

WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

ORDINARY WEEK 7

20 – 25 February 2017

THE SCRIPTURES

The book of Ecclesiasticus was written by Yeshua ben Eleazar ben Sira in about 180 B.C. It is his “thoughts and exhortations”, which seek to display the Wisdom which comes from God, and is so often different from the ‘wisdom’ of the world. This week we hear discourses about fidelity to God and seeking wisdom. reminded that God made us.

Mark offers a selection of Jesus' teachings—we must follow him, trusting as children do, in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven; we must also practise charity.

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

FEBRUARY: Comfort for the Afflicted.

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Saint Peter Damien: born in 1007, Peter became a hermit before taking part in a great reform of the Church; in 1057 he was made bishop of Ostia, and on his death in 1072 was immediately venerated as a saint.

The Chair of Saint Peter: this feast of the See of Rome has been kept from the fourth century. It celebrates the unity of the Church gathered around Peter, the Prince of the Apostles.

Saint Polycarp: Polycarp was one of the “second-generation” Christians - a disciple of the Apostles. He became bishop of Smyrna, but was arrested in Rome and burned to death for his faith; the account of his martyrdom emphasises that his death, like his life, was a fragrant offering to God.

MONDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 1:1-10: Before all other things, wisdom was created.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Gospel Acclamation

The word of the Lord remains for ever: What is this word? It is the Good News that has been brought to you.

Gospel: Mark 9:14-29: I do have faith. Help the little faith I have.

Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

TUESDAY

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 2:1-11: Prepare yourself for an ordeal.

Response to the Psalm

Commit your life to the Lord, trust him and he will act.

Gospel Acclamation

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37: The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself the last of all.

Communion Antiphon

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WEDNESDAY

The Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

[FEAST]

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord says to Simon Peter: I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail, and, once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

The Gloria is sung or recited.

First Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-4 I am an elder myself and a witness to the sufferings of Christ.

Response to the Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19 You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Communion Antiphon

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

THURSDAY

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

[MEMORIAL]

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 5:1-8 Do not delay your return to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Blessed are those who, with a noble and generous heart, take the word of God to themselves and yield a harvest through their perseverance.

Gospel: Mark 9:41-50 It is better to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell.

Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

FRIDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 6:5-17: A faithful friend is something beyond price.

Response to the Psalm

Guide me, Lord, in the path of your commands.

Gospel Acclamation

Your precepts, O Lord, are all of them sure; they stand firm for ever and ever.

Gospel: Mark 10:1-12: What God has united, man must not divide.

Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

SATURDAY

Weekday or Mass of Our Lady

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

[BVM: All the richest of the people long to see your face: behind her, her maiden companions are escorted to the King; her attendants are escorted to you amid gladness and joy.]

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 17:1-15: The Lord God made man in his own image.

Response to the Psalm

The love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear.

Gospel Acclamation

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Gospel: Mark 10:13-16: Anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

[BVM: Praise the Lord our God, for in Mary his handmaid he has fulfilled his promise of mercy to the house of Israel.]