

WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

ORDINARY WEEK 8/FIRST DAYS OF LENT

27 February – 4 March 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 how to repent and how to offer sacrifice.

In the Gospels Jesus teaches about the possession of property and the reward for those who give up everything for him.

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

ORDINARY TIME: 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.

LENT: Candidates for the Sacraments; the Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers

THE HOLY FATHER’S INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY: Comfort for the Afflicted.

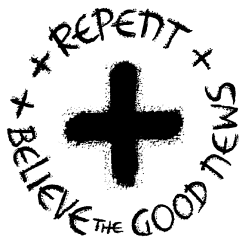
That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

MARCH: Support for Persecuted Christians.

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Saint Casimir: the Son of the King of Poland, Casimir was born in 1458, and became known for his practice of the Christian virtues - especially chastity and love of the poor. He died aged of 26 of a lung disease; he is especially remembered for his love of the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary.



MONDAY Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 17:24-29: *Return to the Lord and leave sin behind.*

Responsorial Psalm

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!

Gospel Acclamation

Accept God’s message for what it really is: God’s message, and not some human thinking.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-27: *Sell everything you own and follow me.*

Communion Antiphon

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

TUESDAY Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 35:1-12: *A man offers communion sacrifices by following the commandments.*

Response to the Psalm

I will show God’s salvation to the upright.

Gospel Acclamation

You will shine in the world like bright stars because you are offering it the word of life.

Gospel: Mark 10:28-31: *You will be repaid a hundred times over, not without persecutions, now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.*

Communion Antiphon

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In Lent we do not sing or say "Alleluia": before the Gospel there are a variety of sung acclamations, but one that may be used every day of Lent, to the tune of the simple Alleluia is:

"Praise to you, Lord! Glory to you, Christ!
You are the Word of God!"

WEDNESDAY

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[DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE]

Entrance Antiphon

You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing that you have made. You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance, and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.

First Reading: Joel 2:12-18 *Let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn.*

Response to the Psalm

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 *Be reconciled to God...now is the favourable time.*

Gospel Acclamation

A pure heart create for me, O God, and give me again the joy of your help.

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6. 16-18 *Your Father, who sees all that is done in secret, will reward you.*

Communion Antiphon

He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield fruit in due season.

THURSDAY

Lent Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

When I cried to the Lord, he heard my voice; he rescued me from those who attack me. Entrust your cares to the Lord, and he will support you.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 *See, I set before you today a blessing and a curse.*

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

A pure heart create for me, O God, and give me again the joy of your help.

Gospel: Luke 9:22-25 *Anyone who loses his life for my sake, that man will save it.*

Communion Antiphon

Create a pure heart for me, O God; renew a steadfast spirit within me.

FRIDAY

Lent Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord heard and had mercy on me; the Lord became my helper.

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9: *Is not this the sort of fast that pleases me?*

Response to the Psalm

A humbled, contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn.

Gospel Acclamation

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word, because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel: Matthew 9:14-15: *When the bridegroom is taken from them, then they will fast.*

Communion Antiphon

O Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths.

SATURDAY

Lent Weekday or Saint Casimir

[COMMEMORATION]

Entrance Antiphon

Answer us, Lord, for your mercy is kind; in the abundance of your mercies, look upon us.

First Reading: Isaiah 58:9-14: *Your light will rise in the darkness.*

Response to the Psalm

Show me, Lord, your way so that I may walk in your truth.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: Luke 5:27-32: *I have not come to call the virtuous, but sinners to repentance.*

Communion Antiphon

I desire mercy, not sacrifice, says the Lord, for I did not come to call the just but sinners.