down And do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, Giving seed to him who sows and bread to him who eats, So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.



Vincent van Gogh, Sower, 1888 (Private Collection)

WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Jon 3:1-2

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you."



Mina Anton, Jonah in the whale, 2013 - ©Mina Anton

THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

mt 7:9-11

Which one of you would hand his son a stone when he asks for a loaf of bread, or a snake when he asks for a fish? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him.



Bread and stones

FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Mt 5:23-24

Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

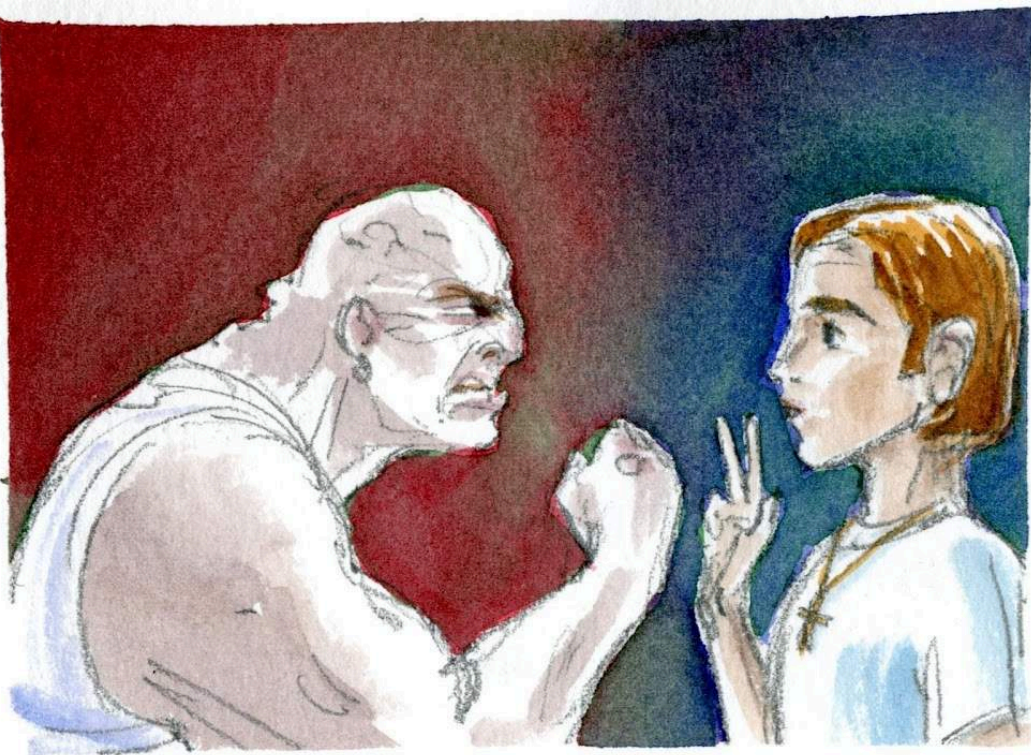


Ga u eerst met uw broeder verzoenen, 2010

SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Mt 5:43-45

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

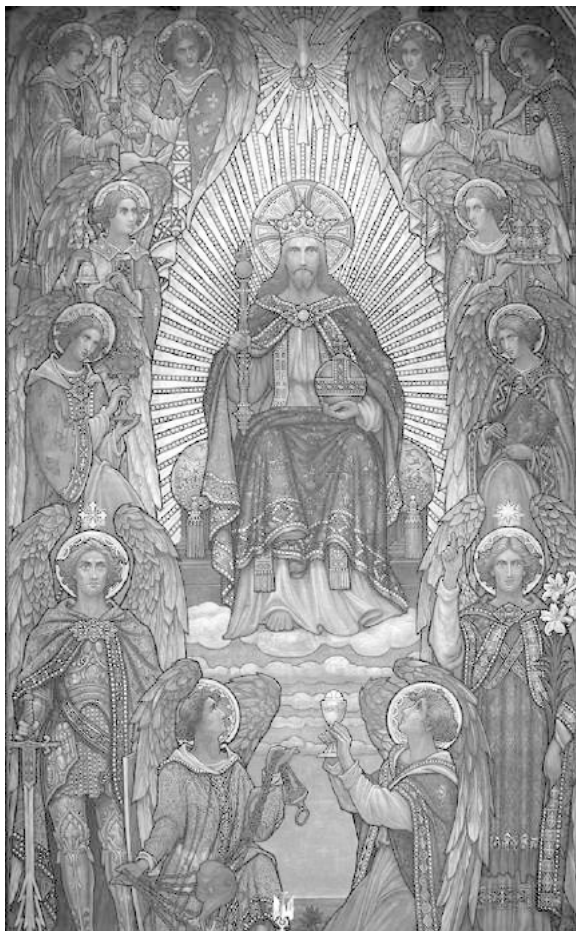


Love your enemies

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Phil 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.



The Adoration of Christ the King, through the Holy Eucharist

MONDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

lc 6:38

Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."



Giving

TUESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

isa 1:18

Come now, let us set things right, says the LORD: Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; Though they be crimson red, they may become white as wool.



White as snow

WEDNESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Mt 20:18-19

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and scourged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."



Mikhail Vasilyevich Nesterov, The Resurrection of Christ, ca. 1890-1900

THURSDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

lc 16:22-24

When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.'



The rich man and Lazarus

FRIDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Mt 21:33-40

Put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"



Derrick Grant, The Crucifixion - ©Derrick Grant

SATURDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Lc 15:8

"Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it?"



J. Kirk Richards, The Lost Coin - ©J. Kirk Richards

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Lc 13:6-9

And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. (So) cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"



Abel Grimmer, Month of September or the Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, 1611

MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

2 kings 5:9-15

Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. The prophet sent him the message: "Go and wash seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will heal, and you will be clean." But Naaman went away angry, saying, "I thought that he would surely come out and stand there to invoke the LORD his God, and would move his hand over the spot, and thus cure the leprosy. Are not the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be cleansed?" With this, he turned about in anger and left. But his servants came up and reasoned with him. "My father," they said, "if the prophet had told you to do something extraordinary, would you not have done it? All the more now, since he said to you, 'Wash and be clean,' should you do as he said." So Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times at the word of the man of God. His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. He returned with his whole retinue to the man of God. On his arrival he stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant.".



Jan Simons PEINAS, Elisha the Prophet and Naaman (The Pozhalostin Ryazan Regional Art Museum)

TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Mt 18:23-27

That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan.



John Everett Millais, *The Unmerciful Servant*, 1864

WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

mt 5:18

Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place.



Jewish new year

THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

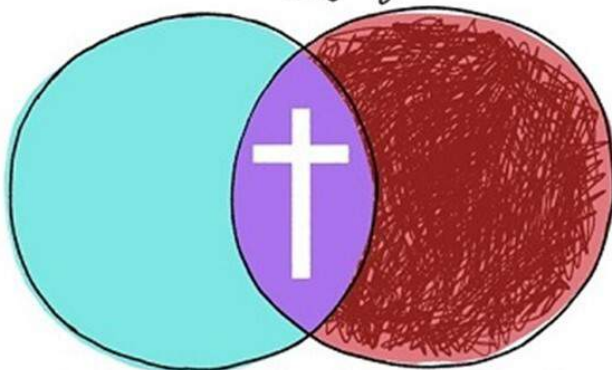
jer 7:23

This rather is what I commanded them: Listen to my voice; then I will be your God and you shall be my people. Walk in all the ways that I command you, so that you may prosper.

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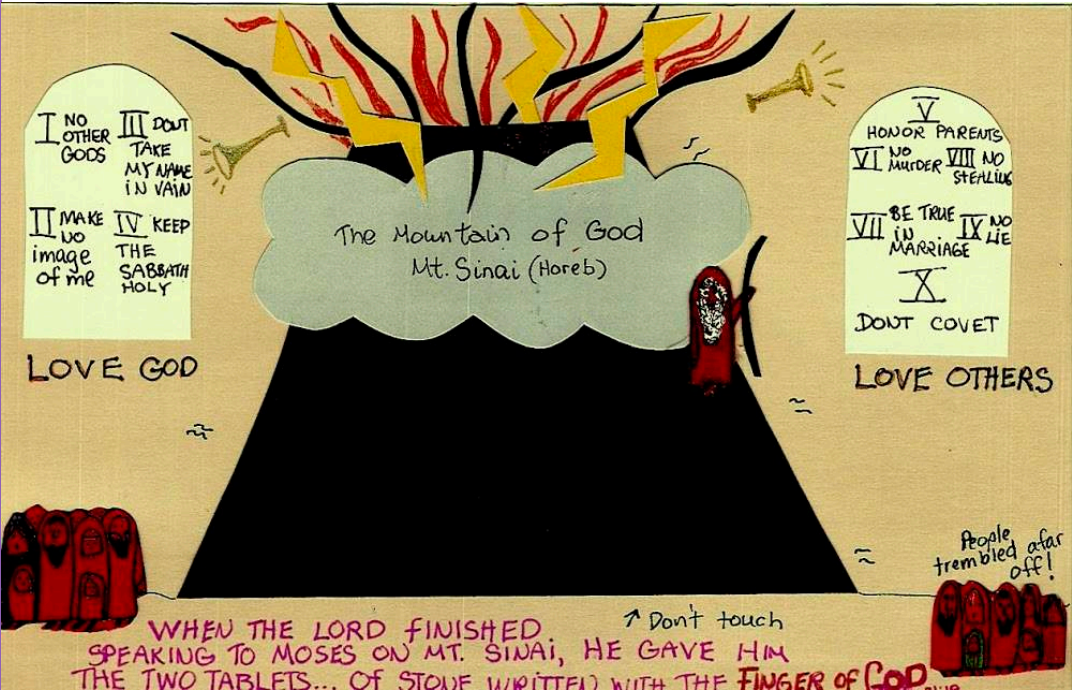
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I will be your God and you will be my people

FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Mc 12:28-31

One of the scribes, when he came forward and heard them disputing and saw how well he had answered them, asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."



The two commandments (numbering according to protestant tradition)

SATURDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Lc 18:14b

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



The pharisee and the publican

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Lc 15:21-24

His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began.



Adina Henderson, The prodigal son, 2011 - ©Adina Henderson

MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

isa 65:18-19

Instead, there shall always be rejoicing and happiness in what I create. For I create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and exult in my people. No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there, or the sound of crying.



Joy

TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Ezek 47:1-2,8-12

Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and I saw water flowing out from beneath the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the facade of the temple was toward the east; the water flowed down from the southern side of the temple, south of the altar. He led me outside by the north gate, and around to the outer gate facing the east, where I saw water trickling from the southern side. He said to me, "This water flows into the eastern district down upon the Arabah, and empties into the sea, the salt waters, which it makes fresh. Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live, and there shall be abundant fish, for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh. Fishermen shall be standing along it from En-gedi to En-eglaim, spreading their nets there. Its kinds of fish shall be like those of the Great Sea, very numerous. Only its marshes and swamps shall not be made fresh; they shall be left for salt. Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. Every month they shall bear fresh fruit, for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary. Their fruit shall serve for food, and their leaves for medicine."



William Blake, The river of life

WEDNESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

jn 5:25-29

Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.



Graveyard

THURSDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

ex 32:9-14

I see how stiff-necked this people is," continued the LORD to Moses. "Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. Then I will make of you a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying, "Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with such great power and with so strong a hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent he brought them out, that he might kill them in the mountains and exterminate them from the face of the earth'? Let your blazing wrath die down; relent in punishing your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.'" So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.



The golden calf

FRIDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

jn 7:19-24

Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?" The crowd answered, "You are possessed! Who is trying to kill you?" Jesus answered and said to them, "I performed one work and all of you are amazed because of it. Moses gave you circumcision--not that it came from Moses but rather from the patriarchs--and you circumcise a man on the sabbath. If a man can receive circumcision on a sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because I made a whole person well on a sabbath? Stop judging by appearances, but judge justly."



Judge by faith and not by sight

SATURDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

jn 7:50-53

Nicodemus, one of their members who had come to him earlier, said to them, "Does our law condemn a person before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?" They answered and said to him, "You are not from Galilee also, are you? Look and see that no prophet arises from Galilee." Then each went to his own house.



The pharisees

Jn 8:7-11

But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, (and) from now on do not sin any more."



Lucas Cranach de Oude, Jezus en de overspelige vrouw,
1532 (Museum voor Schone Kunsten, Boedapest)

MONDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

dan 13:5-21

That year, two elders of the people were appointed judges, of whom the Lord said, "Wickedness has come out of Babylon: from the elders who were to govern the people as judges." These men, to whom all brought their cases, frequented the house of Joakim. When the people left at noon, Susanna used to enter her husband's garden for a walk. When the old men saw her enter every day for her walk, they began to lust for her. They suppressed their consciences; they would not allow their eyes to look to heaven, and did not keep in mind just judgments. Though both were enamored of her, they did not tell each other their trouble, for they were ashamed to reveal their lustful desire to have her. Day by day they watched eagerly for her. One day they said to each other, "Let us be off for home, it is time for lunch." So they went out and parted; but both turned back, and when they met again, they asked each other the reason. They admitted their lust, and then they agreed to look for an occasion when they could meet her alone. One day, while they were waiting for the right moment, she entered the garden as usual, with two maids only. She decided to bathe, for the weather was warm. Nobody else was there except the two elders, who had hidden themselves and were watching her. "Bring me oil and soap," she said to the maids, "and shut the garden doors while I bathe." They did as she said; they shut the garden doors and left by the side gate to fetch what she had ordered, unaware that the elders were hidden inside. As soon as the maids had left, the two old men got up and hurried to her. "Look," they said, "the garden doors are shut, and no one can see us; give in to our desire, and lie with us. If you refuse, we will testify against you that you dismissed your maids because a young man was here with you."



Domenichino, *Susanna e i Vecchioni*, 17th century (Galleria Doria Pamphilj, Roma)

TUESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

num 21:6-9

In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents, which bit the people so that many of them died. Then the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses, "Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if anyone who has been bitten looks at it, he will recover." Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he recovered.



William Blake, Moses and the Serpent

WEDNESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

dan 3:25

In the fire Azariah stood up and prayed aloud.



The fiery furnace

THURSDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

jn 8:55-58

You do not know him, but I know him. And if I should say that I do not know him, I would be like you a liar. But I do know him and I keep his word. Abraham your father rejoiced to see my day; he saw it and was glad. So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old and you have seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM."



Audrey, Before Abraham was, I am - ©Audrey

FRIDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

jer 20:11

But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion.



Lion of Judah

SATURDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

ezek 37:26-28

I will make with them a covenant of peace; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them, and I will multiply them, and put my sanctuary among them forever. My dwelling shall be with them; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Thus the nations shall know that it is I, the LORD, who make Israel holy, when my sanctuary shall be set up among them forever.



Mass

PALM SUNDAY

Lc 22:46-51

He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test." While he was still speaking, a crowd approached and in front was one of the Twelve, a man named Judas. He went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked, "Lord, shall we strike with a sword?" And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said in reply, "Stop, no more of this!" Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him.



Jean Bourdichon, Betrayed with a kiss, 1500

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Jn 12:1-8

‘Six days before Passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. They gave a dinner for him there, and Martha served, while Lazarus was one of those reclining at table with him. Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair; the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. Then Judas the Iscariot, one [of] his disciples, and the one who would betray him, said, “Why was this oil not sold for three hundred days’ wages and given to the poor?” He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief and held the money bag and used to steal the contributions. So Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”’.



The unction of Jezus, 2009

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

isa 49:6

It is too little, he says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.



Light to the nations

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

mt 26:14-16

Then one of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscar iot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

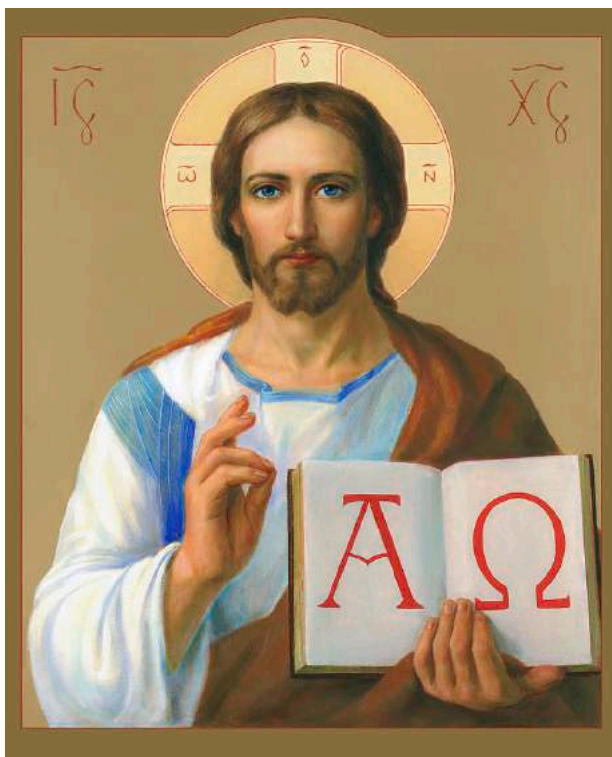


Barna da Siena, The pact of Judas, ca. 1350s ("Stories from the New Testament", in the right-side aisle of San Gimignano's Collegiate Church of the Assumption of Mary)

CHRISM MASS

rev 1:5-8

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever (and ever). Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. NAB-CREF: ; ; ; "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."



Alpha and Omega

HOLY THURSDAY

Jn 13:3-7

Fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Master, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later."



Paolo Veronese, Cristo lavando los pies de los discípulos, 1580

GOOD FRIDAY

Isa 53:3

He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity, One of those from whom men hide their faces, spurned, and we held him in no esteem.



Abraham Bloemaert, Man of Sorrows, 1645 (Cathedral church of St Gertrude, Utrecht)

EASTER VIGIL

Isa 55:1

All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk!



de Meester van Alkmaar, De zeven werken van barmhertigheid - De dorstigen laven

EASTER SUNDAY

Jn 20:6-7

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.



George Richardson, The Empty Tomb, 2011 - ©George Richardson

MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Mt 28:8-9

Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage.



Daniel Owen, Detail from Stained Glass, 2010 (Church of the Ascension, Timoleague, Co. Cork) - ©Daniel Owen

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jn 20:26-28

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"



David Binnig, Thomas puts a finger in Jesus' wound - ©David Binnig

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jn 21:15-17

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." (Jesus) said to him, "Feed my sheep.

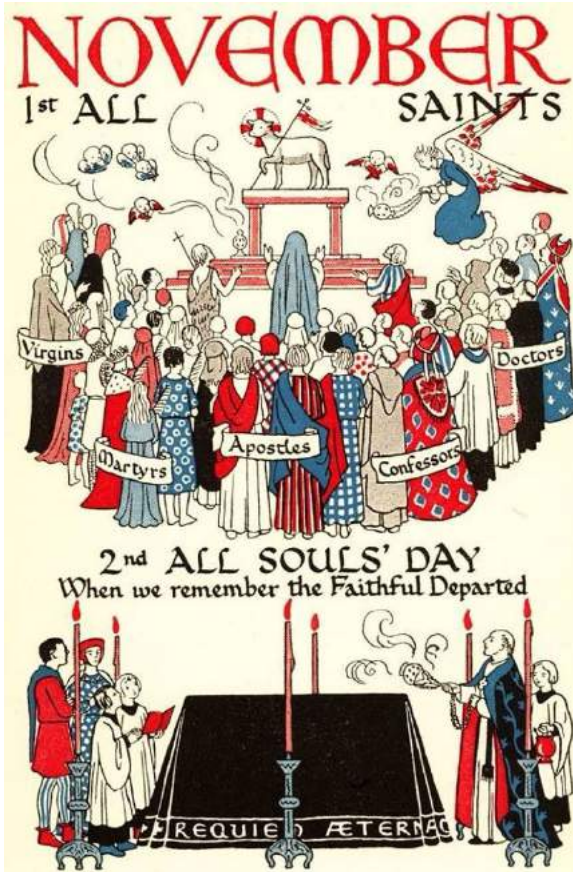


J. Kirk Richards, Christ and the Fishermen (Lovest Thou Me More Than These?) - ©J. Kirk Richards

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev 7:9-10

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb.”.



November 1st All Saints

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev 21:5

The one who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” Then he said, “Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true.”



Chris Koelle, The History of Redemption - I am making all things new - ©Chris Koelle

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jn 14:24-26

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name--he will teach you everything and remind you of all that (I) told you.



Jacopo Bassano, The last supper, 1542 (Galleria Borghese)

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:8-11

But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”.



The disciples watched Jesus ascend to heaven.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 7:55-60

But he, filled with the holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears, and rushed upon him together. They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them"; and when he said this, he fell asleep.



Domenico Ghirlandaio, Christ in Heaven with Four Saints and a Donor, 1492 (Pinacoteca Comunale, Volterra)

PENTECOST

Jn 20:22-23

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."



William Blake, Christ Appearing to His Disciples After the Resurrection, 1795 (National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C)

MONDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jn 14:16-17

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you.



Sue Ann Jackson, Reflection in water of the Holy Spirit dove - ©Sue Ann Jackson

**READINGS FOR
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THE HOLY TRINITY

Rom 5:1-2

With God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access (by faith) to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.



Oleksandr Antonyuk, Jesus and the Samaritan woman - ©Oleksandr Antonyuk

CORPUS CHRISTI

1 Cor 11:24

And, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”.



Tradição em foco com Roma

a Corpus Christi procession in Valencia, Spain, 2015

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Lc 15:4-6

"What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'"

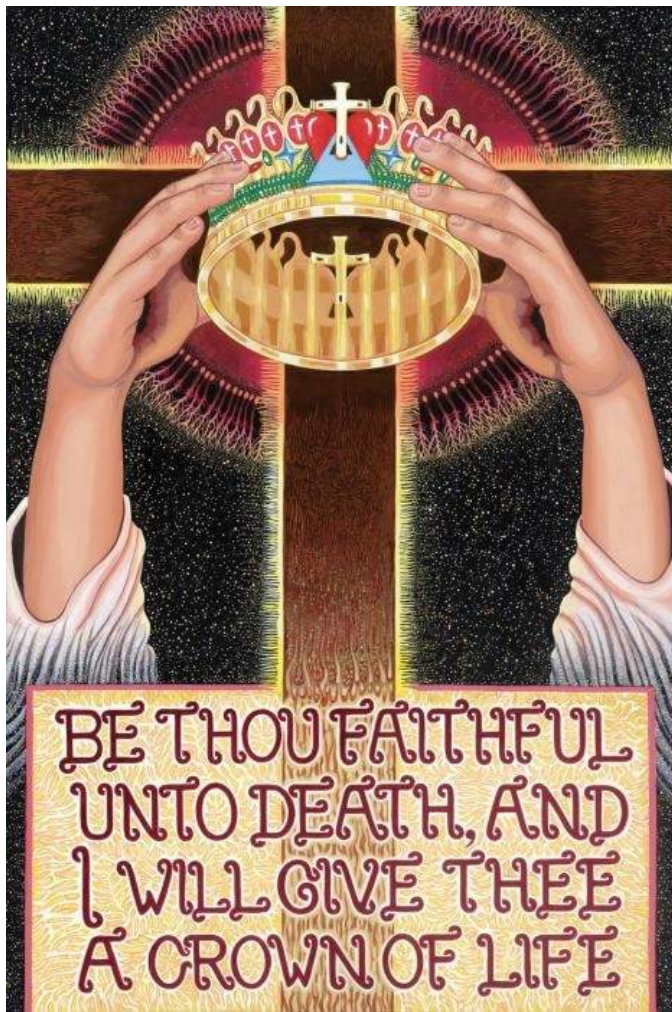


Nathan Greene, The good sheperd - ©Nathan Greene

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isa 62:3

You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God.



James Anderson, Crown of Life - ©James Anderson

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

lc 4:16-20

into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.



Peter Dennis, Jesus Reads from the Scroll of Isaiah - ©Peter Dennis

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lc 4:24-28

And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury.

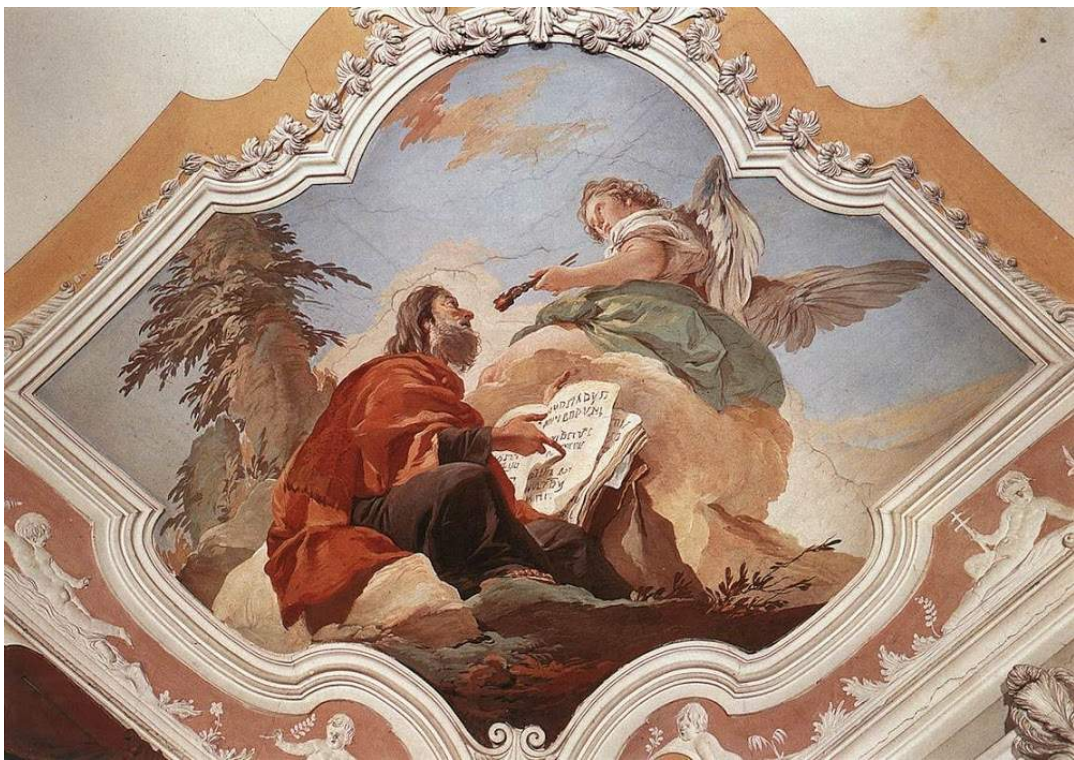


Jesus Declares He Is the Messiah

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isa 6:5-7

Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember which he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with it. "See," he said, "now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged."



Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, The Prophet Isaiah, 1726-1729 (Palazzo Patriarcale, Udine, Italy)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

jer 17:5-7

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the man who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, But stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD.



Don't trust in man

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

lc 6:38

Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."



Giving

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 cor 15:55-58

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.



Slobodan Anti#, Where, O death, is your victory?

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lc 7:1-10

When he had finished all his words to the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave who was ill and about to die, and he was valuable to him. When he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and save the life of his slave. They approached Jesus and strongly urged him to come, saying, "He deserves to have you do this for him, for he loves our nation and he built the synagogue for us." And Jesus went with them, but when he was only a short distance from the house, the centurion sent friends to tell him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof. Therefore, I did not consider myself worthy to come to you; but say the word and let my servant be healed. For I too am a person subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come here,' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him and, turning, said to the crowd following him, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." When the messengers returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

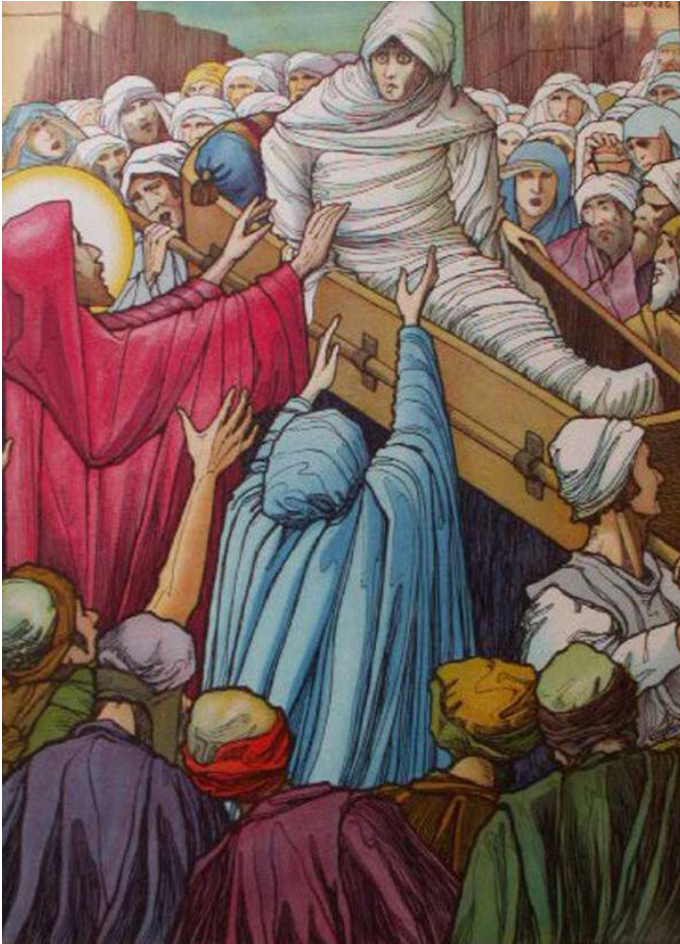


Paolo Veronese, Jesus and the Centurion, 1571 (Prado, Madrid)

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lc 7:15-16

The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people."



The Widow of Nain (The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost from the Liturgical Calendar poster series)

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lc 7:37-38

Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment.

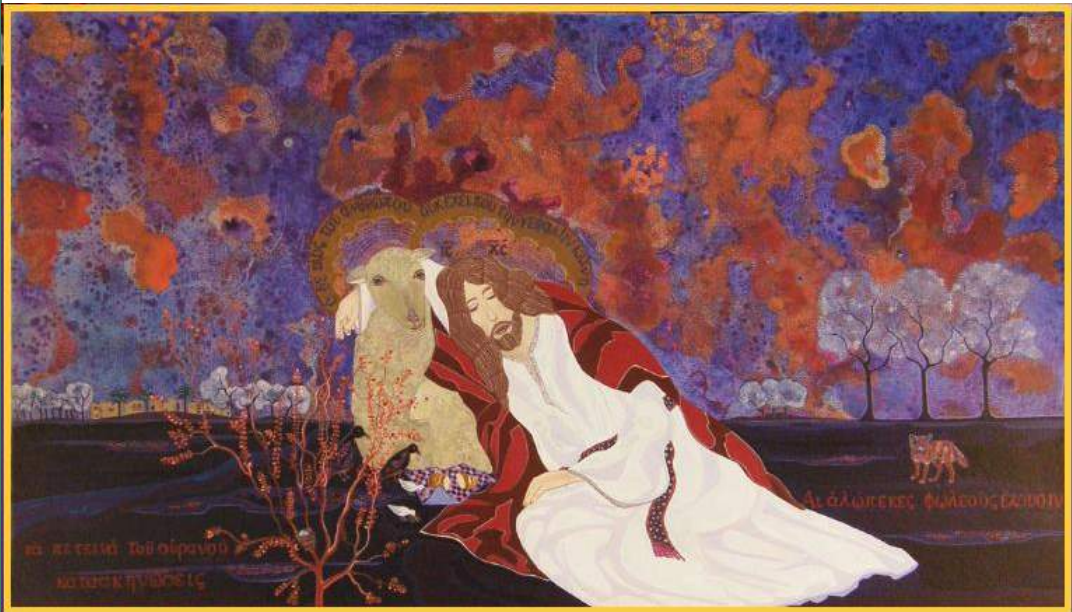


Zalving van Jezus

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lc 9:57-58

As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."



Christine Oskirko, The Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head - ©Christine Oskirko

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gal 6:14

But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.



Station of the cross

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lc 10:30-34

Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him.



Vincent van Gogh, De barmhartige Samaritaan, 1890 (Kröller-Müller Museum, Otterlo)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lc 10:40

Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me."

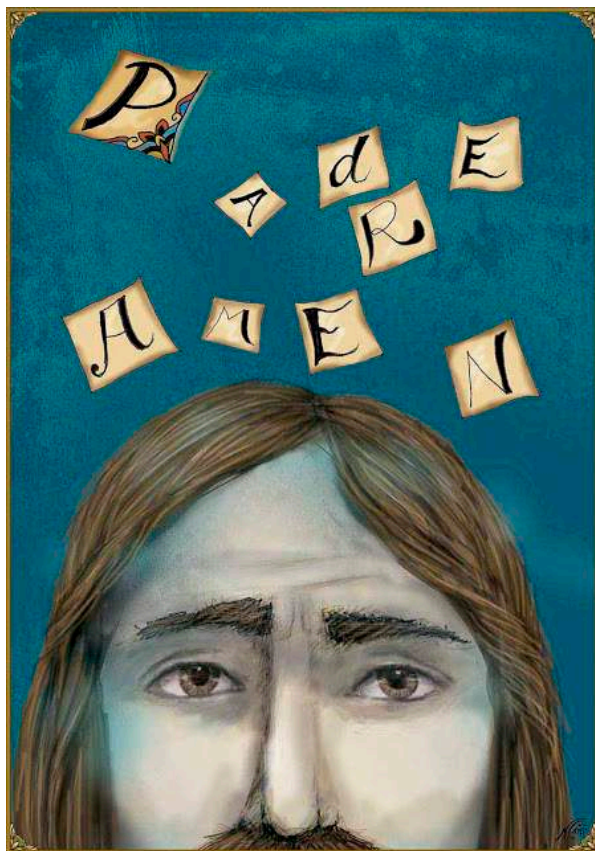


Johannes Vermeer, Christ in the House of Martha and Mary, ca. 1654 (National Gallery of Scotland, Edinburgh)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lc 11:1-4

He was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."



Nerina Canzi, EL PADRE NUESTRO, 2015 - ©Nerina Canzi

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Col 3:3-5,9-10

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator.



Emma, 2006

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Heb 11:17-19

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.



David Binnig, Abraham prepares to sacrifice his son - ©David Binnig

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lc 13:25-27

After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from.' And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where (you) are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!'



Cerezo Barredo, Domingo 25° Ordinario, 2000 - ©Cerezo Barredo

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lc 14:10-11

Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



Pieter Bruegel de Oude, Boerenbruiloft, 1567-1568 (Kunsthistorisches Museum, Wien)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lc 14:26-27

"If any one comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

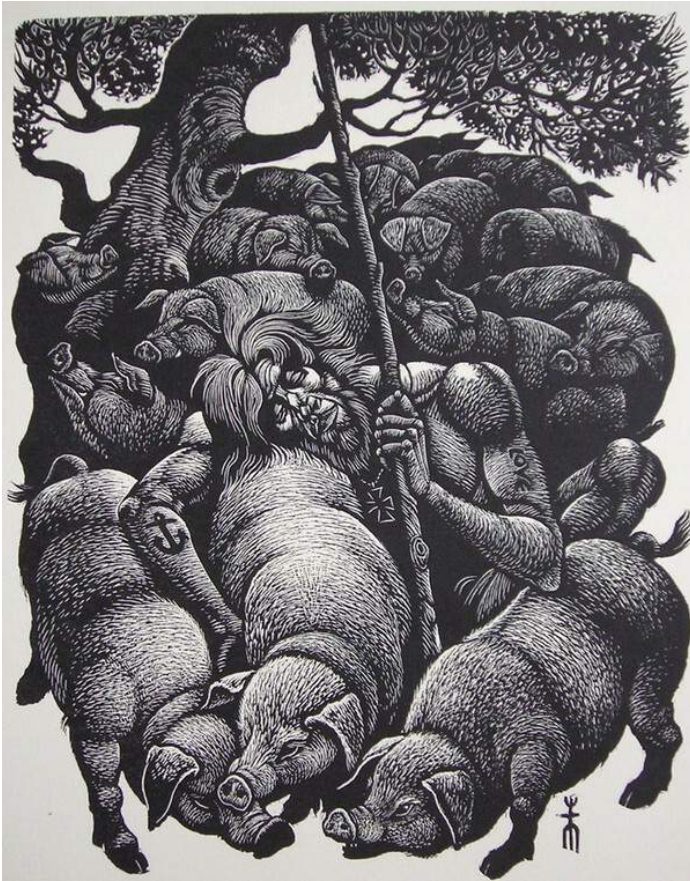


Destroyed Warsaw

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lc 15:15-17

So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger.



Fritz Eichenberg, The prodigal son

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lc 16:5-7

He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another he said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.'.



Dan Lewis, The parable of the unjust steward, 2009 - ©Dan Lewis

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lc 17:12-14

As he was entering a village, ten lepers met (him). They stood at a distance from him and raised their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed.



Sandro Botticelli, The Temptations of Christ, Bringer of the Evangelic Law, 1480–1482 (Sistine Chapel, Rome)

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lc 18:7-8

Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

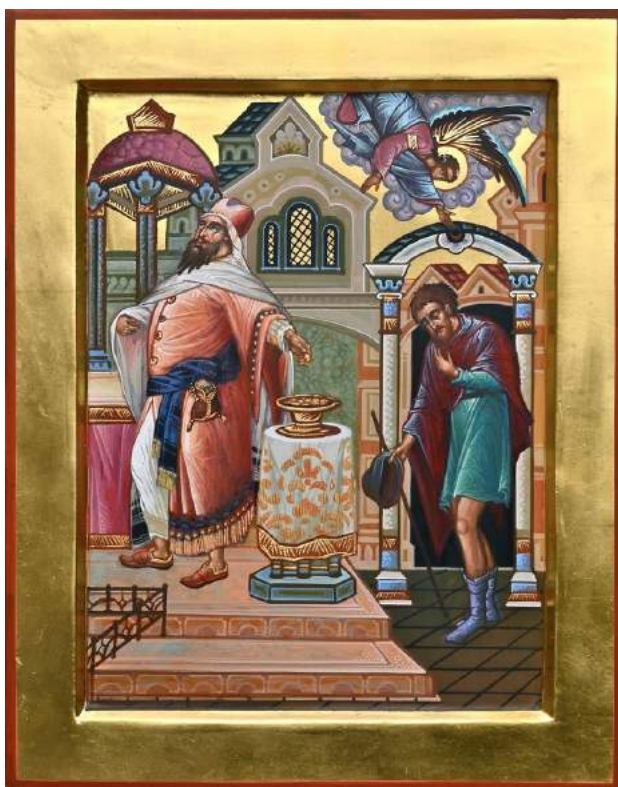


Milly Childers, Girl praying in church (Leeds Museums and Galleries)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

lc 18:10-13

"Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity--greedy, dishonest, adulterous--or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'"

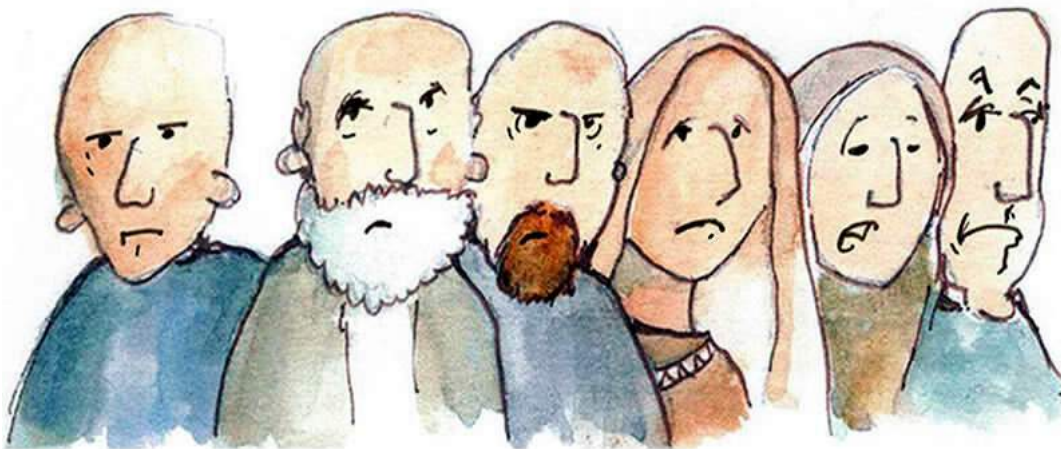


The publican and the pharisee

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lc 19:5-8

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over."



Henry Martin, Angry people - ©Henry Martin

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lc 20:36

They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise.



mrs. Susie A. Farmer, Angels, 2003 - ©mrs. Susie A. Farmer

CHRIST THE KING

Col 1:15-16

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him.



"Très Riches Heures du Duc de Berry", Christ in Majesty, 1410-1411 (Musée Condé à Chantilly, France)

**READINGS FOR
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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January, 1st

Lc 2:19

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.



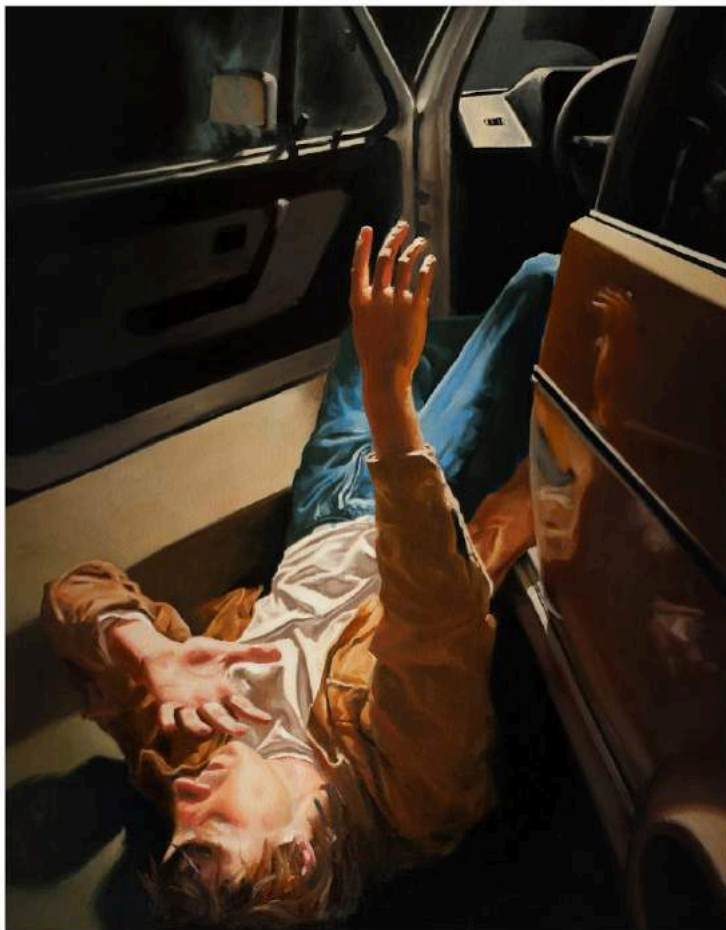
Joseph Stella, Holy Mary Mother of God, 1926 (Brooklyn Museum)

CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

January, 25th

Acts 22:6-7

"On that journey as I drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from the sky suddenly shone around me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?'.



Ernest Vincent Wood III, Conversion Of St. Paul - ©Ernest Vincent Wood III

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February, 2nd

Heb 2:16-18

Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.



Antonello da Messina, El Cristo muerto sostenido por un ángel

CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, APOSTLE

February, 22nd

Mt 16:19

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."



Pietro Perugino, Jesus Handing the Keys to Peter, 1481-82 (Sistine Chapel, Vatican City)

SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

March, 19th

Mt 1:22-23

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."



Gertrude Käsebier, Blessed Art Thou among Women, 1899 (The Metropolitan Museum of Art)

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

March, 25th

Isa 7:13-14

The young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel.



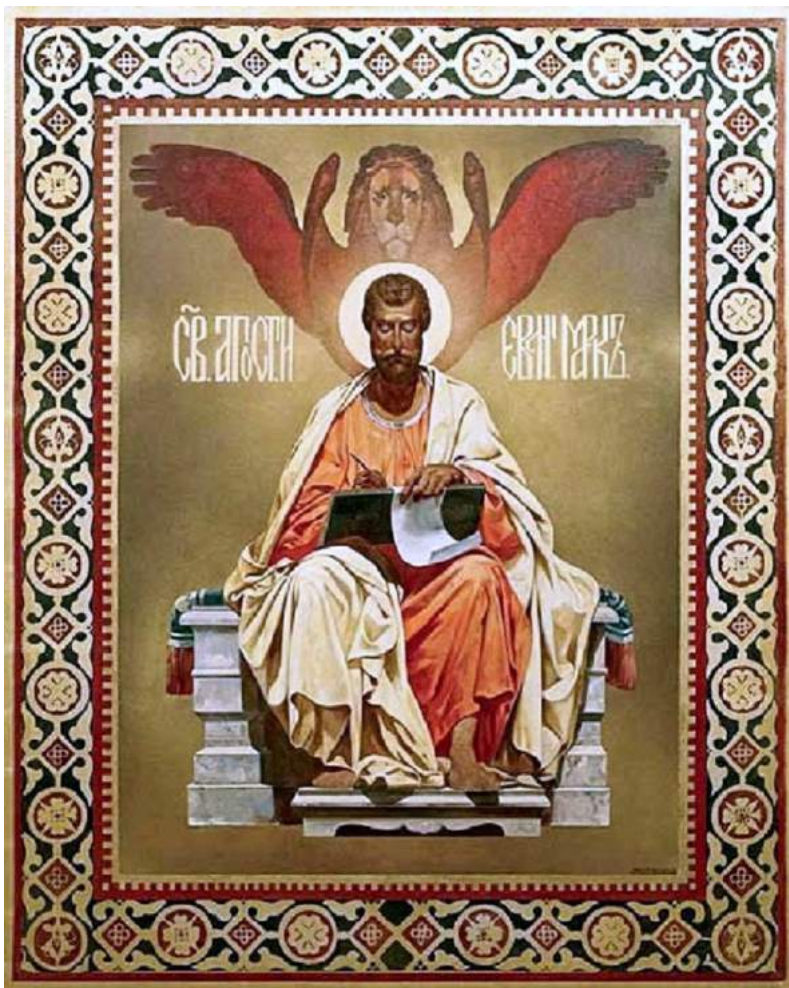
Ezio Anichini, Annunciation - ©Ezio Anichini

SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST

April, 25th

Mc 16:20

But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.).



Vasili Nesterenko, St. Mark the Evangelist

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

May, 3rd

Jn 14:8-10

Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works.



Pieter Coecke van Aelst, Trinity, first half of 16th century (Prado Museum)

SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

May, 14th

Jn 15:12-15

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.



José de Páez, Sacred Heart of Jesus with Saint Ignatius of Loyola and Saint Louis Gonzaga, 1770

VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH

May, 31st

zeph 3:14

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!



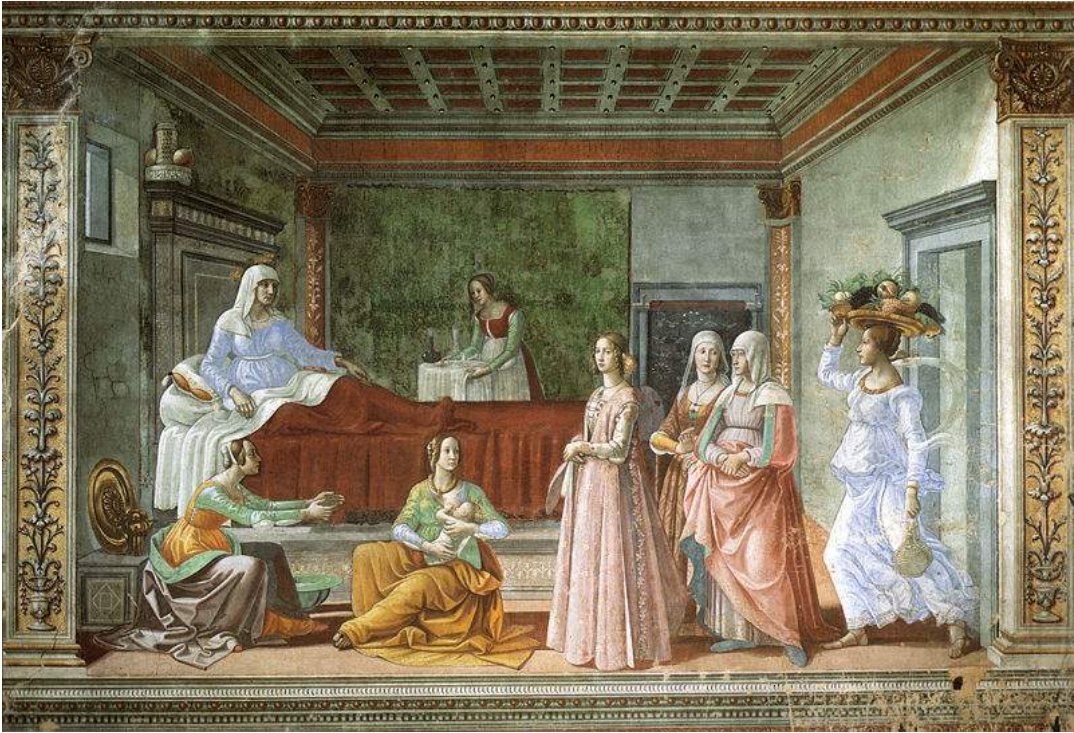
Daughter of Zion

BIRTH OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

June, 24th

Lc 1:57-58

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her.



the-birth-of-john-the-baptist-domenico-ghirlandaio-1486-1490-santa-maria-novella-florence.jpg

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

June, 29th

Mt 16:18-19

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."



Daniel Ibez, Pope Francis greets pilgrims in St Peter's Square before the Wednesday general audience on Oct 29 2014, 2014 - ©Daniel Ibez

SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

July, 3rd

Jn 20:27

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."



Peter Paul Rubens, Doubting Thomas, 1613-1615 (Royal Museum of Fine Arts, Antwerp)

SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

July, 25th

Mt 20:20-23

Of the sons of Zebedee approached him with her sons and did him homage, wishing to ask him for something. He said to her, "What do you wish?" She answered him, "Command that these two sons of mine sit, one at your right and the other at your left, in your kingdom." Jesus said in reply, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?" They said to him, "We can." He replied, "My cup you will indeed drink, but to sit at my right and at my left (, this) is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."



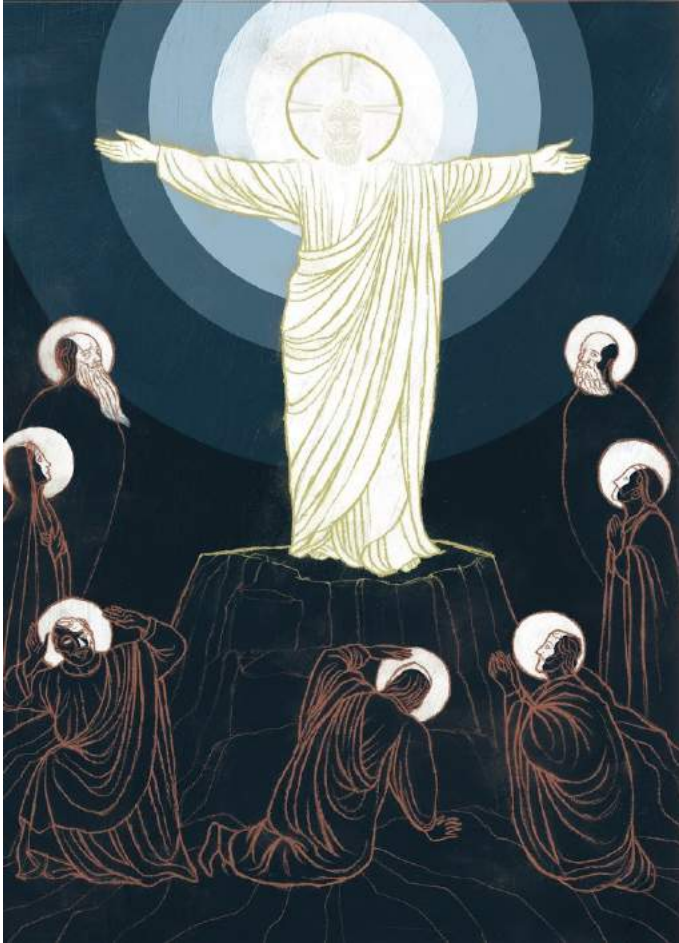
Veronese, Le Christ rencontrant la femme et les fils de Zébédée, 3e quart 16e siècle (Musée de Grenoble)

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August, 6th

Mt 17:1-2

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.



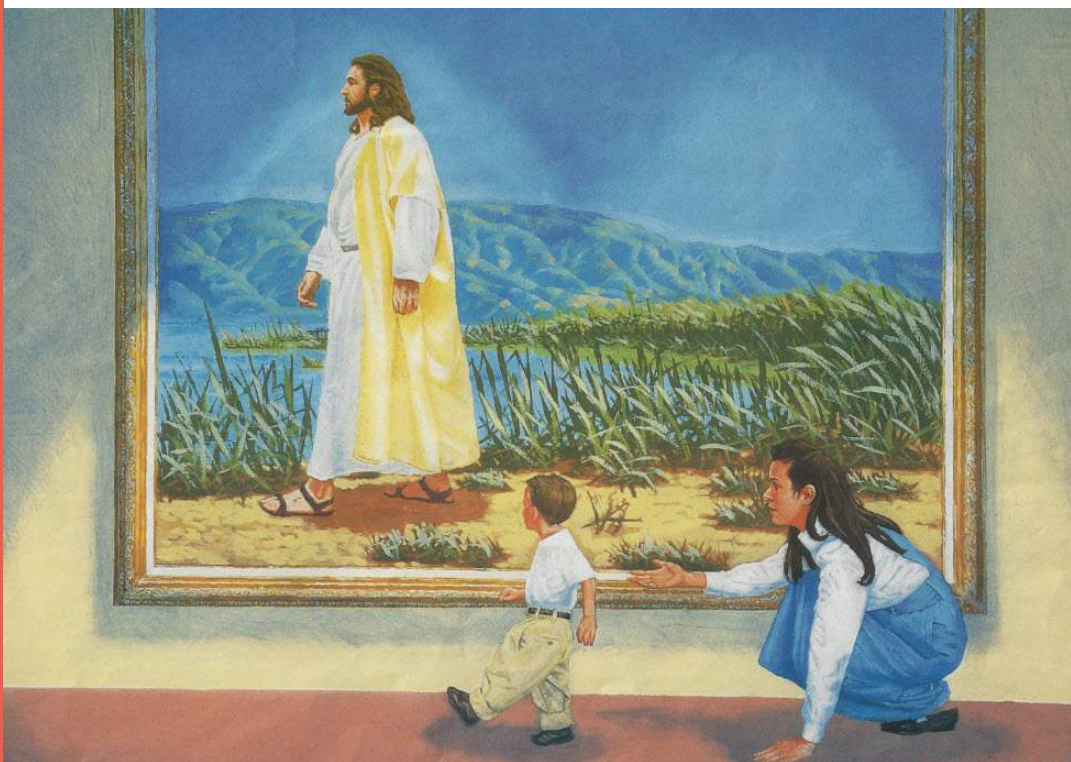
Chris Koelle, The History of Redemption - Transfiguration - ©Chris Koelle

SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR

August, 10th

Jn 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.



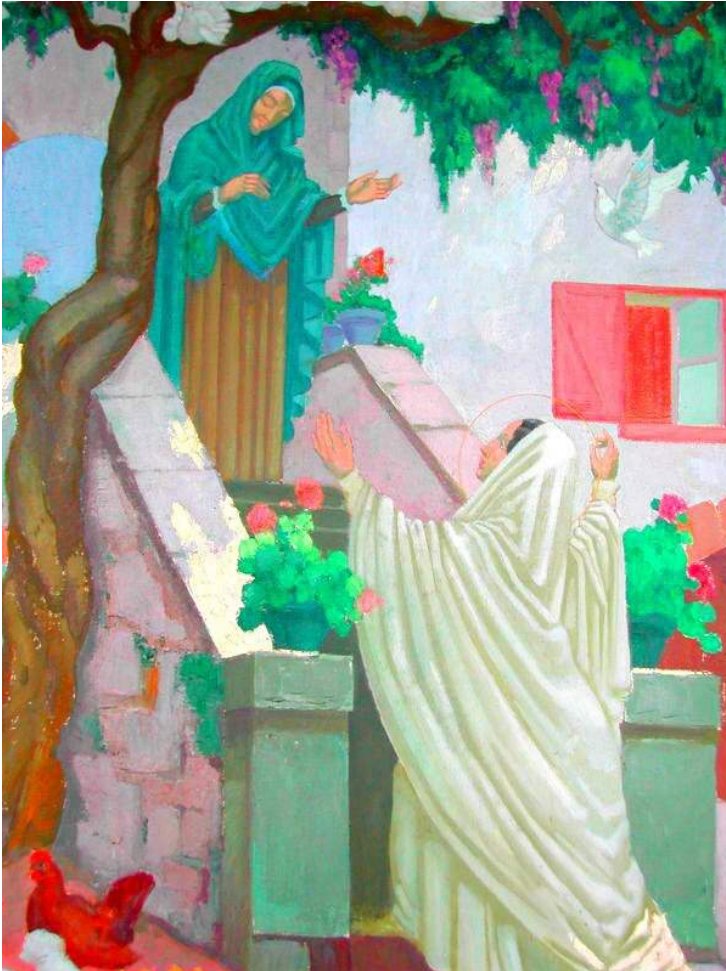
Walking with Jesus

ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY INTO HEAVEN

August, 15th

Lc 1:39-40

During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.



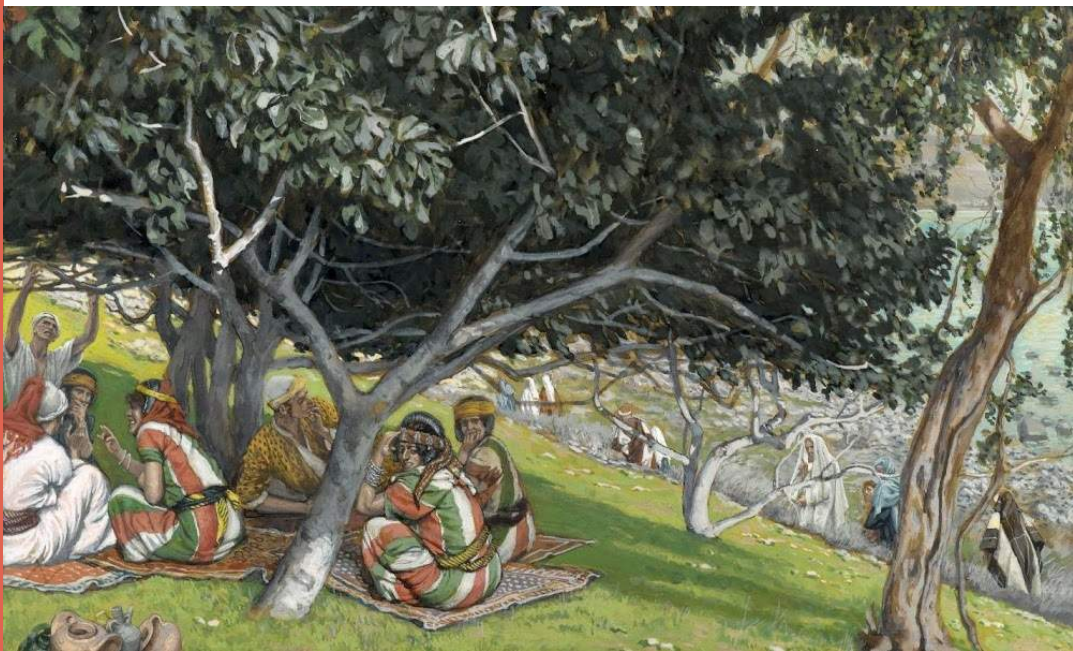
Raymond Virac, Visitation, 1926

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

August, 24th

Jn 1:45-48

Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth." But Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him." Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree."



James Tissot, Nathaniel under the Fig Tree, 1886-1894 (Brooklyn Museum)

BIRTH OF THE VIRGIN MARY
September, 8th

Mt 1:23

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."



Our Lady of She-Shan

TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS

September, 14th

phil 2:6-8

Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.



He humbled himself

SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST - FEAST

September, 21st

Mt 9:9

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.



Hendrick Ter Brugghen, De roeping van Matteüs, 1621 (Utrecht, Centraal Museum)

MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

September, 29th

Rev 12:7

Then war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back.



Pieter Bruegel the Elder, *The Fall of the Rebel Angels*,
1562 (Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium, Brussels)

SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST

October, 18th

Lc 10:1-5

Others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'"



Disciples sent out two by two

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

October, 28th

Lc 6:12-16

To God. When day came, he called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called a Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.



Paolo Bartoli, San Bartolomeo - ©Paolo Bartoli

ALL SAINTS

November, 1st

Mt 5:3-10

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



Francoise Burtz, Les Béatitudes - ©Francoise Burtz

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

November, 2nd

Lc 23:53-55

After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried. It was the day of preparation, and the sabbath was about to begin. The women who had come from Galilee with him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it.



Pietro Lorenzetti, Lamentation, 1310-1329 (Basilica Inferiore, Assisi)

DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN LATERAN IN ROME

November, 9th

Jn 2:13-15

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.



Carl Dixon, Jesus Cleansing the Temple

SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

November, 30th

Mt 4:18-21

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them.



Lois Russell, Fishers of men - ©Lois Russell

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

December, 8th

Lc 1:26-29

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.



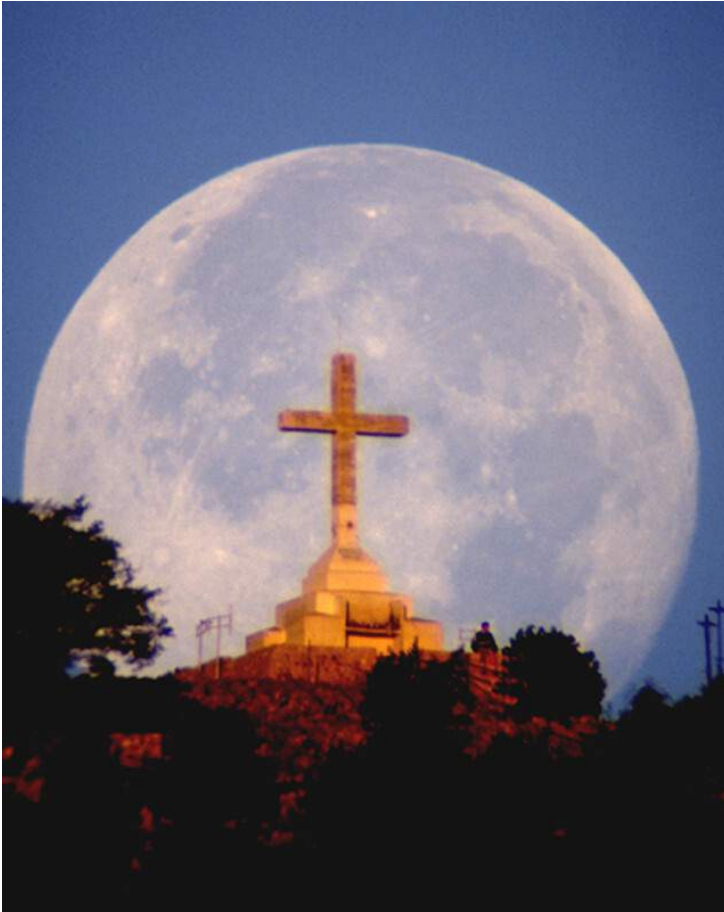
William-Adolphe Bouguereau, The Annunciation, 1888

**READINGS FOR
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CHRISTMAS SEASON**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lc 21:25-26

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.



Larry Landolfi, Medjugorje Moonrise

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mt 11:2-6

Of the works of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to him with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."



Samuel van Hoogstraten, St. John the Baptist in Prison receives Christ's answer, 1627-1678

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jn 1:19-28

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites (to him) to ask him, "Who are you?" he admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Messiah." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am 'the voice of one crying out in the desert, "Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

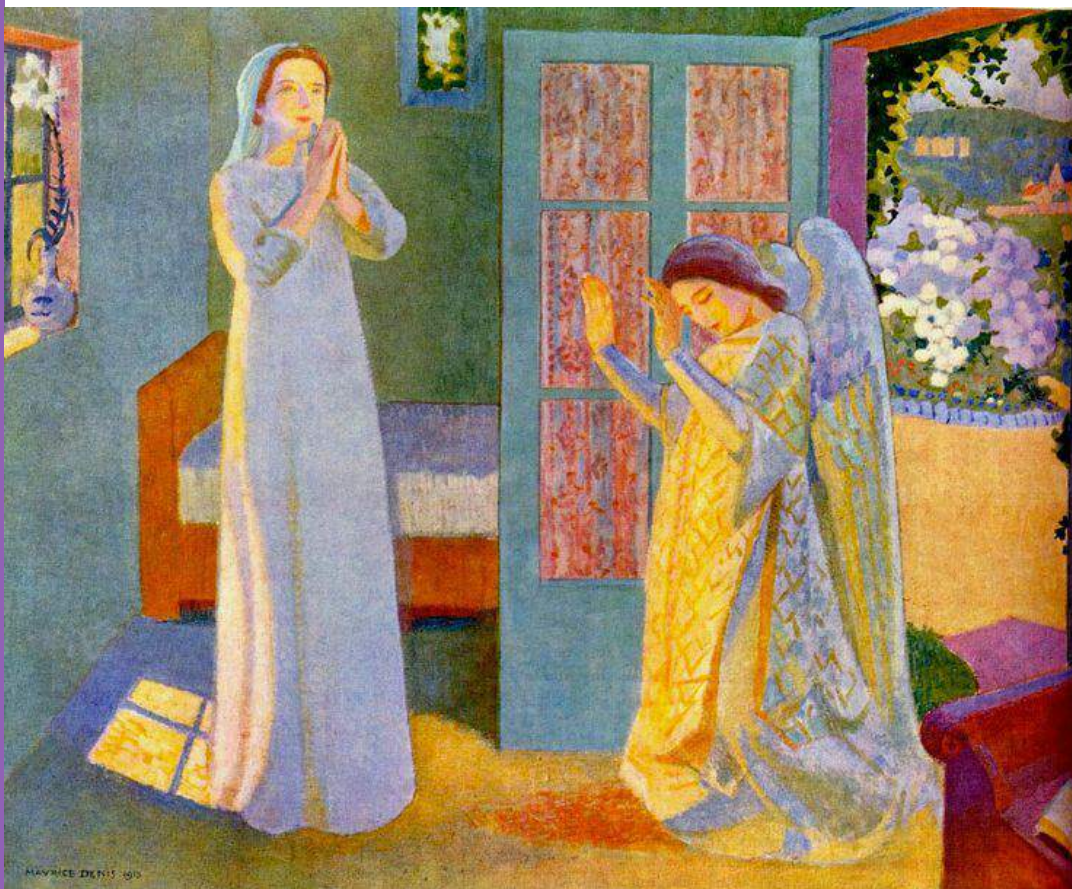


Wilhelm Steinhausen, Johannes der Täufer und die Abgesandten der Pharisäer, 1889 (Privatbesitz; Bildrechte: Museum Giersch)

EMBER WEDNESDAY IN ADVENT

Lc 1:26-28

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Maurice Denis, annunciation

EMBER FRIDAY IN ADVENT

Lc 1:39-47

During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

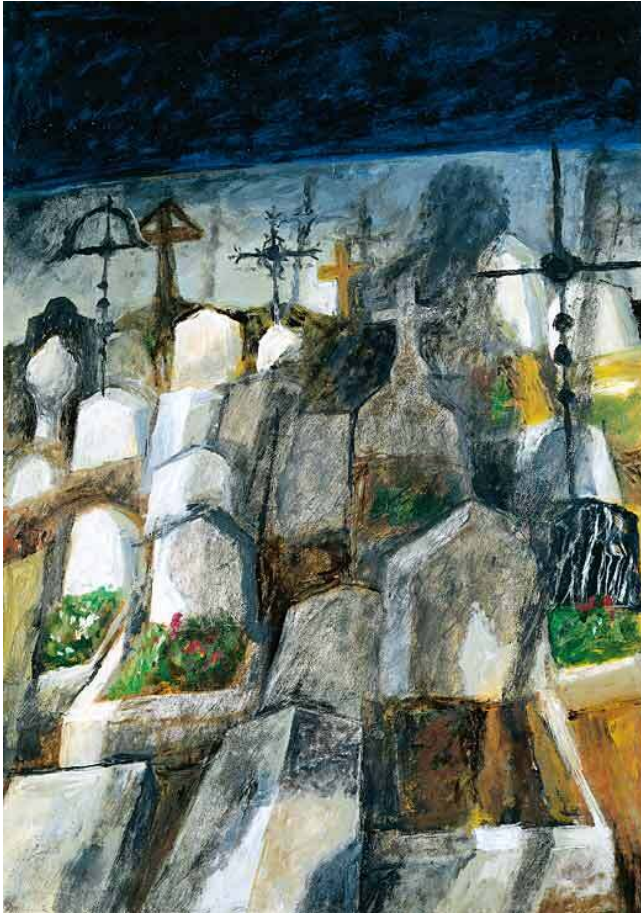


Bradi Barth, Visitation - ©Herbronnen vzw.

EMBER SATURDAY IN ADVENT

Isa 25:7-8

On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, The web that is woven over all nations. He will destroy death forever. The Lord G will wipe away the tears from all faces; The reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the L has spoken.

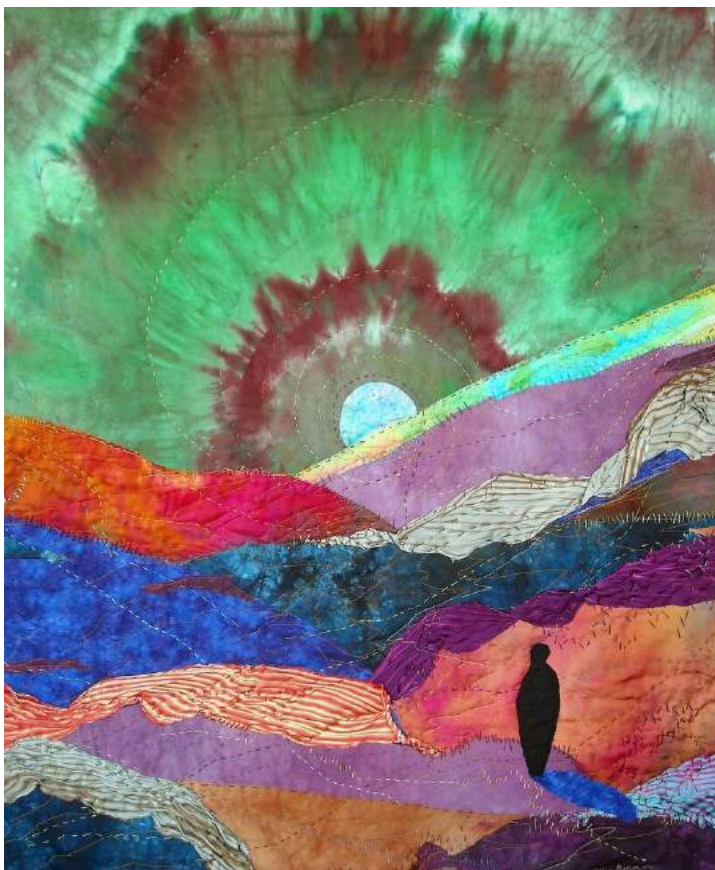


Sieger Köder, Friedhof - ©Sieger Köder

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lc 3:4-6

As it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'".



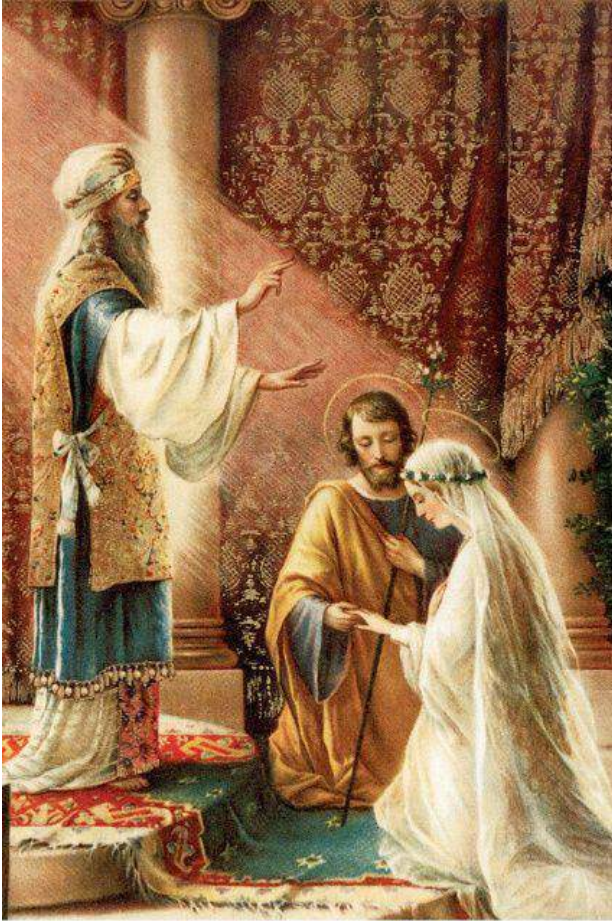
Lorie McCown, A voice in the wilderness, 2012 - ©Lorie McCown

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

December, 24th

Mt 1:20

Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.



Marriage of Mary & Joseph

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

December, 25th

Lc 2:8-14

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.".



Amber Pine, Glory to God in the Highest - ©Amber Pine

CHRISTMAS DAWN MASS

December, 25th

Lc 2:15-16

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.



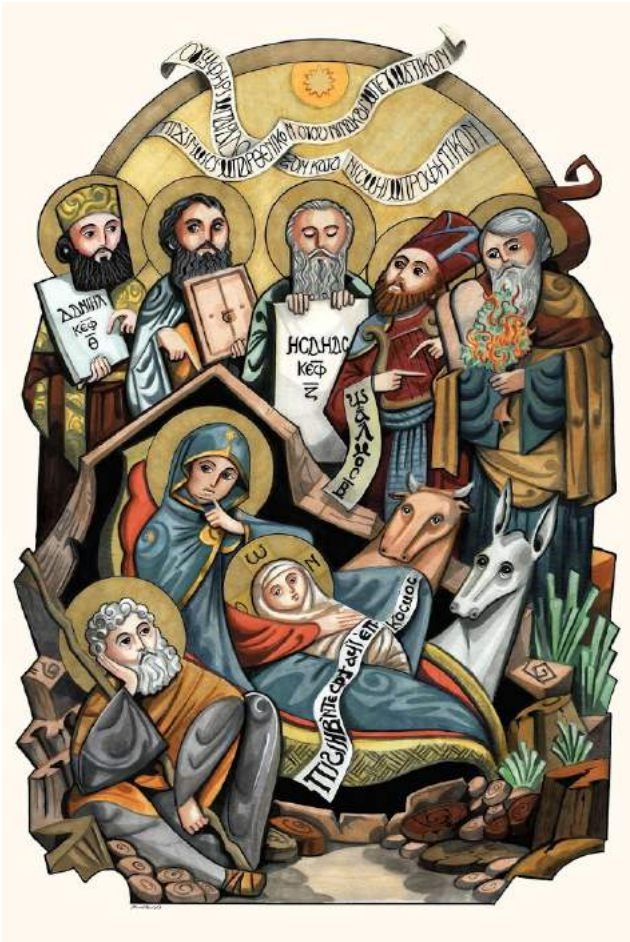
David Adams, The Shepherds Hurry to the Manger, 2006 - ©David Adams

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

December, 25th

Heb 1:1-2

In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he spoke to us through a son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe.



Mina Anton, Nativity of Christ, 2014 - ©Mina Anton

FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN, DEACON AND PROTOMARTYR

December, 26th

Acts 7:55-60

But he, filled with the holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears, and rushed upon him together. They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them"; and when he said this, he fell asleep.



Domenico Ghirlandaio, Christ in Heaven with Four Saints
and a Donor, 1492 (Pinacoteca Comunale, Volterra)

FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

December, 27th

Jn 21:20

Peter turned and saw the disciple following whom Jesus loved, the one who had also reclined upon his chest during the supper and had said, "Master, who is the one who will betray you?"



Master Heinrich of Konstanz, St John Resting on Jesus' Chest, c. 1320 (Museum Mayer van den Bergh, Antwerp)

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

December, 28th

Mt 2:13b

Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him."



Albrecht Dürer, De zeven smarten van de Heilige Maagd - de vlucht naar Egypte, 1496 (Gemäldegalerie, Dresden)

SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Lc 2:36-38

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.



Lieve, 2007

FIFTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Lc 2:19

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.



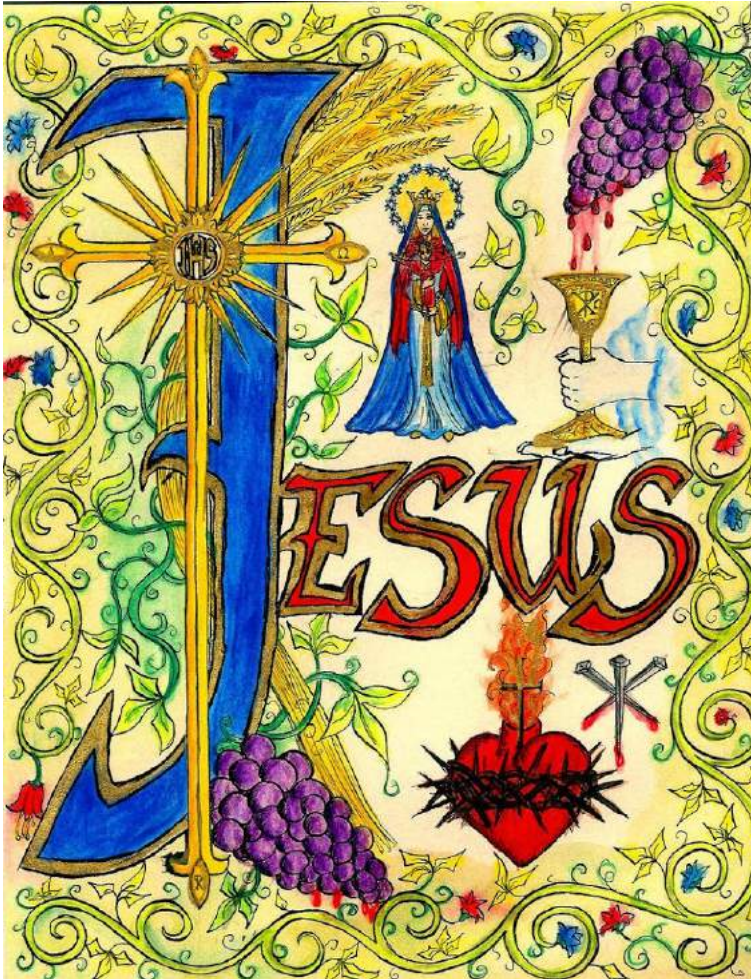
Joseph Stella, Holy Mary Mother of God, 1926 (Brooklyn Museum)

OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS

January, 1st

Lc 2:21

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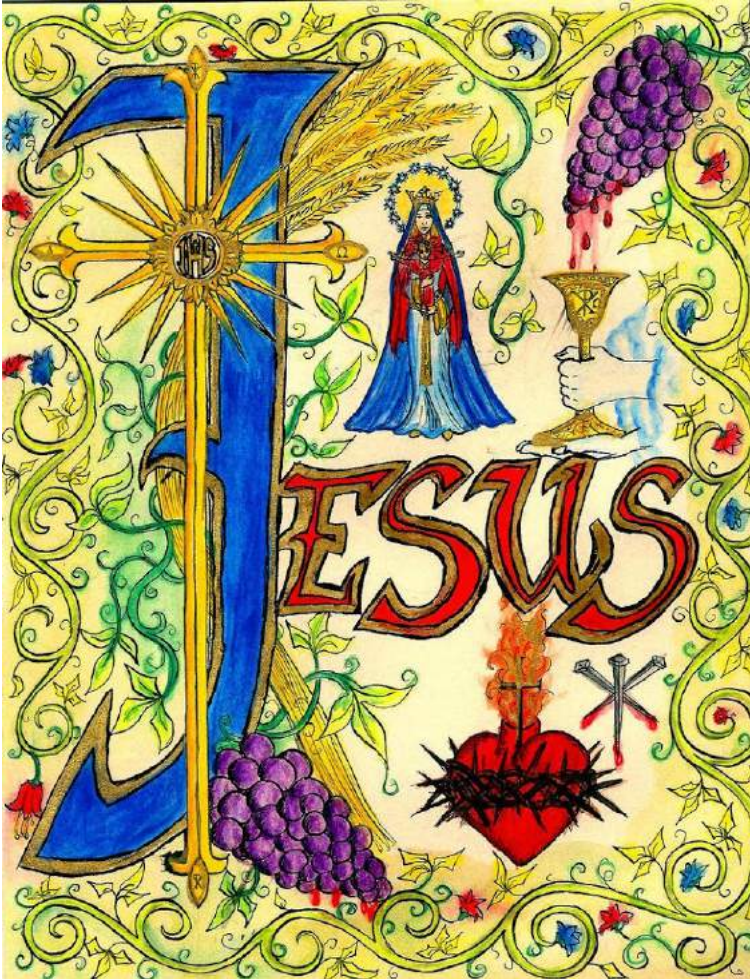


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FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Lc 2:21

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LordShadowblade, The Most Holy Name of Jesus, 2008 - ©LordShadowblade

EPIPHANY

January, 6th

Mt 2:11

And on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



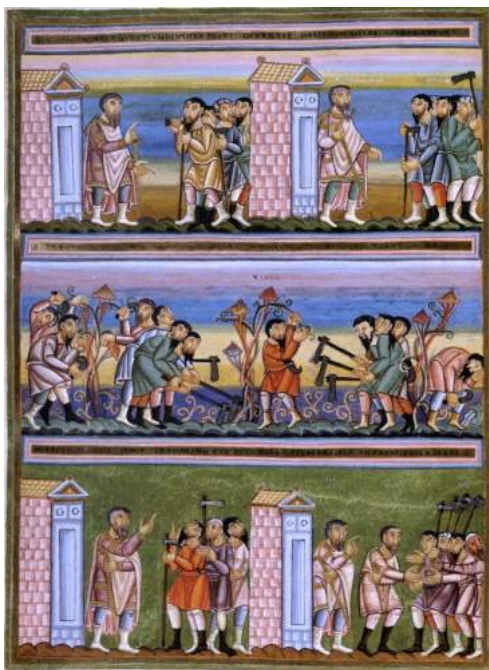
Andrea Mantegna, *The Adoration of the Magi*, c. 1461 (Galleria degli Uffizi, Florence)

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SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

Mt 20:9-16

When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? (Or) am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."



Codex Aureus Epternacensis, Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, 11th century

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

Lc 8:5-8

"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold." After saying this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear."

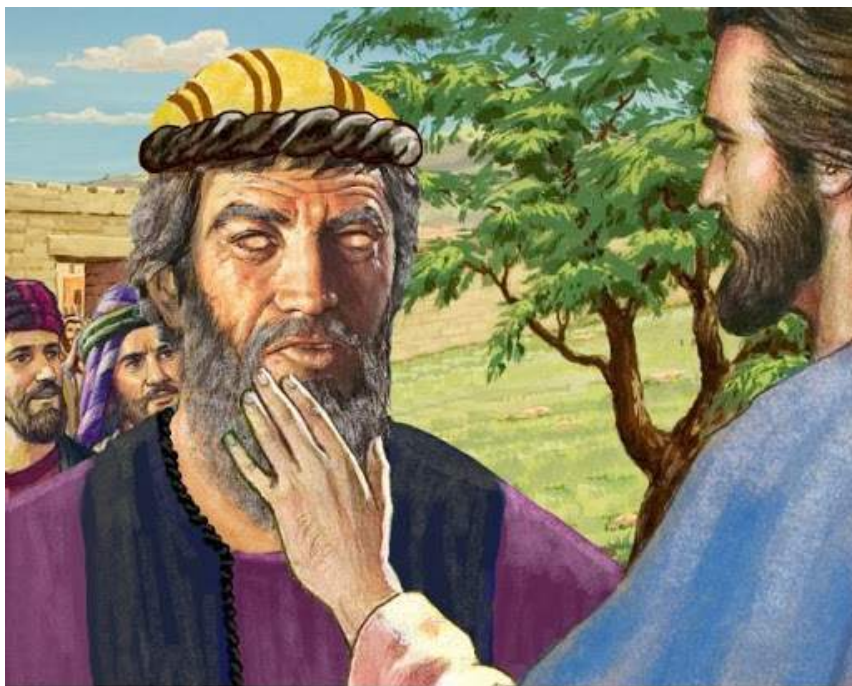


Jos Speybrouck, The Parable of the Sower & the Seed (The Second Sunday before Lent from Liturgical Calendar poster series)

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

Lc 18:31-38

Then he took the Twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem and everything written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Gentiles and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon; and after they have scourged him they will kill him, but on the third day he will rise." But they understood nothing of this; the word remained hidden from them and they failed to comprehend what he said. Now as he approached Jericho a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging, and hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." He shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!".



Blind Bartimaeus - ©Gospel Services inc.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Joel 2:12-13

Yet even now—oracle of the L—return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the L, your God, For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting in punishment.



Sieger Köder, Der Mund kann lachen wenn das Herz auch traurig ist - ©Sieger Köder

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Mt 8:5-8

A centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully." He said to him, "I will come and cure him." The centurion said in reply, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed.

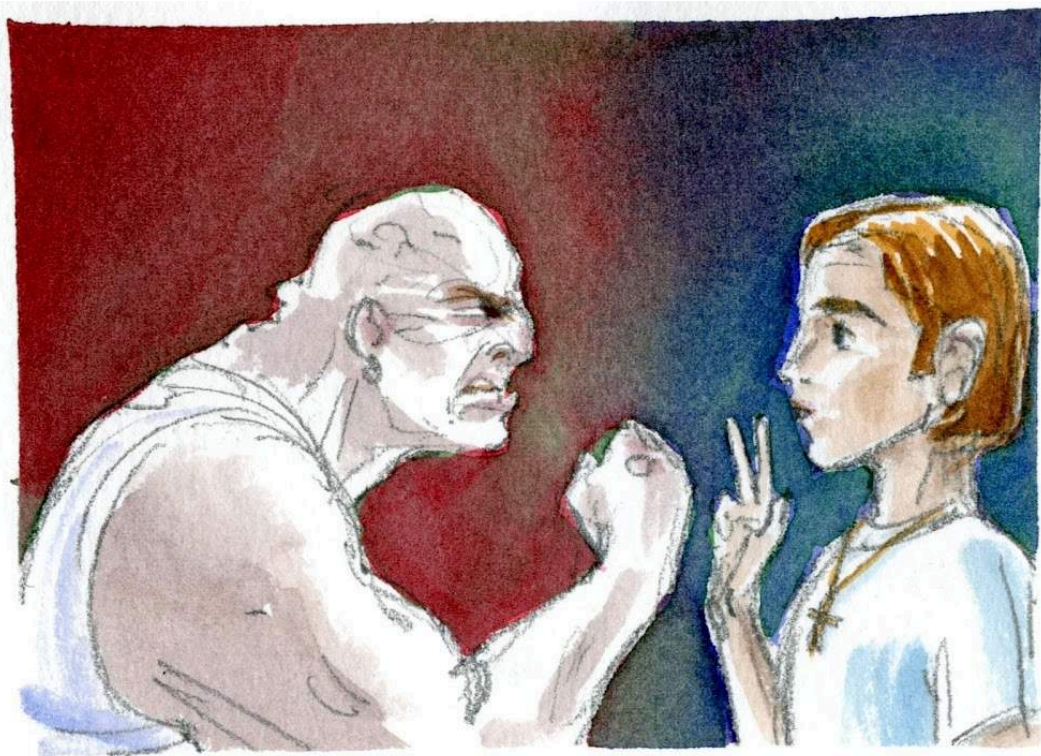


Healing of Centurion's Servant

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Mt 5:43-45

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'
But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you
may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the
good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.



Love your enemies

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

mc 6:47-50

When it was evening, the boat was far out on the sea and he was alone on shore. Then he saw that they were tossed about while rowing, for the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them. But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out. They had all seen him and were terrified. But at once he spoke with them, "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!".

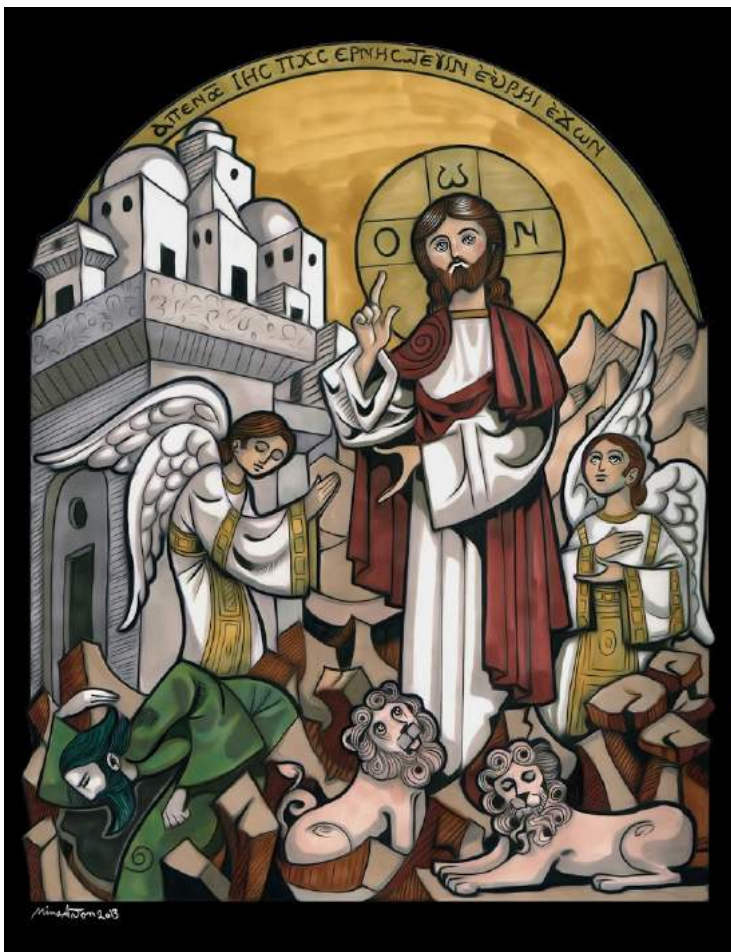


Ivan Aivazovsky, Jesus walks on water - ©Ivan Aivazovsky

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mt 4:10-11

At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.



Mina Anton, The Temptation, 2013 - ©Mina Anton

MONDAY IN THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

ezek 34:11-13

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I will lead them out from among the peoples and gather them from the foreign lands; I will bring them back to their own country and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel (in the land's ravines and all its inhabited places).



Herding - ©National Geographic

TUESDAY IN THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

mt 21:14-16

The blind and the lame approached him in the temple area, and he cured them. When the chief priests and the scribes saw the wondrous things he was doing, and the children crying out in the temple area, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant and said to him, "Do you hear what they are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; and have you never read the text, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nurslings you have brought forth praise?'".



Kis Gods singing kids

EMBER WEDNESDAY IN LENT

1 kings 19:3-6

Elijah was afraid and fled for his life, going to Beer-sheba of Judah. He left his servant there and went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death. "This is enough. O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. He looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again.



Dieric Bouts, Prophet Elijah in the Desert, 1464 (St. Peter's Church, Leuven)

THURSDAY IN THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Mt 15:21-28

Then Jesus went from that place and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not say a word in answer to her. His disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did him homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.



Pieter Lastman, *The Canaanite Woman*, 1617 (Museum Het Rembrandthuis, Amsterdam)

EMBER FRIDAY IN LENT

ezeek 18:21-23

But if the wicked man turns away from all the sins he committed, if he keeps all my statutes and does what is right and just, he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of the crimes he committed shall be remembered against him; he shall live because of the virtue he has practiced. Do I indeed derive any pleasure from the death of the wicked? says the Lord GOD. Do I not rather rejoice when he turns from his evil way that he may live?



Confession

EMBER SATURDAY IN LENT

Mt 17:2-5

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."



The transfiguration of Christ

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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The transfiguration of Christ

MONDAY IN THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

jn 8:21-24

He said to them again, "I am going away and you will look for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going you cannot come." So the Jews said, "He is not going to kill himself, is he, because he said, 'Where I am going you cannot come'?" He said to them, "You belong to what is below, I belong to what is above. You belong to this world, but I do not belong to this world. That is why I told you that you will die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I AM, you will die in your sins."



Mosaic

TUESDAY IN THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

mt 23:9

Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven.



God the Father

WEDNESDAY IN THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Mt 20:20-23

Of the sons of Zebedee approached him with her sons and did him homage, wishing to ask him for something. He said to her, "What do you wish?" She answered him, "Command that these two sons of mine sit, one at your right and the other at your left, in your kingdom." Jesus said in reply, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?" They said to him, "We can." He replied, "My cup you will indeed drink, but to sit at my right and at my left (, this) is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."



Veronese, Le Christ rencontrant la femme et les fils de Zébédée, 3e quart 16e siècle (Musée de Grenoble)

THURSDAY IN THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

jer 17:5-7

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the man who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, But stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD.



Don't trust in man

FRIDAY IN THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

mt 21:37-39

Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

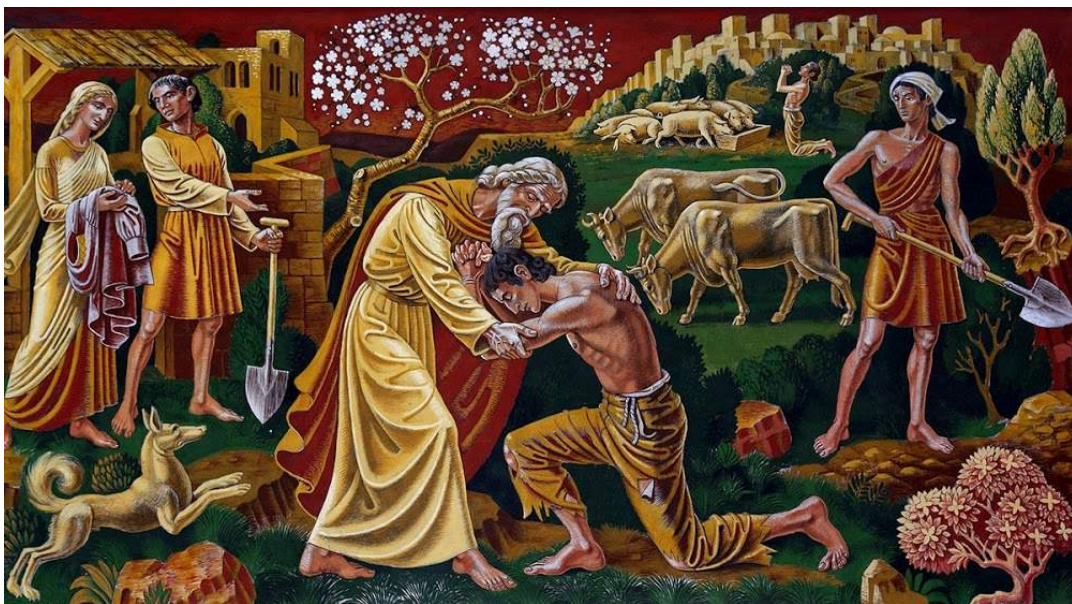


This is the heir. Come let us kill him and seize his inheritance

SATURDAY IN THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

lc 15:25-31

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.'



A tale of two sons

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Eph 5:1-2

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.



Adoration

MONDAY IN THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

2 kings 5:9-15

Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. The prophet sent him the message: "Go and wash seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will heal, and you will be clean." But Naaman went away angry, saying, "I thought that he would surely come out and stand there to invoke the LORD his God, and would move his hand over the spot, and thus cure the leprosy. Are not the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be cleansed?" With this, he turned about in anger and left. But his servants came up and reasoned with him. "My father," they said, "if the prophet had told you to do something extraordinary, would you not have done it? All the more now, since he said to you, 'Wash and be clean,' should you do as he said." So Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times at the word of the man of God. His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. He returned with his whole retinue to the man of God. On his arrival he stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant.".



Jan Simons PEINAS, Elisha the Prophet and Naaman (The Pozhalostin Ryazan Regional Art Museum)

TUESDAY IN THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Mt 18:21-22

Then Peter approaching asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.

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WEDNESDAY IN THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Mt 15:14

Let them alone; they are blind guides (of the blind). If a blind person leads a blind person, both will fall into a pit."



Pieter Bruegel the Elder, The parable of the blind, 1568 (Museo di Capodimonte, Naples)

THURSDAY IN THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

lc 4:40-43

At sunset, all who had people sick with various diseases brought them to him. He laid his hands on each of them and cured them. And demons also came out from many, shouting, "You are the Son of God." But he rebuked them and did not allow them to speak because they knew that he was the Messiah. At daybreak, Jesus left and went to a deserted place. The crowds went looking for him, and when they came to him, they tried to prevent him from leaving them. But he said to them, "To the other towns also I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent."

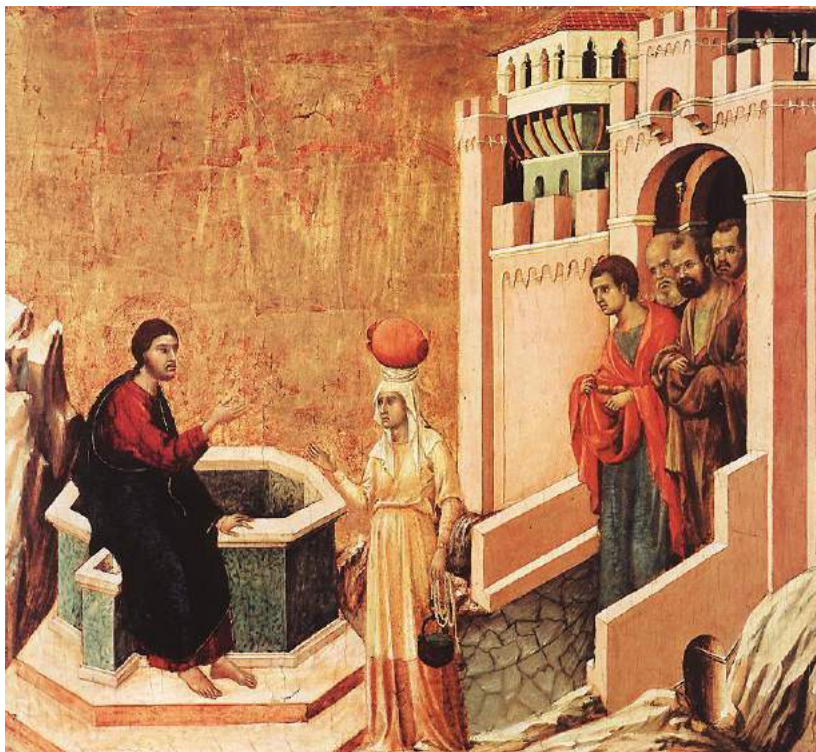


J. Kirk Richards, He healed many of diverse diseases, 2015 - ©J. Kirk Richards

FRIDAY IN THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

jn 4:25-30

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Anointed; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Messiah?" They went out of the town and came to him.



Jesus and the Samaritan woman

SATURDAY IN THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Jn 8:7-8

But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again he bent down and wrote on the ground.



Sieger Köder, Die Ehebrecherin - ©Sieger Köder

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

gal 4:22-26

For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the freeborn woman. The son of the slave woman was born naturally, the son of the freeborn through a promise. Now this is an allegory. These women represent two covenants. One was from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; this is Hagar. Hagar represents Sinai, a mountain in Arabia; it corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery along with her children. But the Jerusalem above is freeborn, and she is our mother.



Matthias Stom, Sarah brengt Hagar bij Abraham, 1637

MONDAY IN THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Jn 2:14-15

He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.



Stanley Spencer, Overturning the Money Changers' Table, 1921 (Stanley Spencer Gallery)

TUESDAY IN THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

jn 7:27-29

But we know where he is from. When the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from." So Jesus cried out in the temple area as he was teaching and said, "You know me and also know where I am from. Yet I did not come on my own, but the one who sent me, whom you do not know, is true. I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me."



Knowing Jesus

WEDNESDAY IN THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

isa 1:18

Come now, let us set things right, says the LORD: Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; Though they be crimson red, they may become white as wool.



White as snow

THURSDAY IN THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

2 kings 4:32-35

When Elisha reached the house, he found the boy lying dead. He went in, closed the door on them both, and prayed to the LORD. Then he lay upon the child on the bed, placing his mouth upon the child's mouth, his eyes upon the eyes, and his hands upon the hands. As Elisha stretched himself over the child, the body became warm. He arose, paced up and down the room, and then once more lay down upon the boy, who now sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.



Leighton Frederic, Elisha Raising the Son of the Shunammite

FRIDAY IN THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Jn 11:40-44

Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”.

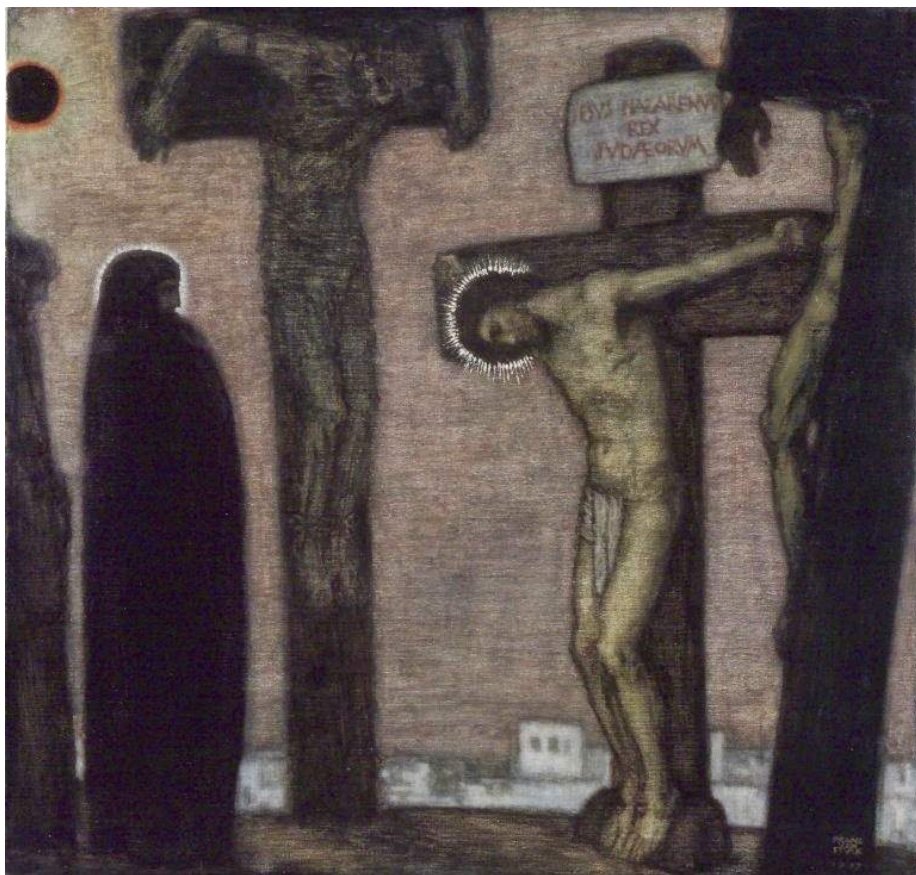


Sebastiano del Piombo, *The Raising of Lazarus*, c. 1517–19 (National Gallery, London)

SATURDAY IN THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Isa 49:13-15

Sing out, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth, break forth into song, you mountains. For the LORD comforts his people and shows mercy to his afflicted. But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

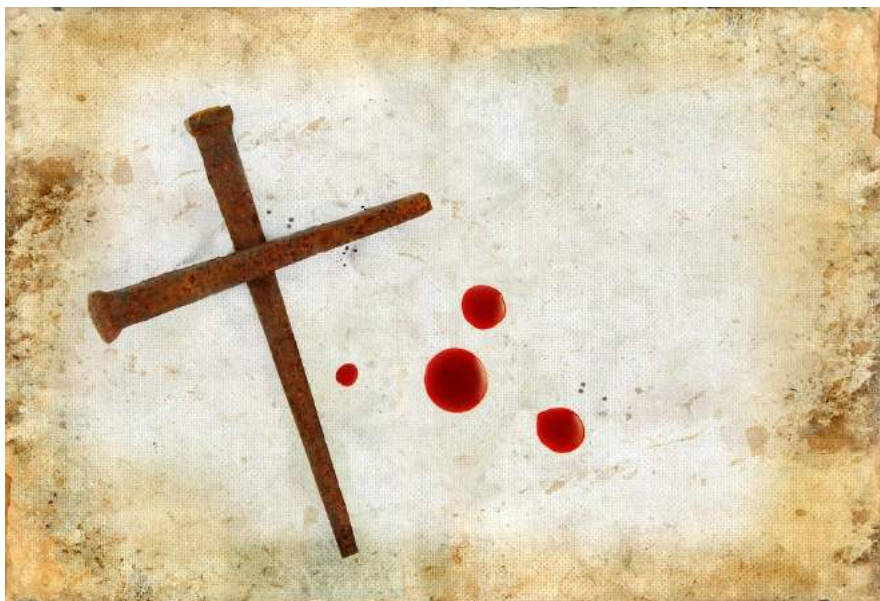


Franz von Stuck, Golgotha, 1917

PASSION SUNDAY

heb 9:11-15

But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.



The blood and the nails

MONDAY IN THE PASSION WEEK

Jon 3:10

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.



David Martin, Nineveh Repents ("Historie des Ouden en Nieuwen Testaments: verrykt met meer dan vierhonderd printverbeeldingen in koper gesneden")

TUESDAY IN THE PASSION WEEK

jn 7:6-12

So Jesus said to them, "My time is not yet here, but the time is always right for you. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me, because I testify to it that its works are evil. You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, because my time has not yet been fulfilled." After he had said this, he stayed on in Galilee. But when his brothers had gone up to the feast, he himself also went up, not openly but (as it were) in secret. The Jews were looking for him at the feast and saying, "Where is he?" And there was considerable murmuring about him in the crowds. Some said, "He is a good man," (while) others said, "No; on the contrary, he misleads the crowd."

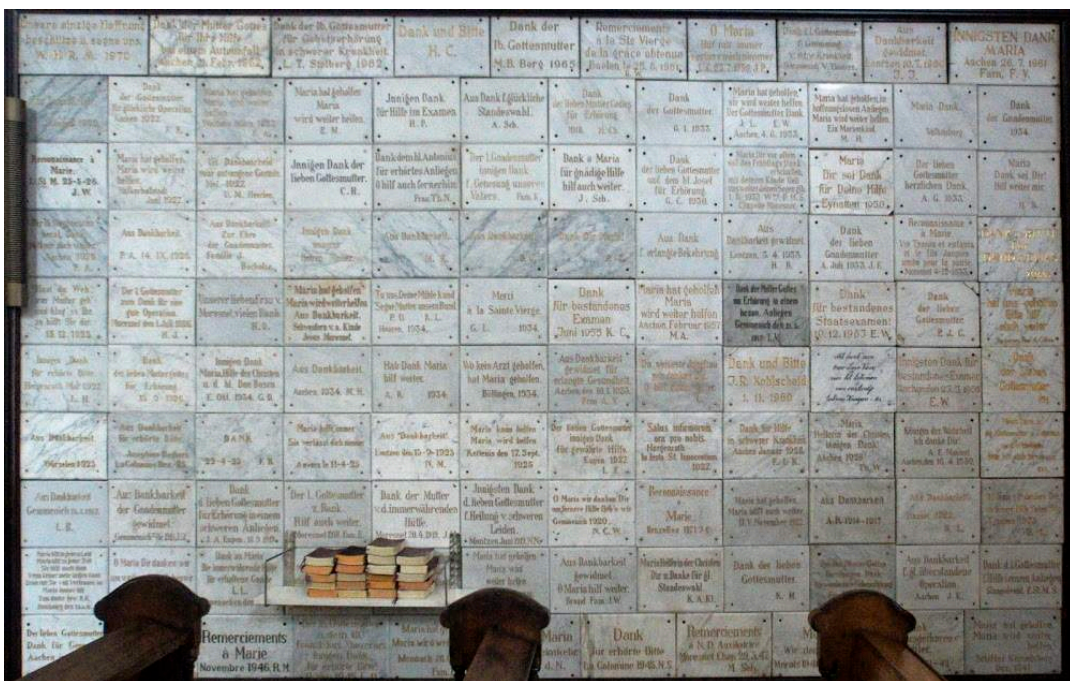


The disciples go to the festival without Jesus

WEDNESDAY IN THE PASSION WEEK

jn 10:37-38

If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may realize (and understand) that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."



Ex votos (Moresnet (Moresnet-Chapelle), Belgique)

THURSDAY IN THE PASSION WEEK

Lc 7:37-38

Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment.



Zalving van Jezus

FRIDAY IN THE PASSION WEEK

jn 11:47-53

So the chief priests and the Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin and said, "What are we going to do? This man is performing many signs. If we leave him alone, all will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our land and our nation."

But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing, nor do you consider that it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish." He did not say this on his own, but since he was high priest for that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, and not only for the nation, but also to gather into one the dispersed children of God. So from that day on they planned to kill him.

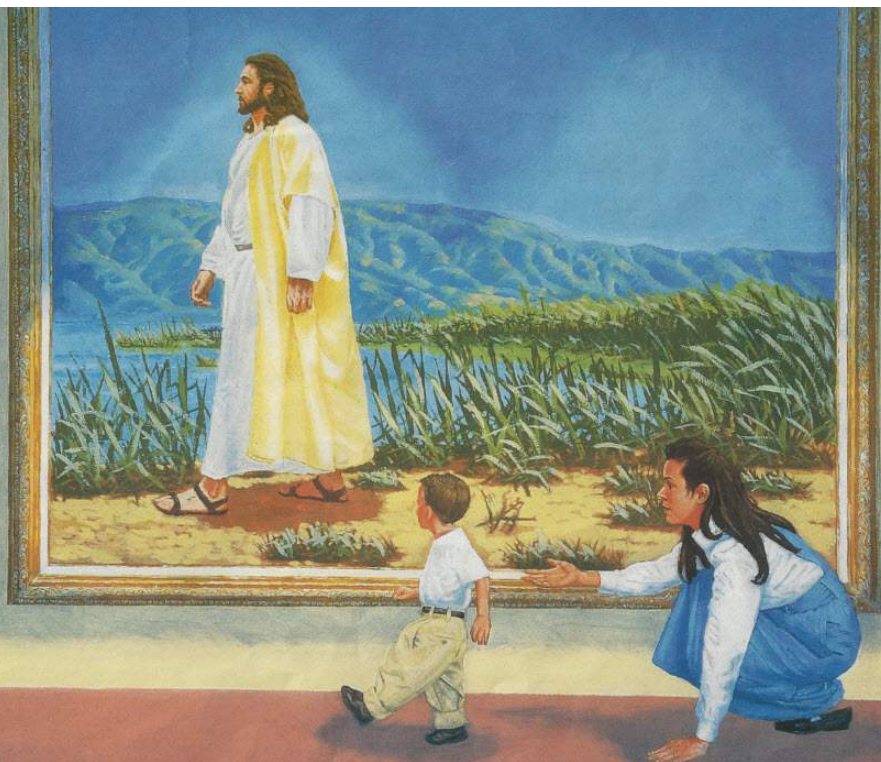


Every Time I Look At You I Don't Understand (Jesus Christ Superstar) - ©Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber

SATURDAY IN THE PASSION WEEK

Jn 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.



Walking with Jesus

PALM SUNDAY

Mt 26:38-39

Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will."



Gustav Moreau, Christ in the Garden, 1856

MONDAY IN THE HOLY WEEK

Jn 12:1-3

Six days before Passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. They gave a dinner for him there, and Martha served, while Lazarus was one of those reclining at table with him. Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair; the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

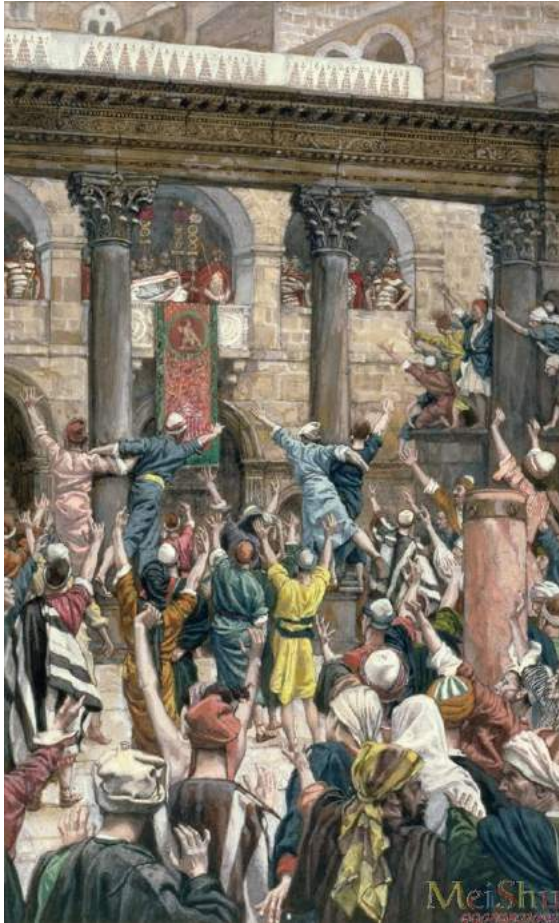


He Qi, Mary Magdalene, 2001 - ©He Qi

TUESDAY IN THE HOLY WEEK

Mc 15:12-14

Pilate again said to them in reply, "Then what (do you want) me to do with (the man you call) the king of the Jews?" They shouted again, "Crucify him." Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Crucify him."



James Tissot, *Qu'il soit crucifié*, 1886-1894 (Brooklyn Museum)

WEDNESDAY IN THE HOLY WEEK

Isa 53:3

He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity, One of those from whom men hide their faces, spurned, and we held him in no esteem.



Edvard Munch, Crucifixión, 1900

HOLY THURSDAY

Jn 13:12-15

So when he had washed their feet (and) put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.

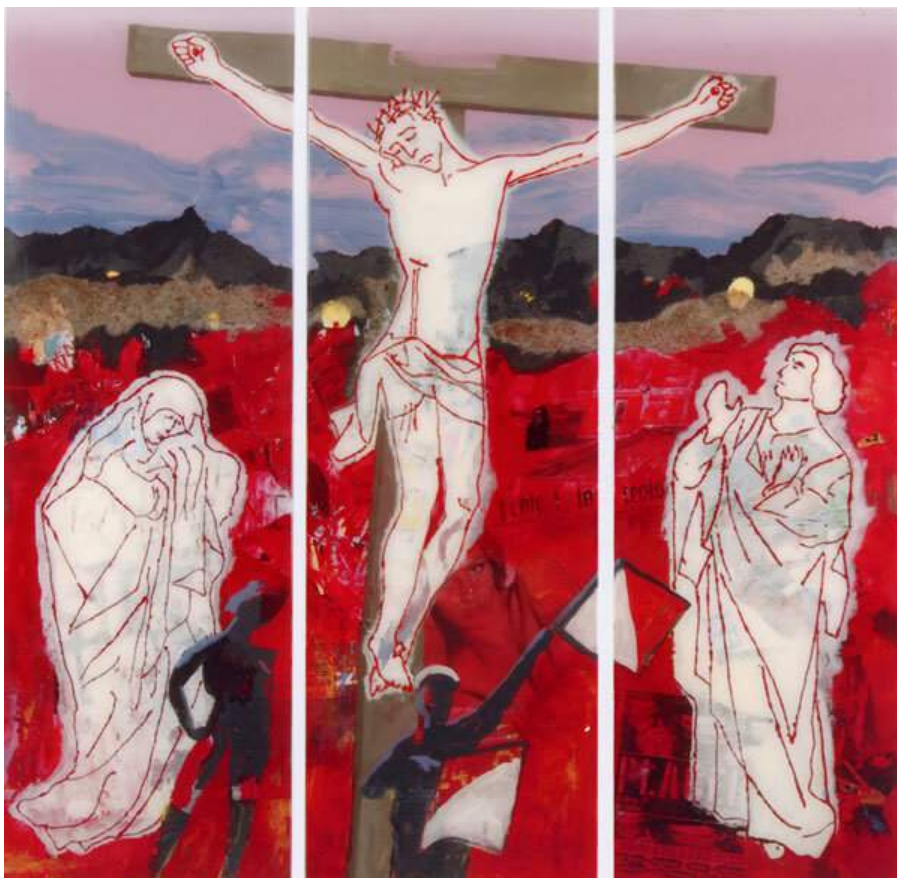


Stanley Spencer, Last Supper, 1920

GOOD FRIDAY

Jn 19:25-27

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.



Udo Braehler, Kruisiging, Homage aan Rogier van der Weyden, 2006 - ©Udo Braehler

EASTER VIGIL

Gen 7:17-20

The flood continued upon the earth for forty days. As the waters increased, they lifted the ark, so that it rose above the earth. The swelling waters increased greatly, but the ark floated on the surface of the waters. Higher and higher above the earth rose the waters, until all the highest mountains everywhere were submerged, the crest rising fifteen cubits higher than the submerged mountains.



Henk van der Molen, Ark van Noach op de zondvloed - ©Henk van der Molen

EASTER

Mc 16:4-6

When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him.



William Adolphe Bouguereau, *The Three Marys at the Tomb*

MONDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Lc 24:29-30

But they urged him, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.



Jacopo da Pontormo, Supper at Emmaus, 1525 (Uffizi, Florence)

LOW SUNDAY

Jn 20:26-28

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!".



David Binnig, Thomas puts a finger in Jesus' wound - ©David Binnig

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

1 Pet 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.



Trung Pham s.j., Wound, 2015

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Jn 16:21-22

When a woman is in labor, she is in anguish because her hour has arrived; but when she has given birth to a child, she no longer remembers the pain because of her joy that a child has been born into the world. So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.

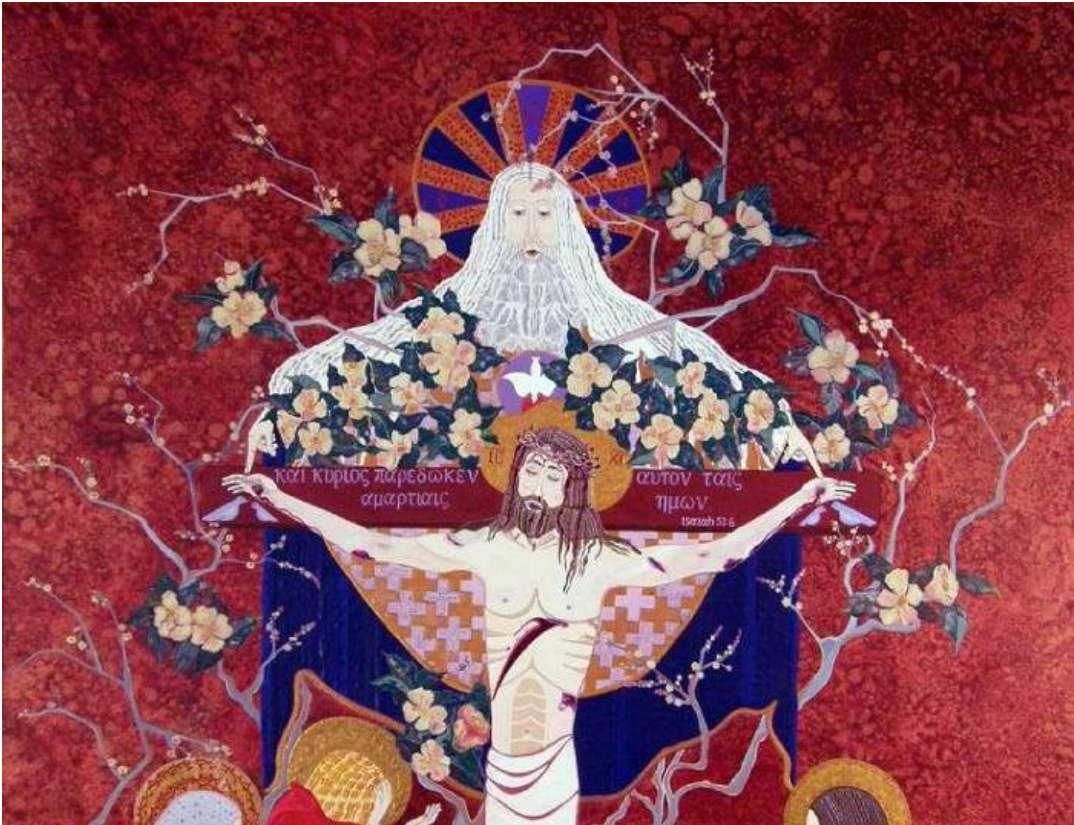


Noah Buchanan, Saint Faustina & Divine Mercy - ©Noah Buchanan

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Jn 16:12-14

"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

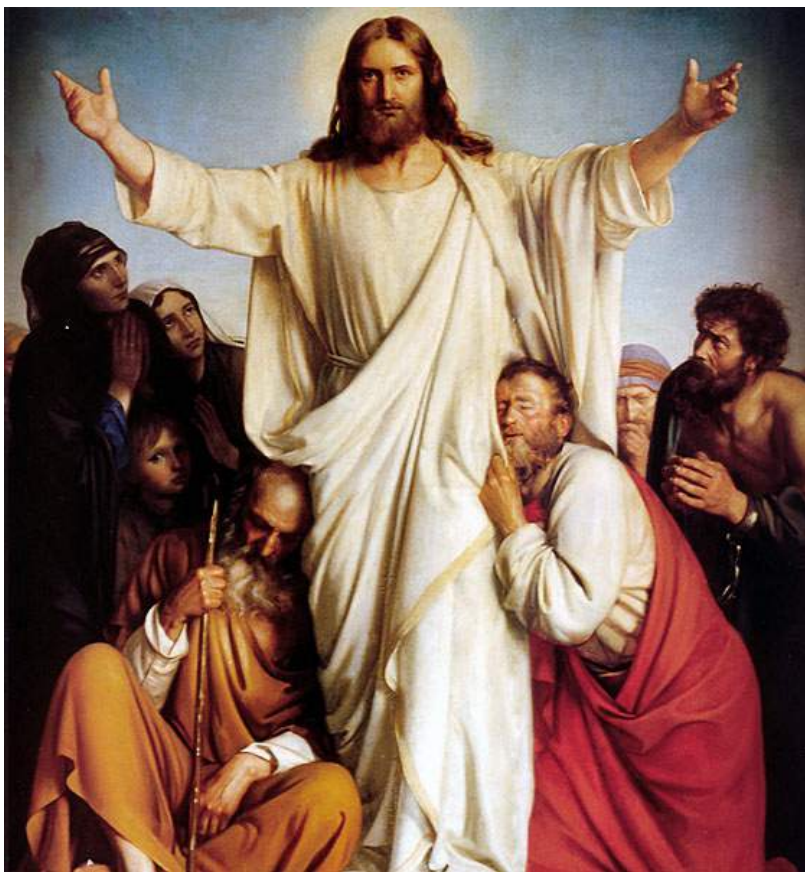


Christine Oskirko, Trinitarian Love

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Jn 16:25-27

"I have told you this in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures but I will tell you clearly about the Father. On that day you will ask in my name, and I do not tell you that I will ask the Father for you. For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have come to believe that I came from God.

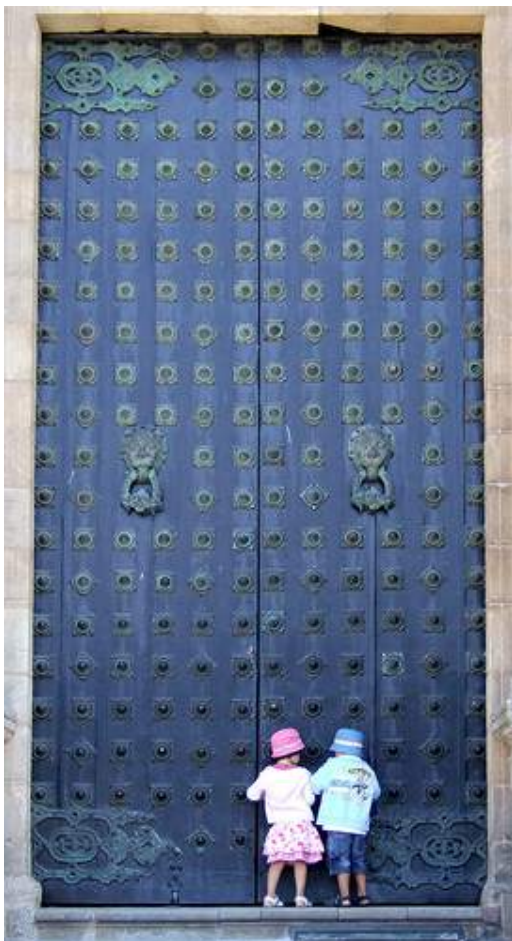


Come to me you weary one

ROGATION DAY

Lc 11:9-10

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.



Klop en er wordt opengedaan

VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Eph 4:8-13

Therefore, it says: "He ascended on high and took prisoners captive; he gave gifts to men." What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended into the lower (regions) of the earth? The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

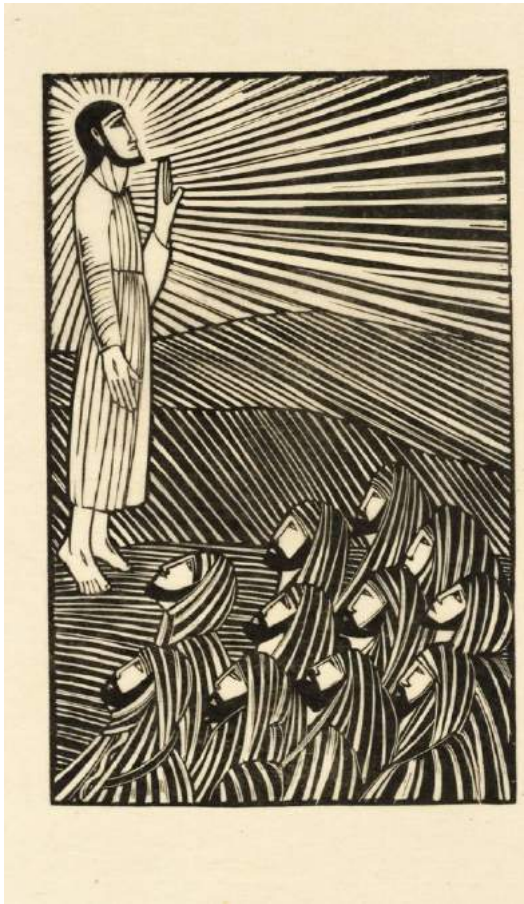


Nerina Canzi, LA ASCENSIÓN, 2015 - ©Nerina Canzi

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:7-8

He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."



Eric Gill, Ascension, 1918 (Tate Gallery)

SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Jn 15:26-27,16:1

"When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. "I have told you this so that you may not fall away.



Sawai Chinnawong, The Glory of the Cross, 2003 - ©Sawai Chinnawong

VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Baruch 3:9-13

Hear, O Israel, the commandments of life: listen, and know prudence! How is it, Israel, that you are in the land of your foes, grown old in a foreign land, Defiled with the dead, accounted with those destined for the nether world? You have forsaken the fountain of wisdom! Had you walked in the way of God, you would have dwelt in enduring peace.



Jan van Eyck, *Madonna At The Fountain*, 1439

PENTECOST

Jn 14:24-26

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name--he will teach you everything and remind you of all that (I) told you.

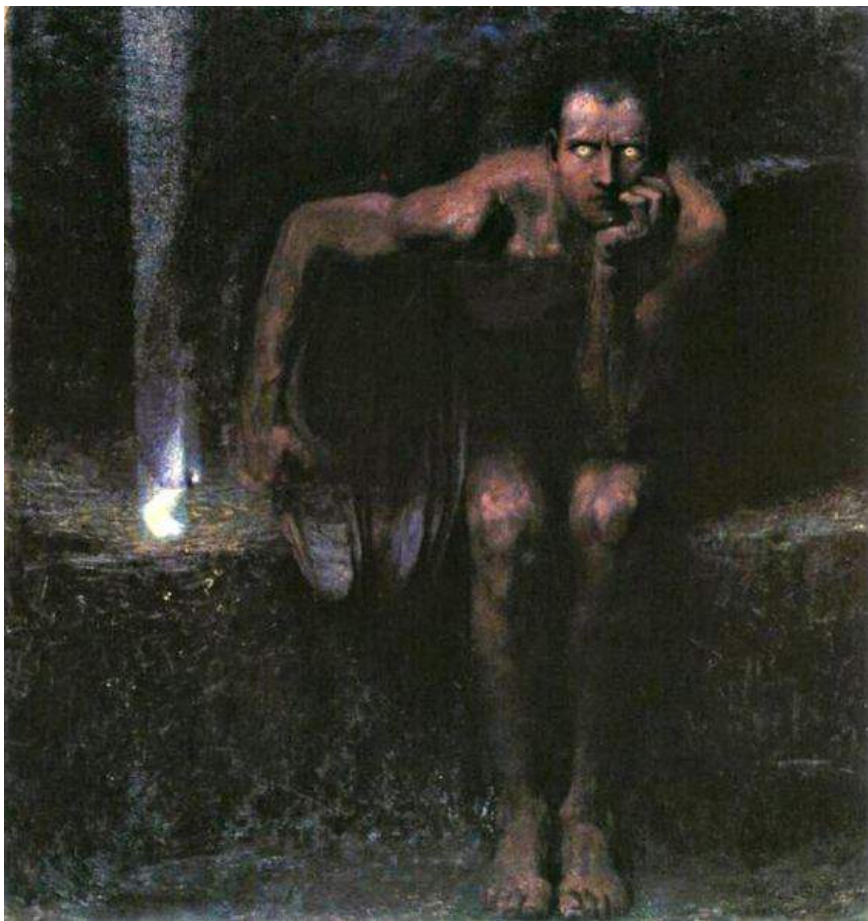


Jacopo Bassano, The last supper, 1542 (Galleria Borghese)

MONDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jn 3:19-20

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed.

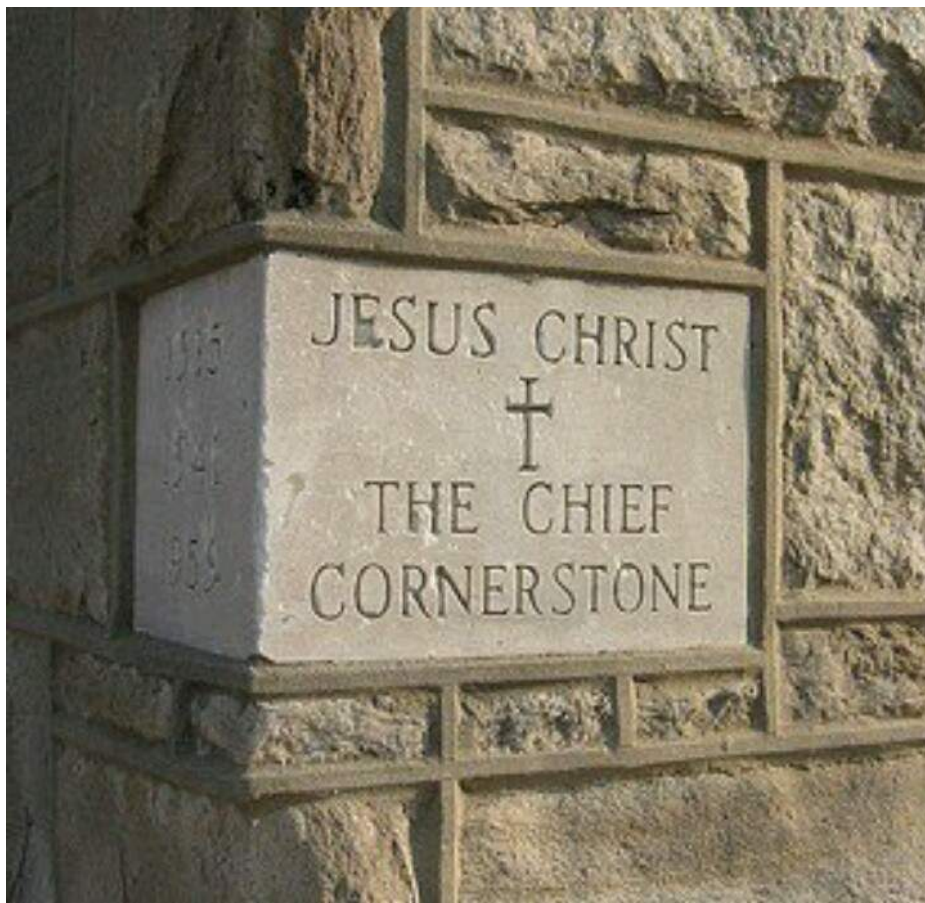


Franz von Stuck, Luzifer

EMBER WEDNESDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Acts 4:10-11

Then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is 'the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.'

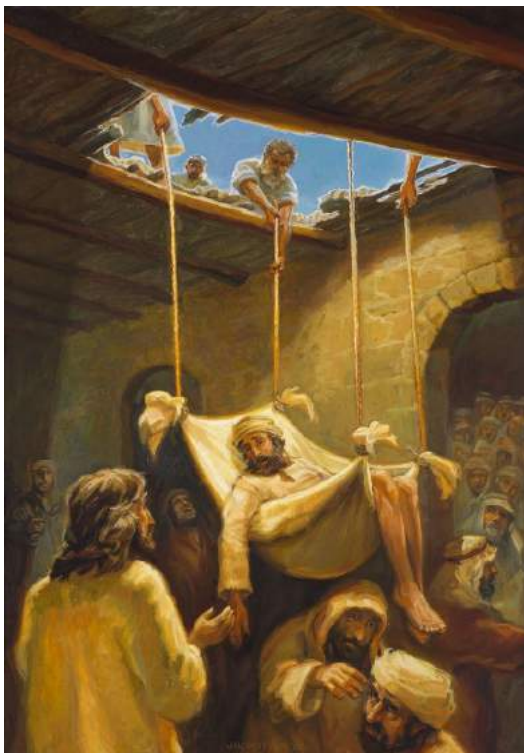


The Chief Cornerstone

EMBER FRIDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lc 5:17-20

One day as Jesus was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem, and the power of the Lord was with him for healing. And some men brought on a stretcher a man who was paralyzed; they were trying to bring him in and set (him) in his presence. But not finding a way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on the stretcher through the tiles into the middle in front of Jesus. When he saw their faith, he said, "As for you, your sins are forgiven."



Jan van't Hoff, De verlamde - ©Jan van't Hoff

EMBER SATURDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lc 4:40-41

At sunset, all who had people sick with various diseases brought them to him. He laid his hands on each of them and cured them. And demons also came out from many, shouting, "You are the Son of God." But he rebuked them and did not allow them to speak because they knew that he was the Messiah.



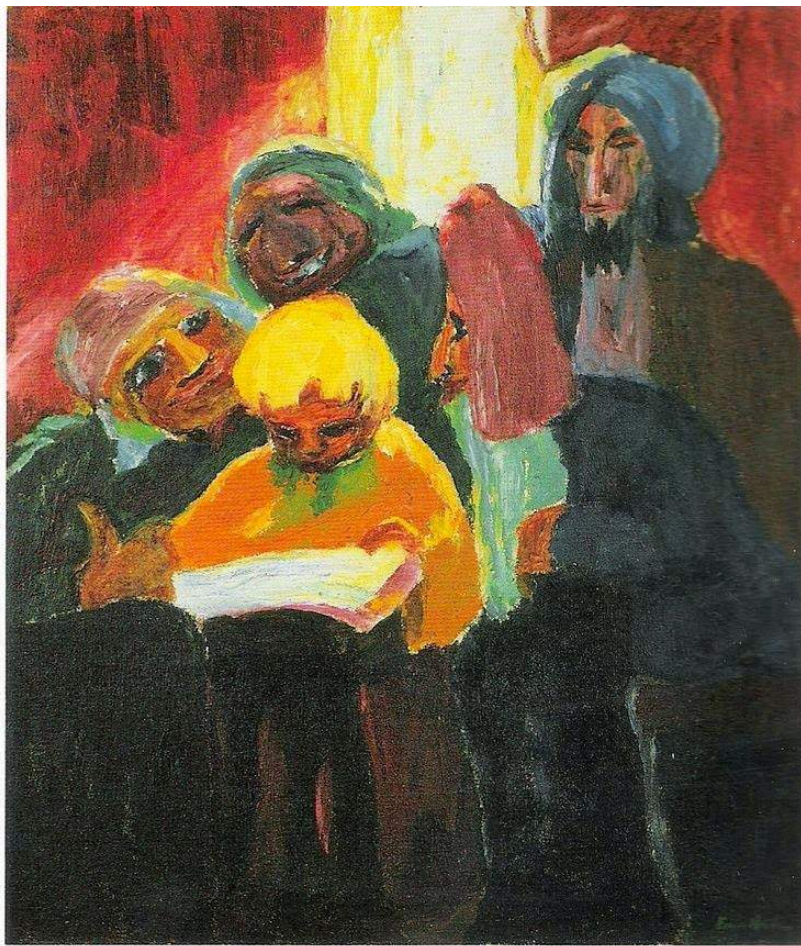
John Reilly, Jesus the Healer, 1958 - ©John Reilly

**READINGS FOR
SUNDAYS AND FEASTS
EXTRAORDINARY FORM
OF THE ROMAN RITE
ORDINARY TIME**

HOLY FAMILY

Lc 2:46-47

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.



Emil Nolde, Jesús ante los doctores

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jn 2:7-9a

Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom.



Marriage at Cana (Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam)

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Mt 8:5-8

A centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully." He said to him, "I will come and cure him." The centurion said in reply, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed.



Healing of Centurion's Servant

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Mt 8:24-25

Suddenly a violent storm came up on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by waves; but he was asleep. They came and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!".



Eugene Delacroix, Christ Asleep During the Tempest, 1853

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Col 3:15-17

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

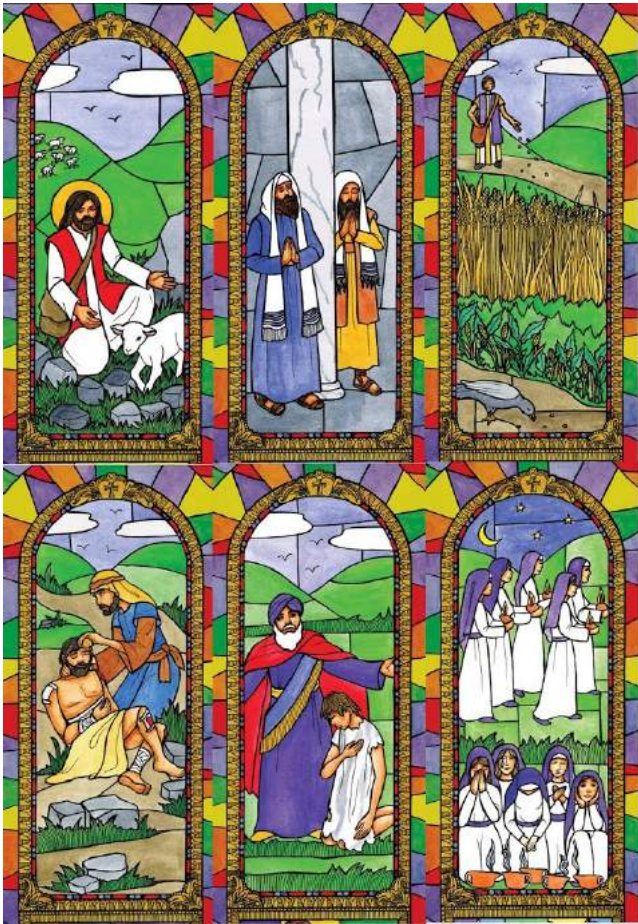


El Greco, Adoration of the Name of Jesus, 1578-1579
(Chapter House, Monasterio de San Lorenzo, El Escorial)

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Mt 13:34-35

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation (of the world)".



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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (REPEATED)

Mt 8:23-27

He got into a boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a violent storm came up on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by waves; but he was asleep. They came and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" He said to them, "Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?" Then he got up, rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was great calm. The men were amazed and said, "What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?"



Jos Speybrouck, Jesus Stills the Storm

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (REPEATED)

Mt 13:24-30

He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

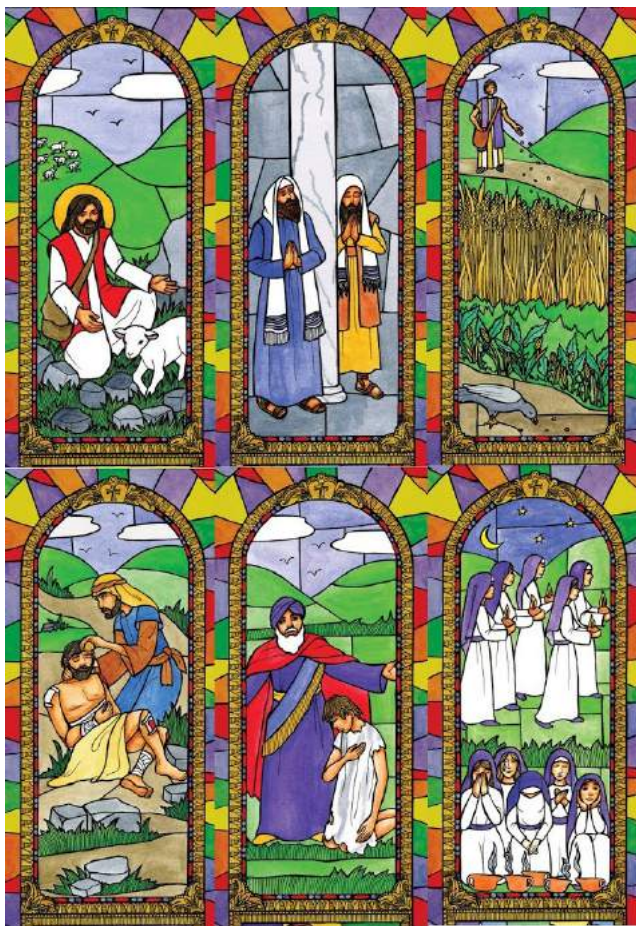


anjun, The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares, 2012 - ©anjun

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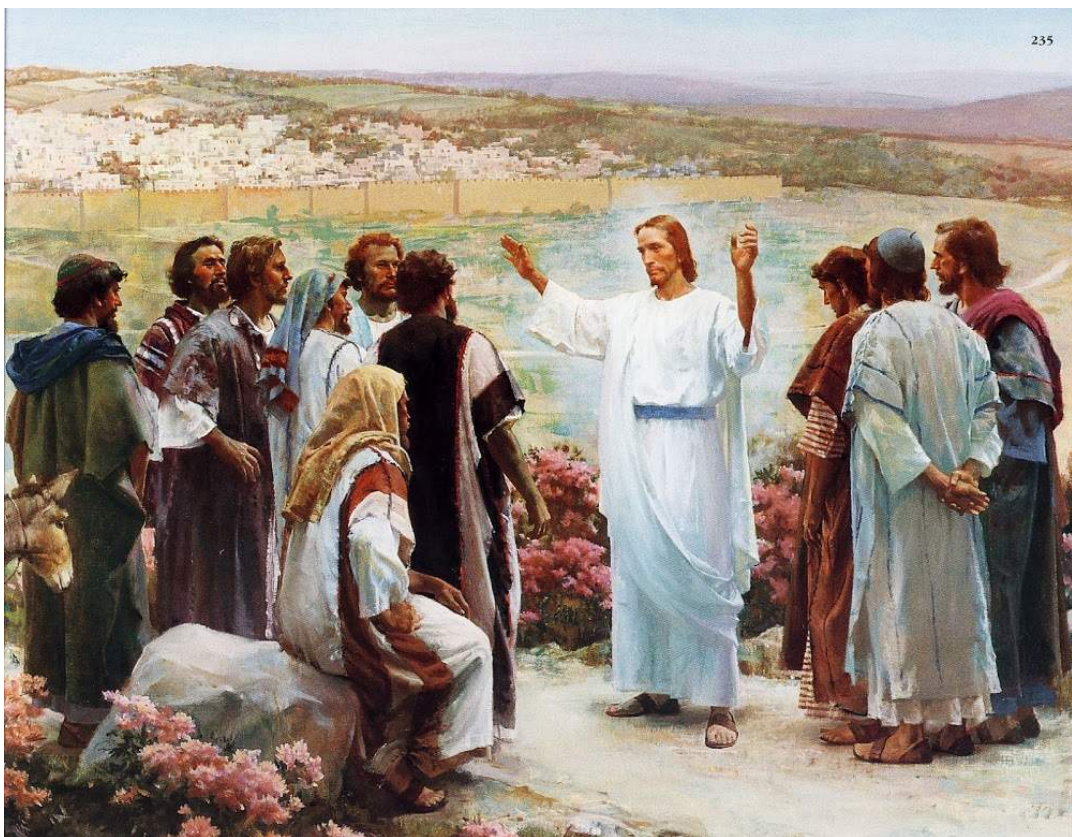


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TRINITY SUNDAY

Mt 28:18-20

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.".



Uitzending van de leerlingen

CORPUS CHRISTI

1 Cor 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.



Pope Francis celebrating ad orientem

SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JEZUS

Jn 19:33-35

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. An eyewitness has testified, and his testimony is true; he knows that he is speaking the truth, so that you also may (come to) believe.



Rene van Tol, Kruisiging no 1 (Museum Catharijneconvent, Utrecht) - ©Rene van Tol

EMBER WEDNESDAY IN SEPTEMBER

Neb 8:1-3

Now when the seventh month came, the whole people gathered as one man in the open space before the Water Gate, and they called upon Ezra the scribe to bring forth the book of the law of Moses which the LORD prescribed for Israel. On the first day of the seventh month, therefore, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law.



Tintoretto, Moses Receiving the Tables of the Law (detail), 1560-62 (Madonna dell'Orto, Venice)

EMBER FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER

Lc 7:37-38

Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment.



Zalving van Jezus

EMBER SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER

mic 7:18-19

Who is there like you, the God who removes guilt and pardons sin for the remnant of his inheritance. Who does not persist in anger forever, but delights rather in clemency. And will again have compassion on us, treading underfoot our guilt? You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins.



Bible truths

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lc 14:22-23

The servant reported, 'Sir, your orders have been carried out and still there is room.'
The master then ordered the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedgerows and make people come in that my home may be filled.'



Make people come in, so that my house will be full

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lc 15:4-5

"What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy.



James Tissot, *Le bon pasteur* (English: *The Good Shepherd*), 1886-1894 (Brooklyn Museum)

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lc 5:4-6

After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing.



Oleksandr Antonyuk, The miraculous catch of fish - ©Oleksandr Antonyuk

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mt 5:23-24

Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.



Ga u eerst met uw broeder verzoenen, 2010

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rom 6:3-5

Or are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.

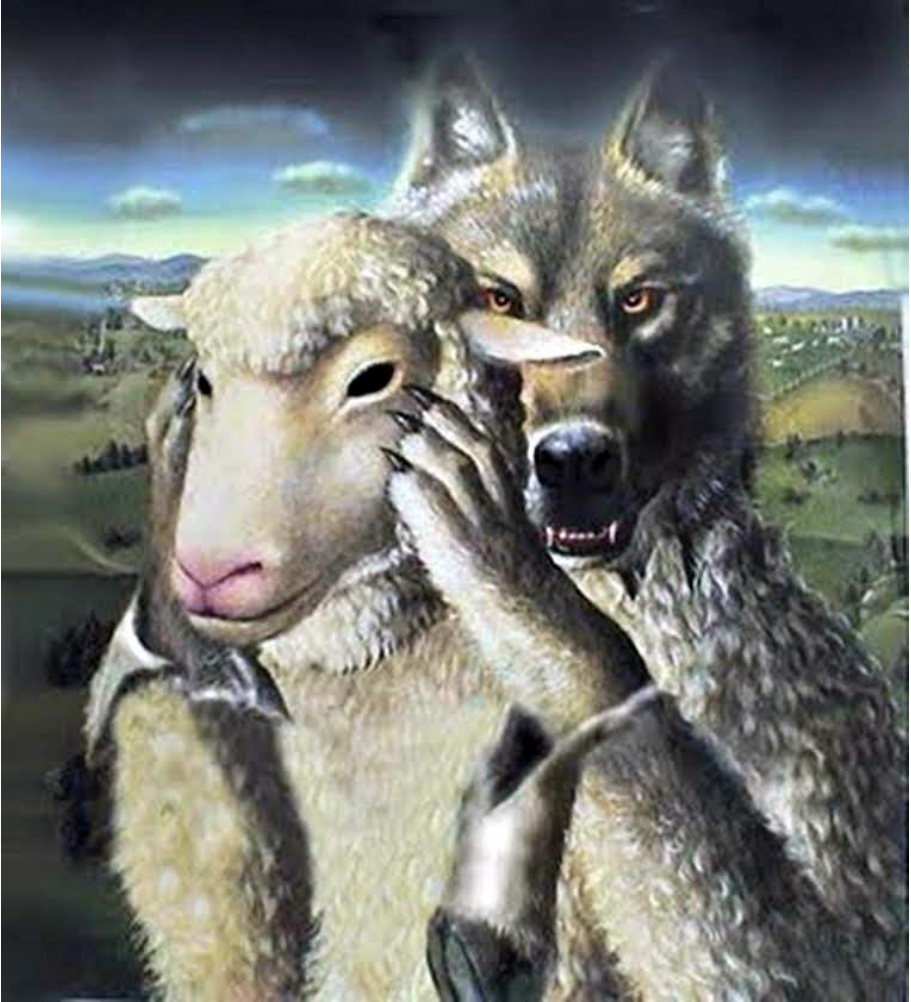


Ivanka Demchuk, Baptism - ©Ivanka Demchuk

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mt 7:15

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but underneath are ravenous wolves.



Wolf in sheep's clothing

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lc 16:5-7

He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another he said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.'.



Dan Lewis, The parable of the unjust steward, 2009 - ©Dan Lewis

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lc 19:41-44

As he drew near, he saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If this day you only knew what makes for peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes. For the days are coming upon you when your enemies will raise a palisade against you; they will encircle you and hem you in on all sides. They will smash you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another within you because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."

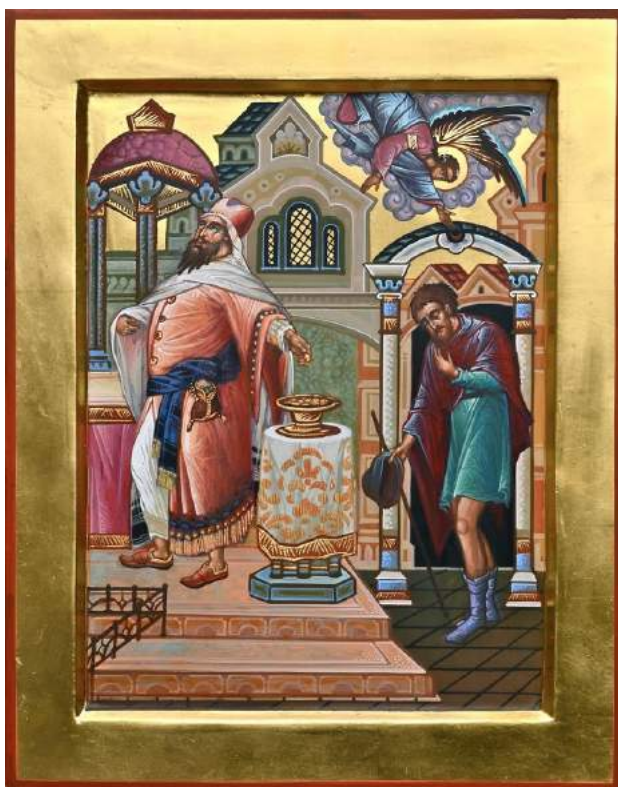


Gimi, Klaagmuur, 2010 - ©Gimi

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

lc 18:10-13

"Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity--greedy, dishonest, adulterous--or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'"

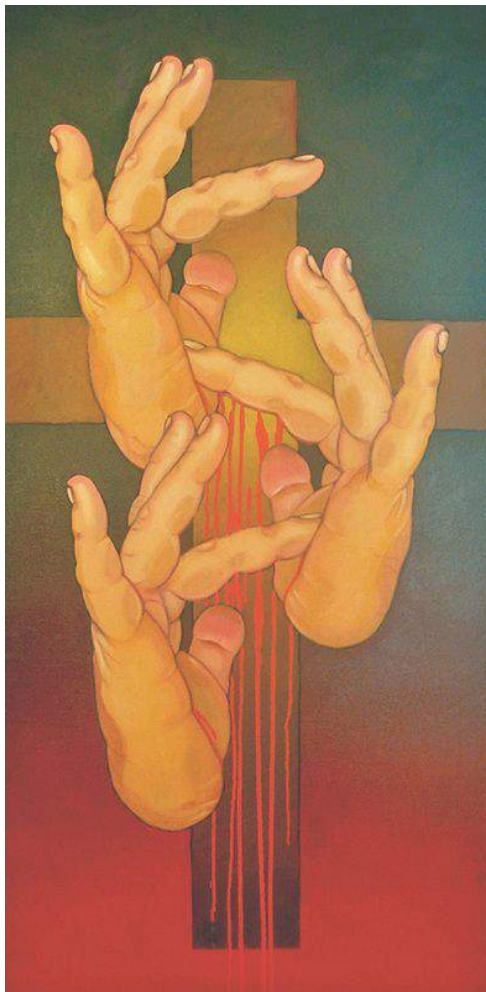


The publican and the pharisee

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mc 7:37

They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and (the) mute speak."



Chuck Baird, Sign for "Jesus" - ©Chuck Baird

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lc 10:33

But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.



Meester van de Barmhartige Samaritaan, De barmhartige Samaritaan, 1537 (Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam)

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lc 17:12-14

As he was entering a village, ten lepers met (him). They stood at a distance from him and raised their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed.



Sandro Botticelli, The Temptations of Christ, Bringer of the Evangelic Law, 1480–1482 (Sistine Chapel, Rome)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mt 6:28-30

Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?

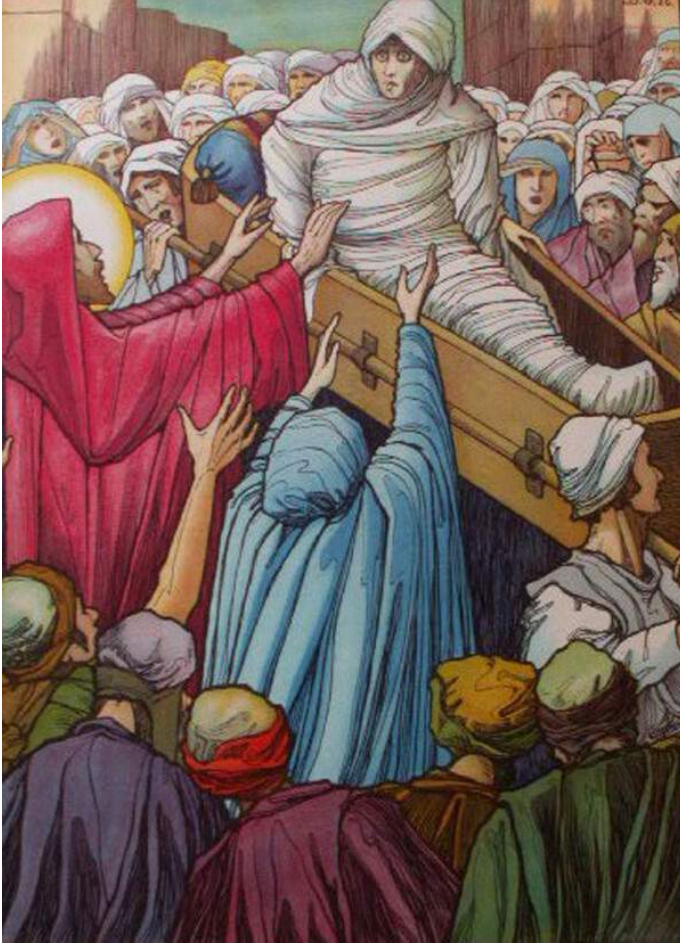


Jos Speybrouck, The Lilies of the Field (The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost from Liturgical Calendar poster series)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lc 7:15-16

The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people."



The Widow of Nain (The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost from the Liturgical Calendar poster series)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lc 14:10-11

Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



Pieter Bruegel de Oude, Boerenbruiloft, 1567-1568 (Kunsthistorisches Museum, Wien)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mt 22:37-40

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."



Ten Commandments

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mt 9:5-7

Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" --he then said to the paralytic, "Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home." He rose and went home.

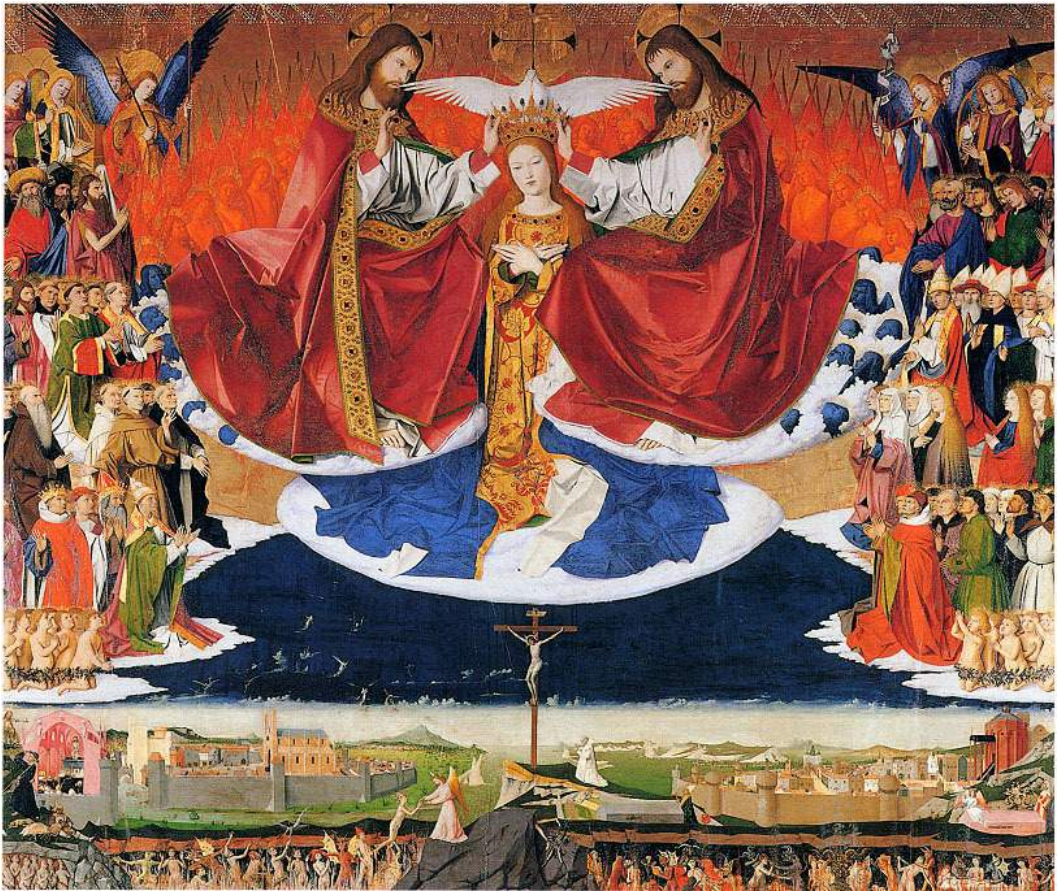


John Armstrong, Healing of the paralytic - ©John Armstrong

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mt 22:8-10

Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.

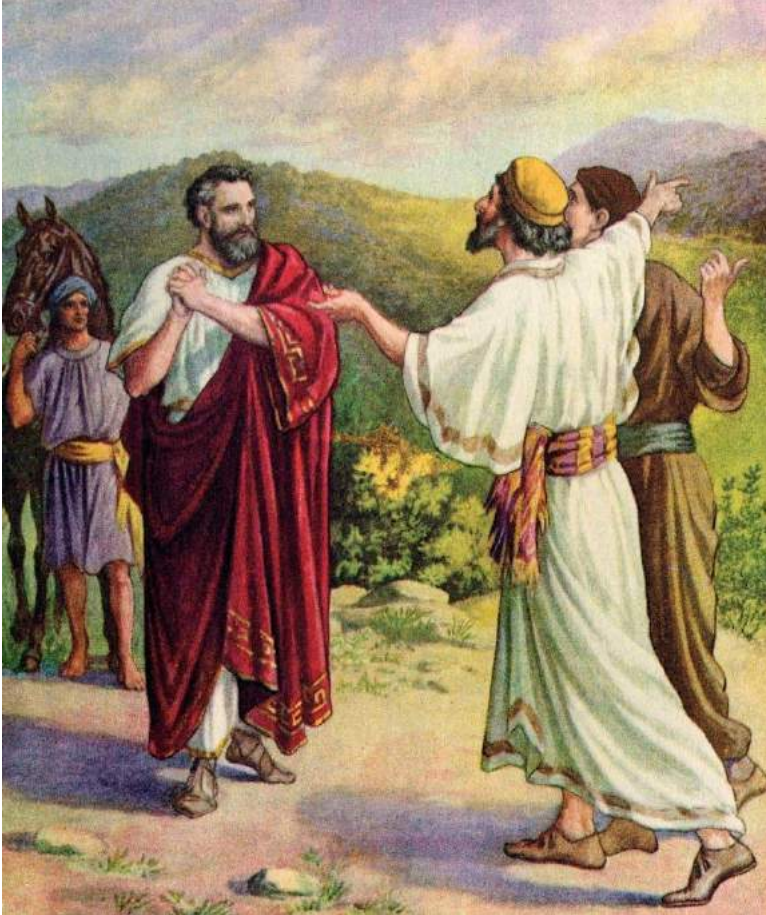


Enguerrand Quarton, Le Couronnement de la Vierge, 1454 (Villeneuve-lès-Avignon, France)

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jn 4:49-51

The royal official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "You may go; your son will live." The man believed what Jesus said to him and left. While he was on his way back, his slaves met him and told him that his boy would live.



Jesus and the nobleman's son

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mt 18:23-27

That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan.



John Everett Millais, *The Unmerciful Servant*, 1864

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mt 22:15-21

Went off and plotted how they might entrap him in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

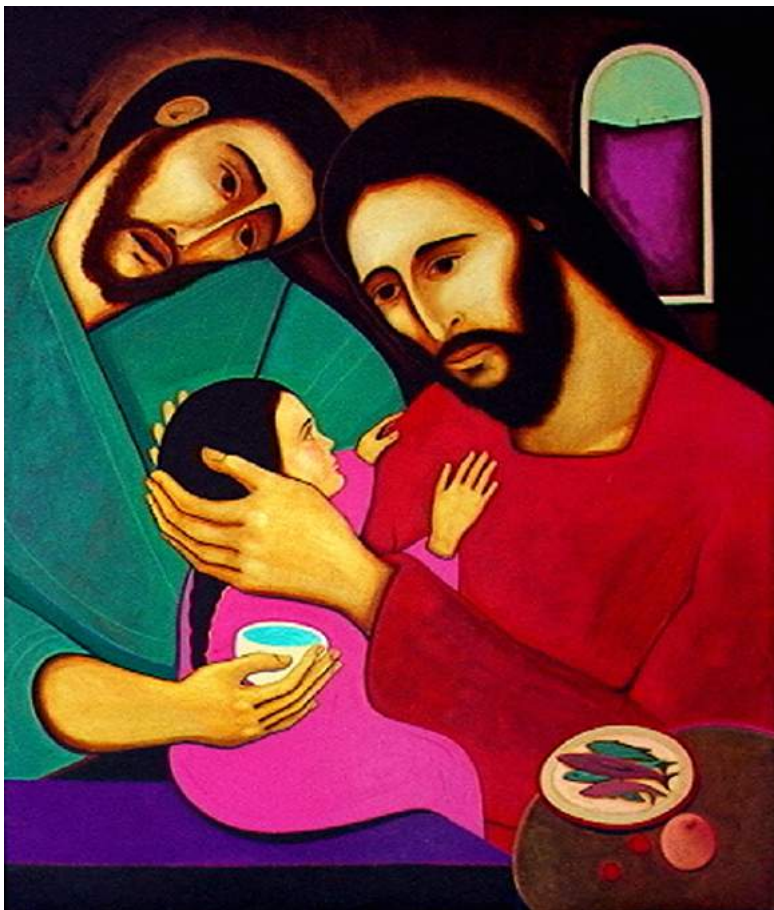


Geef dan aan de keizer wat de keizer toekomt, en aan God wat God toekomt

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mt 9:23-25

When Jesus arrived at the official's house and saw the flute players and the crowd who were making a commotion, he said, "Go away! The girl is not dead but sleeping." And they ridiculed him. When the crowd was put out, he came and took her by the hand, and the little girl arose.



Michael O'Brien, Jesus heals the daughter of Jairus - ©Michael O'Brien

CHRIST THE KING

Col 1:15-16

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him.



"Très Riches Heures du Duc de Berry", Christ in Majesty, 1410-1411 (Musée Condé à Chantilly, France)

TWENTY-FOURTH AND LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mt 24:29-31

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a trumpet blast, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.



Giotto, Last Judgment, 1306 (Cappella Scrovegni, Padua)

**READINGS FOR
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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January, 13th

Jn 1:29-31

Who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’ but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.”.



Annibale Carracci, Saint John the Baptist Bearing Witness, ca. 1600–1602 (The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York)

PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

February, 2nd

Lc 2:25-32

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."



Philippe de Champaigne, The Presentation of the Temple, 1648 (Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium)

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

March, 19th

Mt 1:20-21

Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."



François-Xavier de Boissoudy, L'Annonciation à Joseph, 2014 - ©François-Xavier de Boissoudy

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

March, 25th

Lc 1:26-28

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."



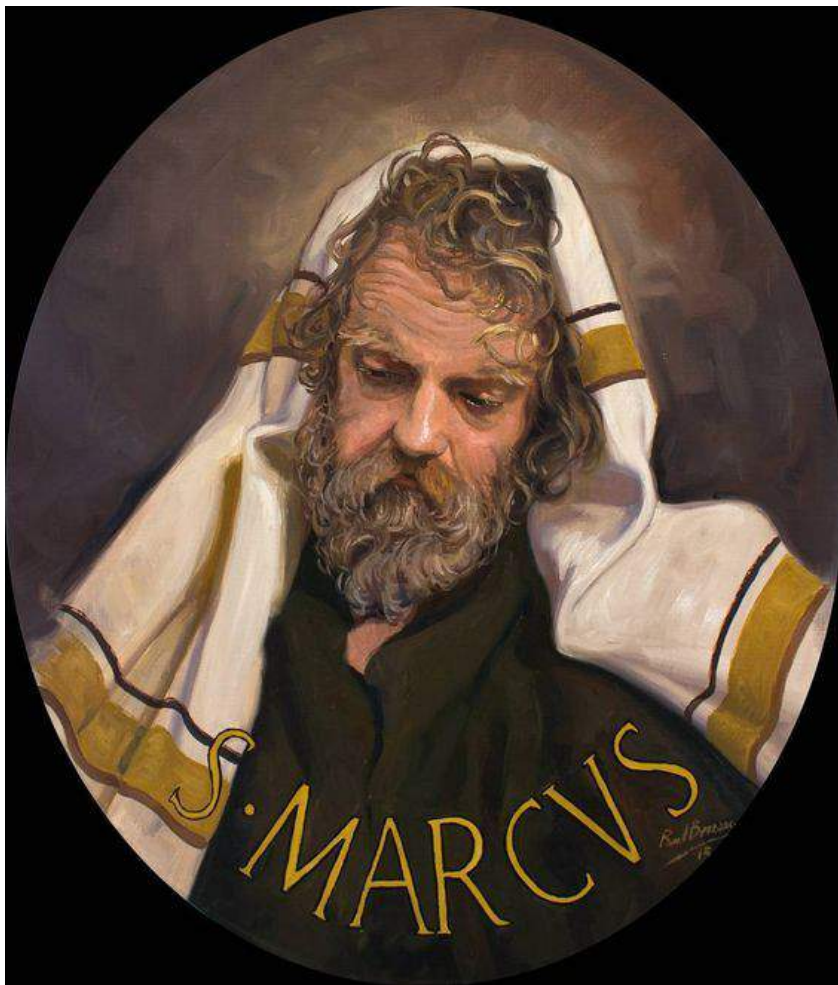
Ivanka Demchuk, Annunciation - ©Ivanka Demchuk

ST. MARK EVANGELIST

April, 25th

Lc 10:3-4

Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way.



Raul Berzosa, San Marcos Evangelista, 2015 - ©Raul Berzosa

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKMAN, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

May, 1st

Mt 13:54-56

And said, "Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds? Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? Are not his sisters all with us? Where did this man get all this?"



Edward Stott, The Carpenter's Shop, 1913 (Royal Academy of Arts, London)

SS. PHILIP AND JAMES APOSTLES

May, 11th

Jn 14:8-10

Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works.



Pieter Coecke van Aelst, Trinity, first half of 16th century (Prado Museum)

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, QUEEN

May, 31st

Lc 1:26-29

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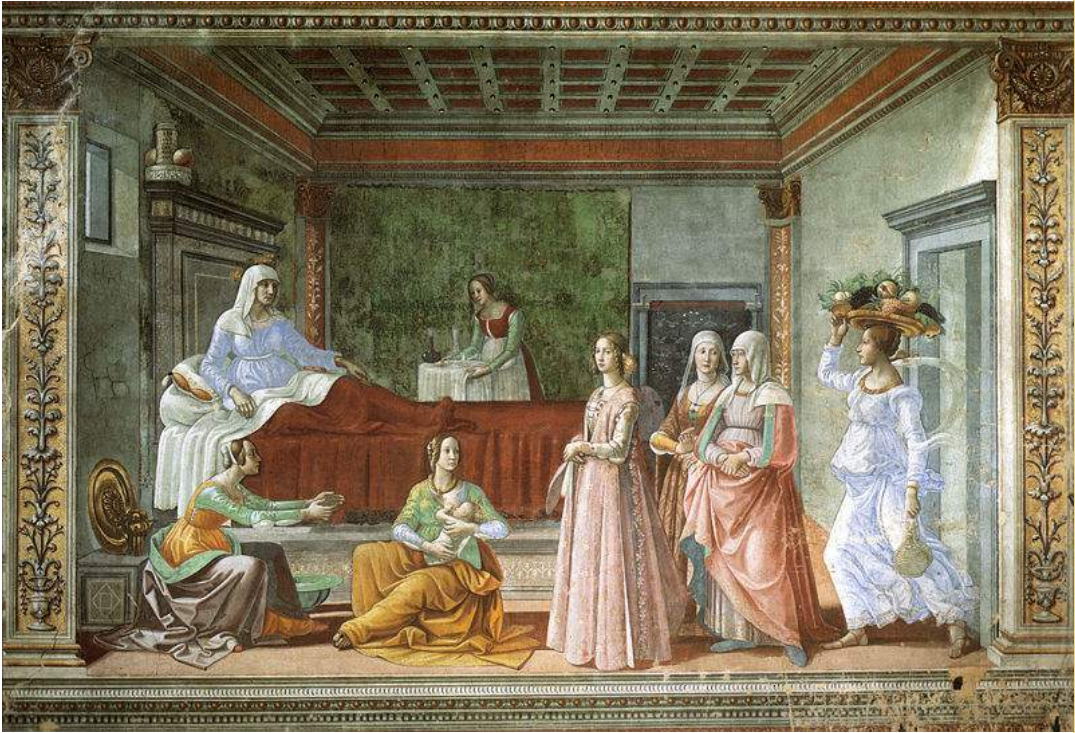
William-Adolphe Bouguereau, The Annunciation, 1888

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

June, 24th

Lc 1:57-58

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her.



the-birth-of-john-the-baptist-domenico-ghirlandaio-1486-1490-santa-maria-novella-florence.jpg

VIGIL FOR SS. PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES

June, 28th

Jn 21:15-17

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." (Jesus) said to him, "Feed my sheep.



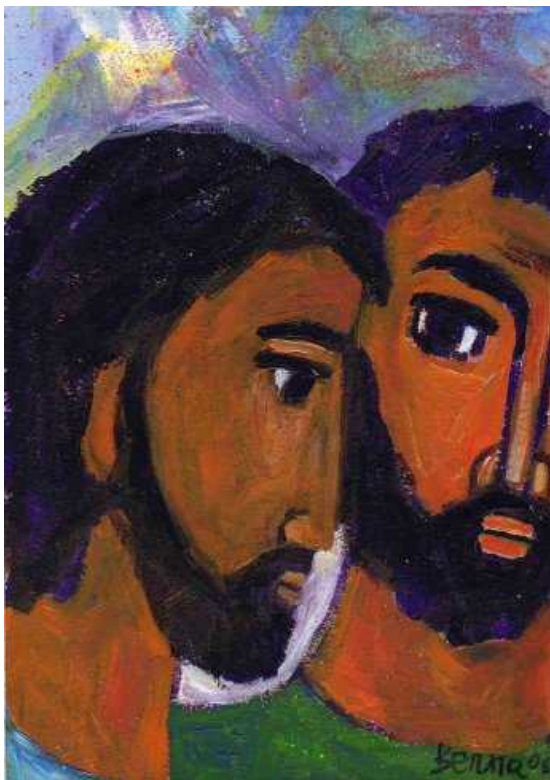
Kamille Corry, Feed My Sheep - ©Kamille Corry

SS. PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES

June, 29th

Mt 16:16-19

Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."



SS. Peter and Paul

THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

July, 1st

Jn 19:33-34

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.



Raul Berszoza, Cristo Eucarístico, 2012 - ©Raul Berszoza

VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

July, 2nd

Lc 1:39-47

During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.



Bradi Barth, Visitation - ©Herbronnen vzw.

ST. JAMES APOSTLE

July, 25th

Mt 20:20-23

Of the sons of Zebedee approached him with her sons and did him homage, wishing to ask him for something. He said to her, "What do you wish?" She answered him, "Command that these two sons of mine sit, one at your right and the other at your left, in your kingdom." Jesus said in reply, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?" They said to him, "We can." He replied, "My cup you will indeed drink, but to sit at my right and at my left (, this) is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."



Veronese, Le Christ rencontrant la femme et les fils de Zébédée, 3e quart 16e siècle (Musée de Grenoble)

ST. ANNE MOTHER OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

July, 26th

Mt 13:44

Which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.



Master of the Berlin Sketchbook, Anna selbdritt, 1525 (Musee des Beaux-Arts, Strasbourg)

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

August, 6th

Mt 17:1-3

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.



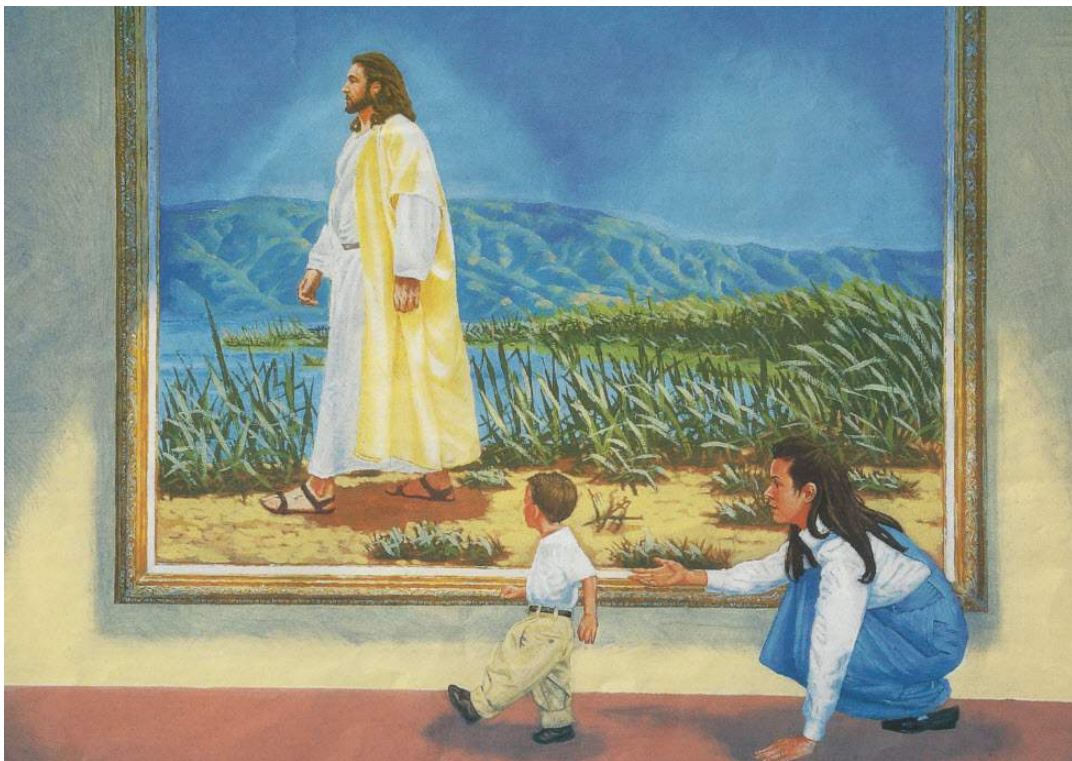
Jodi Simmons, The Transfiguration

ST. LAURENCE MARTYR

August, 10th

Jn 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.



Walking with Jesus

VIGIL FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August, 14th

Lc 11:27-28

While he was speaking, a woman from the crowd called out and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed." He replied, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."



Marianne Stokes, Madonna and Child, 1907-1908 (Wolverhampton Art Gallery and Museum)

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August, 15th

Lc 1:41

‘When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit.



Arcabas, Visitation - ©Arcabas

ST. JOACHIM FATHER OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August, 16th

Mt 1:2

Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.



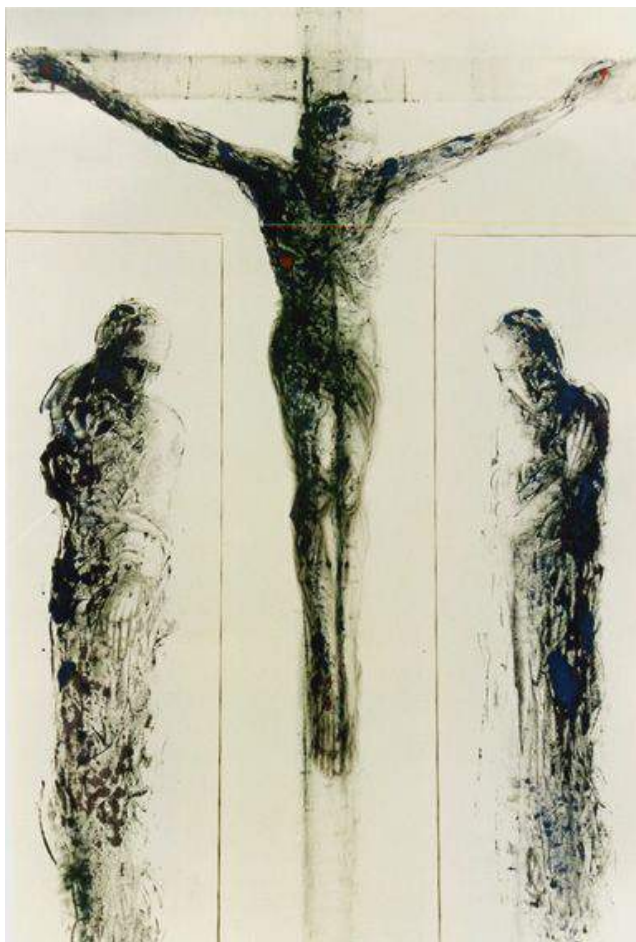
Govert Flinck, Isaak zegent Jakob, ca. 1638 (Rijksmuseum Amsterdam)

IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August, 22nd

Jn 19:26-27

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.



Muriel Desambrois, 1996

ST. BARTHOLOMEW APOSTLE

August, 24th

Lc 6:12-16

To God. When day came, he called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called a Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.



Paolo Bartoli, San Bartolomeo - ©Paolo Bartoli

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

September, 14th

Jn 12:31-33

Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.



Maître de l'Epiphanie de Fiesole, Christ sur la Croix entouré des saints Vincent Ferrier, Jean-Baptiste, Marc et Antonius, 1491-1495 (Los Angeles County Museum of Art)

ST. MATTHEW APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

September, 21st

Mt 9:9

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.



Hendrick Ter Brugghen, De roeping van Matteüs, 1621 (Utrecht, Centraal Museum)

DEDICATION OF ST. MICHAEL ARCHANGEL

September, 29th

Mt 18:7-10

Woe to the world because of things that cause sin! Such things must come, but woe to the one through whom they come! If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter into life maimed or crippled than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into fiery Gehenna. for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.



Renee and Alex, Icon Writing With Kids - St. Michael the Archangel Defend us in Battle, 2011 - ©Renee and Alex

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF THE ROSARY

October, 7th

Lc 1:26-29

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.



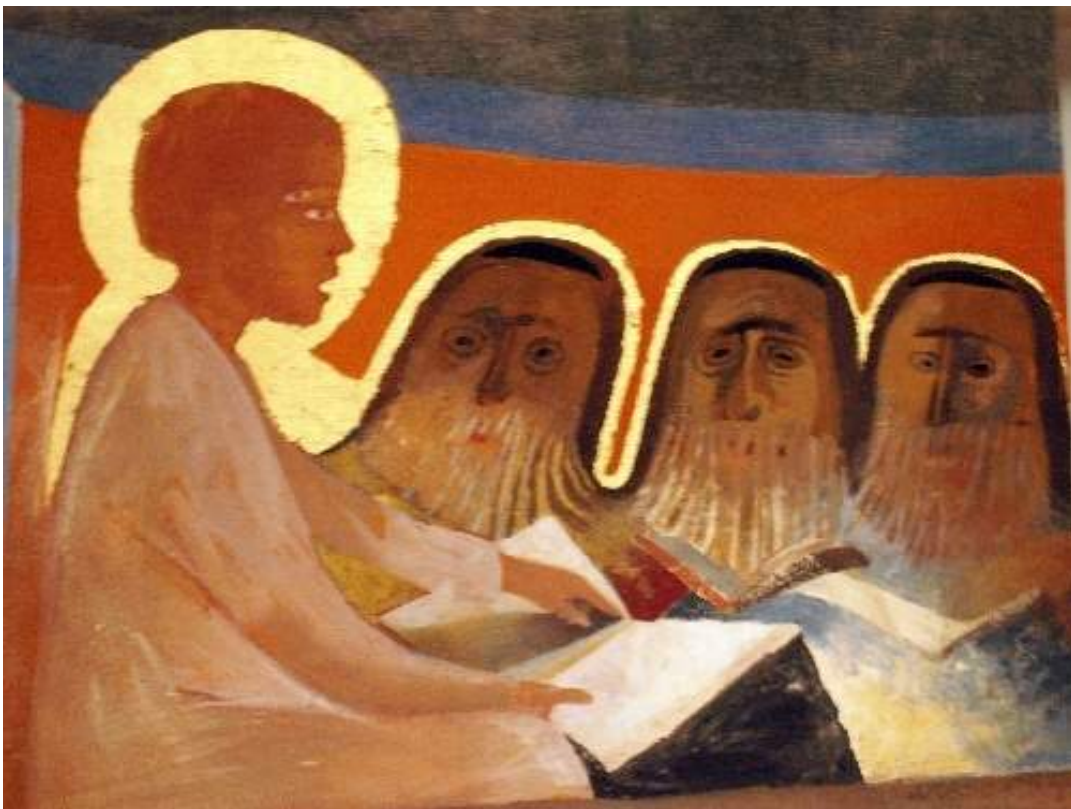
Henry Ossawa Tanner, *The Annunciation*, 1898 (Philadelphia Museum of Art)

THE MATERNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

October, 11th

Lc 2:46-47

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.



Arcabas, Jésus 12 ans (Eglise Saint-Hugues, St-Hugues de Chartreuse) - ©Arcabas

ST. LUKE EVANGELIST

October, 18th

Lc 10:1-5

Others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'."



James Tissot, *Il les envoya deux à deux*, 1894 (Brooklyn Museum)

SS. SIMON AND JUDE APOSTLES

October, 28th

Jn 15:20-24

Remember the word I spoke to you, 'No slave is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. And they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know the one who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin; but as it is they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me also hates my Father. If I had not done works among them that no one else ever did, they would not have sin; but as it is, they have seen and hated both me and my Father.



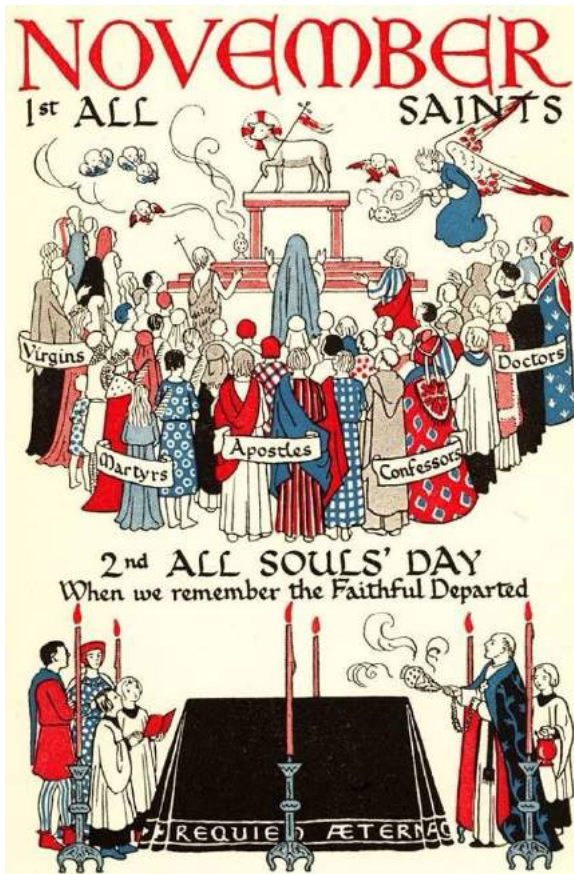
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ALL SAINTS

November, 1st

Rev 7:9-10

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb.”.



November 1st All Saints

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, FIRST MASS

Jn 5:28-29

Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation.



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COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, SECOND MASS

Jn 6:40

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him (on) the last day."



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COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THIRD MASS

Jn 6:51

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."



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DEDICATION OF THE ARCHBASILICA OF THE MOST HOLY SAVIOUR
November, 9th

Lc 19:3-5

Was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house."



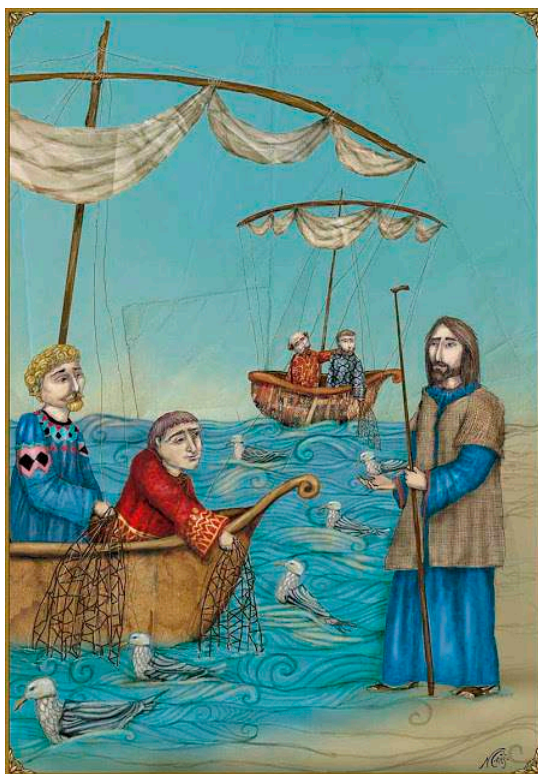
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ST. ANDREW APOSTLE

November, 30th

Mt 4:18-22

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December, 8th

Lc 1:26-28

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."



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ST. THOMAS APOSTLE

December, 21st

Jn 20:26-28

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"



David Binnig, Thomas puts a finger in Jesus' wound - ©David Binnig

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