

Tuesday

mass sheet

TWENTY FIFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

(25th – 30th September 2017)



THE SCRIPTURES

We spend the next two weeks with the story of the return to Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon. Cyrus frees the Israelites and they begin the work of rebuilding the Temple. Zechariah promises the restoration of Israel.

The Gospels (Luke 8-9) consist of short passages: Jesus sends his disciples about their work; he also asks who people say he is, and we hear of the puzzlement of Herod, who thinks he could be the dead Baptist.

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

NATIONAL CYCLE OF PRAYER

Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest' the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; prisoners and their Families.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER: Parishes.

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Monday

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading: Ezra 1:1-6

Whoever is of the Lord's people, let him go up to Jerusalem to build the Temple of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

What marvels the Lord worked for us.

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: Luke 8:16-18

A lamp is put on a lamp-stand so that people may see the light when they come in.

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Tuesday

Weekday or Saint Cosmas and Saint Damian, Martyrs [OPTIONAL MEMORIALS]

Saints Cosmas & Damian: according to ancient tradition, Cosmas and Damian were doctors who were martyred in Syria around 300. There is evidence that their tomb was at Cyrrhus, where a basilica was built in their honour.

Entrance Antiphon

am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading: Ezra 6:7-8. 12. 14-20

The Jews finished the temple and celebrated the Passover.

Response to the Psalm

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Gospel Acclamation

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

Gospel: Luke 8:19-21

My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and put it into practice.

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Tuesday

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest [MEMORIAL]

Saint Vincent de Paul: born in France in 1581, he became a parish priest in Paris where he founded the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) for the formation of the clergy and the relief of the poor. He also founded the Congregation of Sisters of Charity. He died in 1660. His work also inspired the foundation, in 1833, of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society by Frederick Ozanam.

Entrance Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me and sent me to preach the good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted.

First Reading: Ezra 9:5-9

God has not forgotten us in our slavery.

Response to the Psalm

Blessed be God who lives for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you; through him give thanks to God the Father.

Gospel: Luke 9:1-6

Jesus sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

THURSDAY

Weekday or Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr or Saint Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs [OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Saint Wenceslaus: born in Bohemia in 907; Wenceslaus was a Christian in a pagan land. He became king, and began to encourage the faith, bringing back priests, building churches and practising a life of charity and care for the poor. His brother Boleslaus became jealous and had him killed in 935.

Saint Lawrence Ruiz: born in Manila in the Philippines in 1600, Laurence became a Dominican, and travelled to Japan; he was arrested, taken to Nagasaki and executed in 1637. He is the first Filipino martyr.

Entrance Antiphon

am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading: Haggai 1:1-8

Rebuild the House: I shall then take pleasure in it.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord takes delight in his people.

Gospel Acclamation

Open my eyes, O Lord, that I may consider the wonders of your law.

Gospel: Luke 9:7-9

I beheaded John, so who is this I hear such reports about?

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

FRIDAY

Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel and Saint Raphael, Archangels [FEAST]

The Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael: the feast of the archangels celebrates God's constant care for his people and intervention in their lives. The names of the angels reveal the aspect of God's care: Michael means "Who is like God?", Gabriel means "Strength of God" and Raphael "God has healed".

Entrance Antiphon

Bless the Lord, all you his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling his word, and heeding his voice.

The Gloria is sung or recited

First Reading: Job 1:6-22

The Lord gave, the Lord has taken back. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Response to the Psalm

Turn your ear to me, O Lord; hear my words.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: Luke 9:46-50

The least among you all, that is the one who is great.

Communion Antiphon

I will thank you, Lord, with all my heart; in the presence of the Angels I will praise you.

SATURDAY

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church [MEMORIAL]

Saint Jerome: born in Dalmatia in 340, he studied in Rome and was baptised; he became secretary to Pope Damasus I, when he set about translating the Bible into Latin and promoting the monastic life. He settled in Bethlehem where he trained others in Scriptural studies and died in 420 at the age of 80.

Entrance Antiphon

Blessed indeed is he who ponders the law of the Lord day and night: he will yield his fruit in due season.

First Reading: Zechariah 2:5-9. 14-15

I am coming to dwell in the middle of you.

Response to the Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Gospel: Luke 9:43-45

The Son of Man is going to be handed over. They were afraid to ask him about what he had said.

Communion Antiphon

Lord God, your words were found and I consumed them; your word became the joy and the happiness of my heart.

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