

WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

ORDINARY WEEK 3

23 – 28 January 2017

THE SCRIPTURES

The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews continues the theme of Christ, the perfect High Priest, here talking about his perfect sacrifice, which ends all the Old Testament sacrifices. He goes on to talk about faith and how necessary it is.

Jesus teaches the crowds by Lake Galilee, but only in parables, explaining to them the Kingdom of God.

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; the Unemployed.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

January: Christian Unity.

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Saint Francis de Sales: born into a noble family in Annecy in 1597, he was ordained priest and worked strenuously for the Church by distributing printed essays on the Catholic faith; he became Bishop of Geneva, exemplary in his pastoral care. He also wrote "The Introduction to the Devout Life", a handbook to holiness. He is patron saint of journalists and writers.

Saints Timothy and Titus: disciples and companions of Saint Paul, they were entrusted with the care of the Christian communities of Ephesus and Crete respectively. In the New Testament are preserved Paul's letters of pastoral advice to them.

Saint Angela Merici: born near Brescia, Italy, around 1470, Angela entered the Third Order of St Francis and gathered girls around her to share the work of charity. She founded the Ursulines (who were devoted to education of poor girls) in Brescia in 1535 and died in 1540.

Saint Thomas Aquinas: born in Aquino, Italy, around 1225; entered the Dominican Order, and studied under St. Albert the Great in Cologne; outstanding writer and teacher of philosophy; he died, aged forty-nine, in 1274.

MONDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading: Hebrews 9:15. 24-28: He sacrificed himself once and for all to do away with sin; when he appears a second time it will be to those who are waiting for him.

Responsorial Psalm

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

Gospel Acclamation

Teach me your paths, my God, make me walk in your truth.

Gospel: Mark 3:22-30: It is the end of Satan.

Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

TUESDAY

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

[MEMORIAL]

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading: Hebrews 10:1-10: God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

Response to the Psalm

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your decrees.

Gospel: Mark 3:31-35: Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.

Communion Antiphon

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WEDNESDAY

The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

[FEAST]

Entrance Antiphon

I know the one in whom I have believed and I am sure that he, the just judge, the mighty, will keep safe what is my due until that day.

The *Gloria* is sung or recited.

First Reading: Acts 22:3-16 It is time you were baptised and had your sins washed away while invoking the name of Jesus.

Or: Acts 9:1-22 Lord, what will you have me do?

Response to the Psalm

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation

I chose you from the world, to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last says the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 16:15-18 Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

Communion Antiphon

I live by faith in the Son of God, who has loved me and given himself up for me.

THURSDAY

Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

[MEMORIAL]

Entrance Antiphon

Tell among his nations his glory, and his wonders among all the peoples, for the Lord is great and highly to be praised.

First Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 I am reminded of the sincere faith which you have.

Or: Titus 1:1-5 To Titus, true child of mine in the faith that we share.

Responsorial Psalm

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Gospel Acclamation

The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

Gospel: Mark 4:21-25 A lamp is to be put on a lamp-stand. The amount you measure out is the amount you will be given.

Or: Luke 10:1-9 The harvest is rich but the labourers are few.

Communion Antiphon

Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel. I am with you always, says the Lord.

FRIDAY

Weekday or Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading: Hebrews 10:32-39: Remember all the sufferings you had to meet. Be as confident now.

Response to the Psalm

The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Make me grasp the way of your precepts, and I will muse on your wonders.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34: A man throws seed on the land. While he sleeps the seed is growing; how, he does not know.

Communion Antiphon

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SATURDAY

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

[MEMORIAL]

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19 He looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

Response to the Psalm

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! He has visited his people and redeemed him.

Gospel Acclamation

Instruct me, Lord, in your way; on an even path lead me.

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41 Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

Communion Antiphon

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