

WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

ORDINARY WEEK 6

13 – 18 February 2017

THE SCRIPTURES

We continue our reading through Genesis; we hear the story of Cain and Abel, and the story of the Flood. Then the First Covenant is established between God and Noah, who is blessed: the rainbow is the sign of the Covenant. We then hear of the Tower of Babel (a story of human pride). On Saturday, we jump back to the Letter to the Hebrews, for a quick summary of the Christian interpretation of this week's readings: all those who were blessed by God showed faith.

The Pharisees ask Jesus for a sign; he encourages his disciples to understand the miracles of feeding the crowds. After the healing of the blind man at Bethsaida, Jesus and his disciples come to Caesarea Philippi, where Peter acclaims Jesus as the Messiah (the 'Christ') and Jesus begins to speak of his forthcoming Passion and Death. He teaches the people that to follow him means embracing the cross, and encourages his disciples by a glimpse of his glory in the Transfiguration.

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 Cyril and Saint Methodius: brothers and missionaries, who carried the Gospel into the Slavonic countries: they translated the liturgical books into the Slavonic language (inventing a new script, Cyrillic, to do so). Cyril died in 869, Methodius in 885.

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order: born in Florence, these seven men lived the life of hermits, before founding the Servite Order in 1304; on this day Saint Alexis Falconieri, one of the seven, died in 1310

MONDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading: Genesis 4:1-15. 25: Cain set on his brother Abel and killed him.

Responsorial Psalm

Pay your sacrifice of thanksgiving to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Harden not your hearts today, but listen to the voice of the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 8:11-13: Why does this generation demand a sign?

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

TUESDAY

Saint Cyril, Monk and Saint Methodius,
Bishop, Patrons of Europe

[FEAST]

Entrance Antiphon

These are holy men who became friends of God, glorious heralds of divine truth.

The Gloria is sung or recited.

First Reading: Acts 13:46-49: We must turn to the pagans.

Response to the Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

Communion Antiphon

The disciples went forth and preached the Gospel, while the Lord worked with them, confirming the word through accompanying signs.

WEDNESDAY

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Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading: Genesis 8:6-13. 20-22 He looked out; the surface of the ground was dry.

Response to the Psalm

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make to you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path.

Gospel: Mark 8:22-26 He was cured and he could see everything plainly and distinctly.

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

THURSDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading: Genesis 9:1-13 I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord looked down from heaven to the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

By his own choice the Father made us his children by the message of the truth, so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he created.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-33 You are the Christ, The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

Communion Antiphon

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FRIDAY

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9: Let us go down and confuse their language.

Response to the Psalm

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Gospel Acclamation

When anyone obeys what Christ has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1: Anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

Communion Antiphon

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SATURDAY

Weekday or Mass of Our Lady

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

[BVM: Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord God Most High, above all women on the earth; for he has so exalted your name, that your praise shall be undying on our lips.]

First Reading: Hebrews 11:1-7 It is by faith that we understand that the world was created by one word from God.

Response to the Psalm

I will bless your name for ever, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! He sends out his word to the earth.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-13 In their presence he was transfigured.

Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

[BVM: All generations will call me blessed, for God has looked on his lowly handmaid.]