

WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

LENT WEEK 5

3 – 8 April 2017

THE SCRIPTURES

“Beginning with Monday of the Fourth week of Lent, there is a semicontinuous reading of the Gospel of Saint John, made up of texts that correspond more closely to the themes proper to Lent.” (GIL 98)

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

THE HOLY FATHER’S INTENTIONS

APRIL: Young People.

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Saints Isidore: Isidore was born in Spain in 560, and brought up somewhat strictly by his brother Leander (himself bishop of Seville). He succeeded his brother as Bishop, and continued his work of establishing the discipline of the Spanish Church—calling the second Council of Seville in 619 and the fourth Council of Toledo in 633. He was renowned as the greatest teacher in Spain and wrote prolifically. He died peacefully in 636, and was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1772.

Saint Vincent Ferrer: Vincent was born in 1350, and entered the Dominican Order aged 15; he lived through a time of turmoil in the Church, when the Pope was residing at Avignon in France. Vincent was assiduous in preaching throughout Spain and France, and died in 1419 while trying to end the Hundred Years War. A particular emphasis in his preaching was the Four Last Things. He was canonised in 1455.

Saint John Baptiste de la Salle: John Baptiste was born in Rheims on 1651, and ordained in 1678. He dedicated himself to the education of youth, founding the “Congregation of the Brothers of the Christian Schools” (or Christian Brothers) to provide free education especially for the poor. He died on Good Friday in 1719. Pope Pius XII declared him patron saint of teachers in 1950.

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!”

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MONDAY Lent Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O God, for people assail me;
they fight me all day long and oppress me.

First Reading: Daniel 13:1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62: *Have I to die, innocent as I am?*

Responsorial Psalm

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil
would I fear.

Gospel Acclamation

Now is the favourable time; this is the day of
salvation.

Gospel: John 8:1-11: *If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.*

Communion Antiphon

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in the
darkness, but will have the light of life.

TUESDAY

Lent weekday or Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor

[OPTIONAL COMMEMORATION]

Entrance Antiphon

Wait for the Lord; be strong; be stouthearted,
and wait for the Lord!

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9: *If anyone is bitten and looks at the fiery serpent, he shall live.*

Response to the Psalm

O Lord, listen to my prayer and let my cry for help
reach you.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel: John 8:21-30: *When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He.*

Communion Antiphon

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.

WEDNESDAY

Lent Weekday or Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Entrance Antiphon

My deliverer from angry nations, you set me above my assailants; you saved me from the violent man, O Lord.

First Reading: Daniel 3:14-20. 24-25 .28 *He has sent his angel to rescue his servants.*

Response to the Psalm

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

Gospel Acclamation

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Gospel John 8:31-42 *If the Son of Man makes you free, you will be free indeed.*

Communion Antiphon

God has brought us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption through his Blood, the forgiveness of sins.

THURSDAY

Lent Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

Christ is mediator of a New Covenant, so that by means of his death, those who are called may receive the promise of an eternal inheritance.

First Reading: Genesis 17:3-9 *You shall become the father of a multitude of nations.*

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life.

Gospel: John 8:51-59 *Your father Abraham rejoiced to think that he would see my Day.*

Communion Antiphon

God did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all; with him, he has given us all things.

FRIDAY

Lent Weekday or Saint John Baptiste de la Salle, Priest

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in distress. Deliver me from the hands of my enemies and those who pursue me. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13: *The Lord is at my side, a mighty hero.*

Response to the Psalm

In my anguish I called to the Lord and he heard my voice.

Gospel Acclamation

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Gospel: John 10:31-42: *They wanted to arrest Jesus then, but he eluded them.*

Communion Antiphon

Jesus bore our sins in his own body on the cross, so that dead to sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds we have been healed.

SATURDAY

Lent Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, do not stay afar off; my strength, make haste to help me! For I am a worm and no man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:21-28: *I will make them into one nation.*

Response to the Psalm

The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.

Gospel Acclamation

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

Gospel: John 11:45-56: *To gather together in unity the scattered children of God.*

Communion Antiphon

Christ was handed over, to gather into one the scattered children of God.