

Liturgical Seasons 2009 in brief:
Sunday cycle: B. Weekday cycle: 1

The Season of Advent (Nov 30 –Dec 24, 2008)
1ST Sun:Nov 30, 2nd:Sun: Dec 7, 3rd Sun: 14, 4th Sun: 21
Final Liturgical Preparations days of Advent: Dec 17-24

The Season of Christmas (Dec 25, 2008 – Jan 11, 2009)
Dec 25, '08 : Christmas Day:
Dec 28, '08 : The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:
Jan 1, 2009, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Jan 6 Epiphany:
Jan 11: Baptism of Our Lord:
Feb 2 Presentation of the Lord

The Season of Lent (Feb 25 – April 8)
Feb 25 Ash Wednesday
March 1 First Sunday in Lent:
March 17 St Patrick's Day
Holy Week: Passion /Palm Sunday April 5

Easter Triduum (April9-12)
April 9 Maundy Thursday,
April 10 Good Friday:
April 11 Holy Saturday

The Season of Easter (April 12 – June 14)
April 12 Easter Sunday
May 24 Ascension:
May 31 Pentecost
June 7 Trinity Sunday
June 14 Body and Blood of Christ

Ordinary Time (June21- Nov 22)
Nov 1 All Saints
Nov 22: Christ the King

The Season of Advent 2009/10 (Nov29 –Dec 24, 2008)
1ST Sun:Nov 29, 2nd:Sun: Dec 6, 3rd Sun: 13, 4th Sun: 20
Final Liturgical Preparations days of Advent: Dec 17-24

Liturgical Year 2009 - Sunday YEAR B – Weekday: Cycle 1

Year of St Paul – 29 June 2008 – 29 June 2009
(2000th anniversary of the birth of the Apostle of the gentiles)

The Year of Vocation – Vocations Sunday 13 April 2008 – 3 May 2009

2008 Nov 30 SUN: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year B

Readings: s 63: 16b-17. 19b; 64: 2-7/ Ps 79: 2-3. 15-16. 18-

December

2008 Dec 1 Mon: Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 2: 1-5/ Ps 121: 1-2. 3-4b. 4cd-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Mt 8: 5-11

2008 Dec 2 Tue: Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 11: 1-10/ Ps 71: 1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17/ Lk 10: 21-24

2008 Dec 3 Wed: Francis Xavier, p, ms M

Readings: Is 25: 6-10a/ Ps 22: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6/ Mt 15: 29-37

2008 Dec 4 Thu: Advent Weekday/ John of Damascus, p, r, dr

Readings: Is 26: 1-6/ Ps 117: 1 and 8-9. 19-21. 25-27a/ Mt 7: 21. 24-27

2008 Dec 5 Fri: Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 29: 17-24/ Ps 26: 1. 4. 13-14/ Mt 9: 27-31

2008 Dec 6 Sat: Advent Weekday/ Nicholas, bp

Readings: s 30: 19-21. 23-26/ Ps 146: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Mt 9: 35 – 10: 1. 5a. 6-8

2008 Dec 7 SUN: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Is 40: 1-5. 9-11/ Ps 84: 9-10. 11-12. 13-14 (8)/ 2 Pt 3: 8-14/ Mk 1: 1-8

2008 Dec 8 Mon: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY S. Holy Day of Obligation.

Readings: Gn 3: 9-15. 20/ Ps 97: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Eph 1: 3-6. 11-12/ Lk 1: 26-38

2008 Dec 9 Tue: Advent Weekday/ Juan Diego, h

Readings: Is 40: 1-11/ Ps 95: 1-2. 3 and 10ac. 11-12. 13/ Mt 18: 12-14

2008 Dec 10 Wed: Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 40: 25-31/ Ps 102: 1-2. 3-4. 8 and 10/ Mt 11: 28-30

2008 Dec 11 Thu: Advent Weekday/ Damasus I, pp

Readings: Is 41: 13-20/ Ps 144: 1 and 9. 10-11. 12-13ab/ Mt 11: 11-15

2008 Dec 12 Fri: Our Lady of Guadalupe F

Readings: Readings from Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2008 Dec 13 Sat: Lucy, v, mt M

Readings: Sir 48: 1-4. 9-11/ Ps 79: 2ac and 3b. 15-16. 18-19/ Mt 17: 9a. 10-13

2008 Dec 14 SUN: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Is 61: 1-2a. 10-11/ Lk 1: 46-Thes 5: 16-24/ Jn 1: 6-8. 19-28

2008 Dec 15 Mon: Advent Weekday

Readings: Nm 24: 2-7. 15-17a/ Ps 24: 4-5ab. 6 and 7bc. 8-9/ Mt 21: 23-27

2008 Dec 16 Tue: Advent Weekday

Readings: Zep 3: 1-2. 9-13/ Ps 33: 2-3. 6-7. 17-18. 19 and 23/ Mt 21: 28-32

2008 Dec 17 Wed: Advent Weekday (O Sapientia)

Readings: Gn 49: 2. 8-10/ Ps 71: 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17/ Mt 1: 1-17

2008 Dec 18 Thu: Advent Weekday (O Adonai)

Readings: Jer 23: 5-8/ Ps 71: 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/ Mt 1: 18-25

2008 Dec 19 Fri: Advent Weekday (O Radix Jesse)

Readings: Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25a/ Ps 70: 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17/ Lk 1: 5-25

2008 Dec 20 Sat: Advent Weekday (O Clavis David)

Readings: Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 23: 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ Lk 1: 26-38

2008 Dec 21 SUN: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Oriens)

Readings: 2 Sm 7: 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16/ Ps 88/ Rom 16: 25-27/ Lk 1: 26-38

2008 Dec 22 Mon: Advent Weekday (O Rex Gentium)

Readings: 1 Sm 1: 24-28/ 1 Sm 2: 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd/ Lk 1: 46-56

2008 Dec 23 Tue: Advent Weekday (O Emmanuel)/ John of Kanty, p

Readings: Mal 3: 1-4. 23-24/ Ps 24: 4-5ab. 8-9. 10 and 14/ Lk 1: 57-66

2008 Dec 24 Wed: Advent Weekday

Readings: 2 Sm 7: 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16/ Ps 88: 2-3. 4-5. 27 and 29/ Lk 1: 67-79

2008 Dec 25 Thu: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD S. Holy Day of Obligation.

Vigil: *Readings:* Is 62: 1-5/ Ps 88 / Acts 13: 16-17. 22-25/ Mt 1: 1-25.

Midnight: *Readings:* Is 9: 1-6/ Ps 95: 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13/ Ti 2: 11-14/ Lk 2: 1-14.

Dawn: *Readings:* Is 62: 11-12/ Ps 96: 1. 6. 11-12/ Ti 3: 4-7/ Lk 2: 15-20.

Day: *Readings:* Is 52: 7-10/ Ps 97: 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 (3c)/ Heb 1: 1-6/ Jn 1: 1-18

2008 Dec 26 Fri: Stephen, protomartyr F

Readings: Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59/ Ps 30: / Mt 10: 17-22

2008 Dec 27 Sat: John, ap, ev F

Readings: 1 Jn 1: 1-4/ Ps 96: 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/ Jn 20: 1a and 2-8

2008 Dec 28 SUN: HOLY FAMILY F

Readings: Gn 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3/ Ps 104: Heb 11: 8. 11-12. 17-19/ Lk 2: 22-40

2008 Dec 29 Mon: Christmas Weekday/ Thomas Becket, bp, mt

Readings: 1 Jn 2: 3-11/ Ps 95: 1-2a. 2b-3. 5b-6/ Lk 2: 22-35

2008 Dec 30 Tue: Christmas Weekday

Readings: 1 Jn 2: 12-17/ Ps 95: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10/ Lk 2: 36-40

2008 Dec 31 Wed: Christmas Weekday/ Sylvester I, pp

Readings: 1 Jn 2: 18-21/ Ps 95: 1-2. 11-12. 13/ Jn 1: 1-18

2008/9 Advent-Christmas-Epiphany Season Nov30 – Jan 11

Next to the yearly celebration of the paschal mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations in the Christmas season. This season runs from First Evening Prayer of Christmas until the Sunday after Epiphany, the feast of the Lord's Baptism.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2009

General: That in the face of a spreading of a culture of violence and death the Church through her apostolic and missionary activity may promote with courage the culture of life.

Mission: That especially in mission countries Christians may show with acts of fraternal love that the Child born in the stable at Bethlehem is the luminous Hope of the world.

1 January: 42nd World Day of Peace

Pope Paul VI observed the first World Day of Peace on 1 January 1968, desiring 'that then, every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come'.

2009 Jan 1 Thu: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Solemnity

*World Day of Peace,
Octave of Christmas).*

Nm 6: 22-27/ Ps 66: 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2a)/ Gal 4: 4-7/ Lk 2: 16-21

Mary, Mother of God. At the message of the angel, the Virgin Mary received the Word of God in her heart and in her body, and gave Life to the world. Hence she is acknowledged and honoured as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer (Lumen gentium, 52).

Jan 2 Fri: Before Epiphany

Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bps, drs M
1 Jn 2: 22-28/ Ps 97: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Jn 1: 19-28

Jan 3 Sat: Before Epiphany
Holy Name of Jesus/ St Munchin, bp Opt m
1 Jn 2: 29 – 3: 6/ Ps 97: 1. 3cd-4. 5-6/ Jn 1: 29-34

Jan 4 SUN: SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
Eccles (Sir) 24:1-2, 8-12. Ps147. Eph 1:3-6, 15-18. Jn 1:1-18

2009 Jan 5 Mon: Before Epiphany/ St Charles of St Andrew
1 Jn 3: 11 –21/ Ps 99/ Jn 1:43-51

Jan 6 Tue: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Solemnity
Is 60: 1-6/ Ps 71: 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/ Eph 3: 2-3a. 5-6/ Mt 2: 1-12
The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation' (CCC, 528).

Jan 7 Wed: After Epiphany/ Raymond of Peñafort, p
1 Jn 3: 22- 4: 6/ Ps 2: 7bc-8. 10-12a/ Mt 4: 12-17. 23-25

Jan 8 Thu: After Epiphany
1 Jn 4: 7-10/ Ps 71/ Mk 6: 34-43

Jan 9 Fri: After Epiphany
1 Jn 4: 11-18/ Ps 71: 1-2. 10. 12-13/ Mk 6: 45-52

Jan 10 Sat: After Epiphany
1 Jn 4: 19 – 5: 4/ Ps 71: 1-2. 14 and 15bc. 17/ Lk 4: 14-22

Jan 11 SUN: BAPTISM OF THE LORD F
Is 55: 1-11/ Is 12: 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6 (3)/ 1 Jn 5: 1-9/ Mk 1: 7-11
The Baptism of the Lord. Jesus is anointed with the Spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ - Priest, Prophet and King - and the Father looks on us with favour

Jan 12 Mon: Ordinary Week 1
Heb 1: 1-6/ Ps 96: 1 and 2b. 6 and 7c. 9/ Mk 1: 14-20

Jan 13 Tue: Ordinary Week 1 / St Hilary, bp, dr

Heb 2: 5-12/ Ps 8: 2ab and 5. 6-7. 8-9/ Mk 1: 21-28

Jan 14 Wed: Ordinary Week 1

Heb 2: 14-18/ Ps 104: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/ Mk 1: 29-39

Jan 15 Thu: Ordinary Week 1 / St Ita, v

Heb 3: 7-14/ Ps 94: 6-7c. 8-9. 10-11/ Mk 1: 40-45

Jan 16 Fri: Ordinary Week 1 / St Fursa, a, missionary

Heb 4: 1-5. 11/ Ps 77: 3 and 4bc. 6c-7. 8/ Mk 2: 1-12

Jan 17 Sat: Ordinary Week 1/ Anthony, ab M

Heb 4: 12-16/ Ps 18: 8. 9. 10. 15/ Mk 2: 13-17

18 January: World day for migrants and Refugees

Pope Benedict XV established this observance as a response to the massive displacements and suffering caused by the First World War. Today, on the 95th World Day we remember the 35 million people who are refugees, living outside their home country or uprooted and displaced within their own country. We remember, too, the 250 million international migrants in the world today.

18-25 January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Last year marked the centenary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for 2009 was chosen by a local ecumenical group from South Korea, representing the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Korea and the National Council of Churches of Korea. Material for liturgy, which can be adapted for local use, is published jointly by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches (see Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity on www.vatican.va).

The biblical text chosen, Ezekiel 37: 15-28, is inspired by the situation in the Korean peninsula where the people are divided north and south and also of a divided Christendom. The Old Testament reading contains the prophecy of the reunited kingdom. Christians unite in prayer 'that they may be one in your hands' (Ez 37: 17). so that they and the world may seek reconciliation, unity and peace.

Jan 18 SUN: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 3: 3b-10. 19/ Ps 39 / 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a. 17-20/ Jn 1: 35-42

World Day of Migrants and refugees

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Jan 19 Mon: Ordinary Week 2

Heb 5: 1-10/ Ps 109: 1. 2. 3. 4/ Mk 2: 18-22

Jan 20 Tue: Ordinary Week 2/ Ss Fabian, pp, mt/ Sebastian, mt

Heb 6: 10-20/ Ps 110: 1-2. 4-5. 9 and 10c/ Mk 2: 23-28

Jan 21 Wed: Ordinary Week 2 / Agnes, v, mt M

Heb 7: 1-3. 15-17/ Ps 109: 1. 2. 3. 4/ Mk 3: 1-6

Jan 22 Thu: Ordinary Week 2 / Vincent of Saragossa, d, mt

Heb 7: 25 – 8: 6/ Ps 39: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 17/ Mk 3: 7-12

Jan 23 Fri: Ordinary Week 2

Heb 8: 6-13/ Ps 84: 8 and 10. 11-12. 13-14/ Mk 3: 13-19

Jan 24 Sat: Ordinary Week 2 / Francis de Sales, bp, rf, dr M

Heb 9: 2-3. 11-14/ Ps 46: 2-3. 6-7. 8-9/ Mk 3: 20-21

Jan 25 SUN: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jon 3: 1-5. 10/ Ps 24: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 (4a)/ 1 Cor 7: 29-31/ Mk 1: 14-20

(Mass for the Conversion of St Paul Apostle may be celebrated)

Jan 26 Mon: Ordinary Week 3/ Timothy and Titus, bps M

2 Tm 1: 1-8 or Ti 1: 1-5/ Ps 95: 1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 10/ Mk 3: 22-30

Catholic Education Week begins today

Jan 27 Tue: Ordinary Week 3/ Angela Merici, v, rf

Heb 10: 1-10/ Ps 39: 2 and 4ab. 7-8a. 10. 11/ Mk 3: 31-35

Jan 28 Wed: Ordinary Week 3/ Thomas Aquinas, p, r, dr M

Heb 10: 11-18/ Ps 109: 1. 2. 3. 4/ Mk 4: 1-20

Jan 29 Thu: Ordinary Week 3/

Heb 10: 19-25/ Ps 23: 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ Mk 4: 21-25

Jan 30 Fri: Ordinary Week 3/ St Aidan, bp,

Bl Margaret Ball and Francis Taylor, martyrs

Heb 10: 32-39/ Ps 36: 3-4. 5-6. 23-24. 39-40/ Mk 4: 26-34

Jan 31 Sat: Ordinary Week 3/ John Bosco, p, rf M

Heb 11: 1-2. 8-19/ Lk 1: 69-70. 71-72. 73-75/ Mk 4: 35-41

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2009

General: That the Pastors of the Church may always be docile to the ac/ion of the Holy Spirit in their teaching and in their service to God's people.

Mission: That the Church in Africa may find adequate ways and means to promote reconciliation, iustice and peace efficaciously, according to the indications of the Synod of the Bishops' Special Assembly for Africa.

Feb 1 SUN: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt 18: 15-20/ Ps 94: 1-2. 6-7. 7-9 (8)/ 1 Cor 7: 32-35/ Mk 1: 21-28

Not celebrated this Year: **St Brigid**, 2nd Patron of Ireland

Feb 2 Mon: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD F

Mal 3: 1-4/ Ps 23: 7. 8. 9. 10/ Heb 2: 14-18/ Lk 2: 22-40

Day of Consecrated Life

Feb 3 Tue: Ordinary Week 4/ Blaise, bp, mt/ Ansgar, bp, ms

Heb 12: 1-4/ Ps 21: 26b-27. 28 and 30. 31-32/ Mk 5: 21-43

Feb 4 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Heb 12: 4-7. 11-15/ Ps 102: 1-2. 13-14. 17-18a/ Mk 6: 1-6

Feb 5 Thu: Agatha, v, mt M

Heb 12: 18-19. 21-24/ Ps 47: 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 9. 10-11/ Mk 6: 7-13

Feb 6 Fri: Paul Miki, p, mt, & co., mts M

Heb 13: 1-8/ Ps 26: 1. 3. 5. 8b-9abc/ Mk 6: 14-29

Feb 7 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ Mel bp

Heb 13: 15-17. 20-21/ Ps 22: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6/ Mk 6: 30-34

Feb 8 SUN: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jb 7: 1-4. 6-7/ Ps 146: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ 1 Cor 9: 16-19. 22-23/ Mk 1: 29-39

Not celebrated this Year: **St Jerome Emiliani** and **St Josephine Bakhita**, virgin

Feb 9 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Gn 1: 1-19/ Ps 103: 1-2a. 5-6. 10 and 12. 24 and 35c/ Mk 6: 53-56

Feb 10 Tue: Scholastica, v, r M

Gn 1: 20 – 2: 4a/ Ps 8: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Mk 7: 1-13

11 February: 17th Day of World Peace

In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to be held each year on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick

Jesus did not only send his disciples Forth to heal the sick (d. Mt 10:8; Lk 9:2, 10:91; he also instituted a speciFic sacrament For them: the Anointing of the Sick (d. eee 1499-1532). The Letter of James attests to the presence of this sacramental sign in the early Christian community (d. 5: 14-16). IF the Eucharist shows how Cnrist's sufferings and death have been transFormed into love, the Anointing of the Sick, For its part, unites the sick with Christ's self-offering For the salvation of all, so that they too, within the

mystery of the communion of saints, can participate in the redemption of the world. The relationship between these two sacraments becomes clear in situations of serious illness: 'In addition to the Anointing of the Sick, the Church offers those who are about to leave this life the Eucharist as viaticum' (CCC 1524). On their journey to the Father, communion in the Body and Blood of Christ appears as the seed of eternal life and the power of resurrection: 'Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day' (Jn 6:54). Since viaticum gives the sick a glimpse of the fullness of the Paschal Mystery, its administration should be readily provided for (d. Propositio 44). Attentive pastoral care shown to those who are ill brings great spiritual benefit to the entire community, since whatever we do to one of the least of our brothers and sisters, we do to Jesus himself (cf. Mt 25:40). (Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum caritatis*, post synodal exhortation on the Eucharist, 22)

Feb 11 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Our Lady of Lourdes, Gournay, v

World Day of the Sick

Gn 2: 4b-9. 15-17/ Ps 104: 1-2a. 27-28. 29bc-30/ Mk 7: 14-23

Feb 12 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Gn 2: 18-25/ Ps 103: 1-2. 3. 4-5/ Mk 7: 24-30

Feb 13 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Gn 3: 1-8/ Ps 31: 1-2. 5. 6. 7/ Mk 7: 31-37

Feb 14 Sat: Cyril and Methodius, bps M, Patrons of Europe

Acts 13: 46-49, Ps 116, Lk 11: 29-32

Feb 15 SUN: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lv 13: 1-2. 44-46/ Ps 31: 1-2. 5. 11 (7)/ 1 Cor 10: 31 – 11: 1/ Mk 1: 40-45

Feb 16 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Gn 4: 1-15. 25/ Ps 49: 1 and 8. 16bc-17. 20-21/ Mk 8: 11-13

Feb 17 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ 7 Founders of the Order of Servites, rs Fintan, ab

Gn 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5. 10/ Ps 28: 1a and 2. 3ac-4. 3b and 9c-10/ Mk 8: 14-21

Feb 18 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Gn 8: 6-13. 20-22/ Ps 115: 12-13. 14-15. 18-19 / Mk 8: 22-26

Feb 19 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Gn 9: 1-13/ Ps 101: 16-18. 19-21. 29 and 22-23/ Mk 8: 27-33

Feb 20 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Gn 11: 1-9/ Ps 32: 10-11. 12-13. 14-15/ Mk 8: 34 – 9: 1

Feb 21 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM/ Peter Damian, bp, dr

Heb 11: 1-7/ Ps 144: 2-3. 4-5. 10-11/ Mk 9: 2-13

Feb 22 SUN: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 43: 18-19. 21-22. 24b-25/ Ps 40: 2-3. 4-5. 13-14 (5b)/ 2 Cor 1: 18-22/ Mk 2: 1- 12

Feb 23 Mon: Polycarp, bp, mt M

Sir 1: 1-10/ Ps 92: 1ab. 1cd-2. 5/ Mk 9: 14-29

Feb 24 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Sir 2: 1-11/ Ps 34: 3-4. 18-19. 27-28. 39-40/ Mk 9: 30-37

SEASON OF LENT

The annual Lenten season is the fitting time to climb the holy mountain of Easter.

The Lenten season has a double character, namely to prepare both catechumens and faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery. The catechumens, both with the rite of election and scrutinies, are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the faithful, ever more attentive to the word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises.

The faithful are to be encouraged to participate in an ever more intense and faithful way in the Lenten liturgy and in penitential celebrations. They are to be clearly reminded that both according to the law and tradition they should approach the sacrament of penance during this season so that with purified heart they may participate in the paschal mysteries. (Paschale solemnitatis, 6, 15, Ceremonial of Bishops, 249, 251)

Feb 25 Wed: Ash Wednesday.

Begin Lenten preparation for the Easter Triduum.

(Day of fast (ages 18-59) and abstinence from meat).

Jl 2: 12-18/ Ps 50: 3-4. 5-6ab. 12-13. 14 and 17/ 2 Cor 5: 20 -- 6:2/ Mt 6: 1-6. 16-18

'Have mercy on us, for we have sinned.' The time to repent and turn back is now. The Gospel tells us how to approach that renewal of our lives. It puts before us the remedy in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three strands of Lenten observance are as ancient as Christianity itself. Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If we have not all three together, we have nothing' says St Peter Chrysologus.

Feb 26 Thu: Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Dt 30: 15-20/ Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 and 6/ Lk 9: 22-25

Feb 27 Fri: Friday after Ash Wednesday.

Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up).

Is 58: 1-9a/ Ps 50: 3-4. 5-6ab. 18-19/ Mt 9: 14-15

Feb 28 Sat: Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58: 9b-14/ Ps 85: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Lk 5: 27-32

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 2009

General: That the role of women may be more appreciated and used to good advantage in every country in the world.

Mission: That in the light of the letter addressed to them by Pope Benedict XVI, the bishops, priests, consecrated persons, and lay faithful of the Catholic Church in the Popular Republic of China may commit themselves to being the sign and instrument of unity, communion and peace.

Mar 1 SUN: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The rite of Election of Catechumens is celebrated today

Gn 9: 8-15/ Ps 24: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ 1 Pt 3: 18-22/ Mk 1: 12-15

The Church has in mind the catechumens throughout the world who set out today on their great preparation for the Easter Vigil when they will become Christians. The faithful, who are already baptised, are the concern of the Church too. They must be awakened once more to the meaning of being in Christ. The faithful join with the catechumens in the struggle against the powers of darkness, confident that where sin abounded, grace abounds still more.

Mar 2 Mon: Lenten Weekday

Lv 19: 1-2. 11-18/ Ps 18: 8. 9. 10. 15/ Mt 25: 31-46

Mar 3 Tue: Lenten Weekday/

Is 55: 10-11/ Ps 33: 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19/ Mt 6: 7-15

Mar 4 Wed: Lenten Weekday/ Casimir, Patron of Poland

Jon 3: 1-10/ Ps 50: 3-4. 12-13. 18-19/ Lk 11: 29-32

Mar 5 Thu: Lenten Weekday / Kieran, bp

Est C: 12. 14-16. 23-25/ Ps 137: 1-2ab. 2cde-3. 7c-8/ Mt 7: 7-12

Mar 6 Fri: Lenten Weekday.

Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up).

Ez 18: 21-28/ Ps 129: 1-2. 3-4. 5-7a. 7bc-8/ Mt 5: 20-26

Mar 7 Sat: Lenten Weekday/ Perpetua and Felicity, mts

Dt 26: 16-19/ Ps 118: 1-2. 4-5. 7-8/ Mt 5: 43-48

Mar 8 SUN: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 22: 1-2. 9a. 10-13. 15-18/ Ps 115: 10. 15. 16-17. 18-19/ Rom 8: 31b-34/ Mk 9: 2-10

John of God r, Senan, bp are not celebrated this year

Through his Cross Christ entered into his glory. We are already at this point in Lent at the heart of the Paschal mystery. The catechumens, having been shown the struggle needed, are pointed towards their own exodus. The disciples on the mountaintop, seeing Jesus transfigured, are encouraged for the days when they meet the cross. We are all called to holiness. If we respond as did Abraham and Jesus, then we will come to a glorious transfiguration

Mar 9 Mon: Lenten Weekday/ Frances of Rome, mw, rf
Dn 9: 4b-10/ Ps 78: 8. 9. 11 and 13/ Lk 6: 36-38

Mar 10 Tue: Lenten Weekday
Is 1: 10. 16-20/ Ps 49: 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 and 23/ Mt 23: 1-12

Mar 11 Wed: Lenten Weekday/ Aengus, bp, ab,
Jer 18: 18-20/ Ps 30: 5-6. 14. 15-16/ Mt 20: 17-28

Mar 12 Thu: Lenten Weekday
Jer 17: 5-10/ Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 and 6/ Lk 16: 19-31

Mar 13 Fri: Lenten Weekday.
Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up).
Gn 37: 3-4. 12-13a. 17b-28a/ Ps 104: 16-17. 18-19. 20-21/ Mt 21: 33-43. 45-46

2009 Mar 14 Sat: Lenten Weekday
Mi 7: 14-15. 18-20/ Ps 102: 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12/ Lk 15: 1-3. 11-32

Mar 15 SUN: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT.

First Scrutiny of the Elect.
Ex 20: 1-17/ Ps 18: 8. 9. 10. 11/ 1 Cor 1: 22-25/ Jn 2: 13-25
Otherwise readings as Year A: *Ex 17: 3-7/ Ps 94: 1-2. 6-7. 8-9/ Rom 5: 1-2. 5-8/ Jn 4: 5-42.*

The catechumens and the baptised Christians are together on this Lenten pilgrimage. Christ offers the water of life to all who thirst. Today occurs the first scrutiny or exorcism for the catechumens. By it they are being prepared to accept the Spirit. Through that Spirit the gift of love is poured into our hearts, a gift bought for us by the blood of Christ. The prayer that they grow in wisdom and love echoes the readings, and must still be the prayer of all Christians.

Mar 16 Mon: Lenten Weekday
2 Kgs 5: 1-15b/ Ps 41: 2. 3; 43: 3. 4/ Lk 4: 24-30

Mar 17 Tue: St Patrick, bp, ms, Principal Patron of Ireland
Jer 1:4-9, Ps 116, Rom 10: 9-18 Mk 16: 15-20
or Sir: 39: 6-10, Ps 115, 2 Tim 4: 1-8, Mt 5: 17-19

Mar 18 Wed: Lenten Weekday/ Cyril of Jerusalem, bp, dr
Dt 4:1. 5-9/ Ps 147: 12-13. 15-16. 19-20/ Mt 5: 17-19

Mar 19 Thu: St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7: 4-5a. 12-14a. 16/ Ps 88/ Rom 4: 13. 16-18. 22/ Mt 1: 16. 18-21. 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a

Mar 20 Fri: Lenten Weekday.
Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up).
Hos 14: 2-10/ Ps 80/ Mk 12: 28-34

Mar 21 Sat: Lenten Weekday/ Enda, ab
Hos 5: 15-6: 6/ Ps 50: 3-4. 18-19. 20-21ab/ Lk 18: 9-14

Mar 22 SUN: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT.

Second Scrutiny of the Elect.

2 Chr 36: 14-16. 19-23/ Ps 137/ Eph 2: 4-10/ Jn 3: 14-21
or Year A readings: *1 Sm 16: 1b. 6-7. 10-13a/ Ps 23/ Eph 5: 8-14/ Jn 9: 1-41.*

The experience of the man born helps our understanding of baptism. 'You went, you washed, you came to the altar, you began to see what you had not seen before. In short, your eyes were opened in the fountain of the lord and by the preaching of the lord's Passion. You seemed previously to be blind of heart: now you began to see the light.' So spoke St Ambrose to the recently baptised, recalling that experience to them.

Mar 23 Mon: Lenten Weekday/ Turibius de Mogrovejo, bp
Is 65: 17-21/ Ps 29: 2 and 4. 5-6. 11-12a and 13b/ Jn 4: 43-54.

Mar 24 Tue: Lenten Weekday/ St Macartan, bp
Ez 47: 1-9. 12/ Ps 45: 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/ Jn 5: 1-16

Mar 25 Wed: ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD S

Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10/ Ps 39: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 11/ Heb 10: 4-10/ Lk 1: 26-38

Mar 26 Thu: Lenten Weekday
Ex 32: 7-14/ Ps 105: 19-20. 21-22. 23/ Jn 5: 31-47

Mar 27 Fri: Lenten Weekday.
Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up).
Wis 2: 1a. 12-22/ Ps 33: 17-18. 19-20. 21 and 23/ Jn 7: 1-2. 10. 25-30

Mar 28 Sat: Lenten Weekday
Jer 11: 18-20/ Ps 7: 2-3. 9bc-10. 11-12/ Jn 7: 40-53

Mar 29 SUN: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT.

Third Scrutiny of the Elect.

Jer 31-34, Ps 50, Heb 5: 7-9, Jn 12: 20-30

or Year A readings: *Ez 37: 12-14/ Ps 129: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8/ Rom 8: 8-11/ Jn 11: 1-45.*

Lazarus' resurrection is a figure and type of Jesus' resurrection, and of our resurrection first to divine life in Baptism and to our definitive resurrection at the end of time: The gospel is a call to a deeper faith in the Spirit living in us, giving life to our mortal bodies. The catechumens are presented with the Creed in the third week of lent and the Lord's Prayer in the coming week after the third scrutiny. Growth in faith means a deeper love for these two expressions of our way of life.

Mar 30 Mon: Lenten Weekday

Dn 13: 1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 or 13: 41c-62/ Ps 22: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6/ Jn 8: 1-11.

Optional for any weekday this week: 2 Kgs 4: 18b-21. 32-37/ Ps 17: 1. 6-7. 8b and 15/ Jn 11: 1-45

Mar 31 Tue: Lenten Weekday

Nm 21: 4-9/ Ps 101: 2-3. 16-18. 19-21/ Jn 8: 21-30

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2009

General: That the Lord may bless the farmers with an abundant harvest and sensitise the richer populations to the drama of hunger in the world..

Mission: That the Christians who work in areas where the conditions of the poor, the weak and the women and children are most tragic, may be signs of hope, thanks to their courageous testimony to the Gospel of solidarity and love.

Apr 1 Wed: Lenten Weekday/ Ceallach (Celsus) bp

Dn 3: 14-20. 24-25, 28 Ps/ Dn 3: 52. 53. 54. 55. 56/ Jn 8: 31-42

Apr 2 Thu: Lenten Weekday/ Francis of Paola, hmt

Gn 17: 3-9/ Ps 104: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Jn 8: 51-59

Apr 3 Fri: Lenten Weekday.

Day of abstinence from meat (age 14 and up).

Jer 20: 10-13/ Ps 17: 2-3a. 3bc-4. 5-6. 7/ Jn 10: 31-42

Apr 4 Sat: Lenten Weekday/ Isidore of Seville, bp, dr

Ez 37: 21-28/ Jer 31: 10. 11-12abcd. 13/ Jn 11: 45-56

April 5 - 11 Holy Week

During Holy Week the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem. The Lenten season lasts until the Thursday of this week

Apr 5 SUN: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Procession: *Mk 11: 1-10 or Jn 12: 12-16.*

Mass: *Is 50: 4-7/ Ps 21: 8-9. 17-18. 19-20. 23-24/ Phil 2: 6-11/ Mk 14: 1 – 15: 47*

Holy Week begins on this Sunday, which joins the foretelling of Christ's regal triumph and the proclamation of the Passion. The connection between both aspects of the paschal mystery should be shown and explained in the celebration and catechesis of this day. The commemoration of the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem is celebrated with a solemn procession which may take place only once, before the Mass which has the largest attendance, even if this should be the evening of Saturday or Sunday. In this procession the faithful carry palm or other branches. The priest and the ministers, also carrying branches, precede the people. The palms or branches are blessed so that they can be carried in the procession. The palms should be taken home, where they will serve as a reminder of the victory of Christ which they celebrated in the procession. Pastors should make every effort to ensure that this procession in honour of Christ the King be so prepared and celebrated that it is of great spiritual significance in the life of the faithful.

Apr 6 Mon: Monday of Holy Week

Is 42: 1-7/ Ps 26: 1. 2. 3. 13-14/ Jn 12: 1-11.

Apr 7 Tue: Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49: 1-6/ Ps 70: 1-2. 3-4a. 5ab-6ab. 15 and 17/ Jn 13: 21-33. 36-38

Apr 8 Wed: Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50: 4-9a/ Ps 68: 8-10. 21-22. 31 and 33-34/ Mt 26: 14-25

Easter Triduum begins

The Fathers of the Church saw this celebration as a unitive commemoration: St Augustine spoke of 'the most holy triduum of the crucified, buried and risen lord'. Over Friday, Saturday, and Sunday we celebrate a single, indivisible mystery. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the lord's Supper, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday (GNLY, 18-19).

Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year. Thus the solemnity of Easter has the same kind of pre-eminence in the liturgical year that Sunday has in the week.

The celebration of the paschal mystery is not simply a recalling of past events in history. It is a sacramental celebration that renders present and actualises the saving power of Christ's death and resurrection to the Church.

‘Let the Pascal Fast be kept sacred, Let it be observed everywhere on Good Friday and where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, as a way of coming to the joys of

the Sunday of the resurrection with uplifted and welcoming heart' Sacrosanctum concilium 110

Apr 9 Thu: Holy Thursday.

Chrism Mass: *Is 61: 1-3a. 6a. 8b-9/ Ps 88: 21-22. 25. 27/ Rv 1: 5-8/ Lk 4: 16-21.*

At evening, begin Easter Triduum of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: *Ex 12: 1-8. 11-14/ Ps 115: 12-13. 15-16bc. 17-18/ 1 Cor 11: 23-26/ Jn 13: 1-15*

The scripture readings this evening direct our minds at the opening of the great Paschal celebration to the meaning of what we celebrate. We are entering into this mystery in such a way that when we break bread and share the cup this evening we once more proclaim the death of the lord.

Apr 10 Fri: Good Friday.

Day of fast (ages 18-59) and abstinence from meat (age 14 and up).

Mass is not celebrated today.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: *Is 52: 13 -- 53: 12/ Ps 30: 2. 6. 12-13. 15-16. 17. 25/ Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9/ Jn 18: 1 -- 19: 42*

In 18:1-19:42. St John's account of the Passion is more reflective and theological. He emphasises Jesus' obedience to the Father's will. The kingship of Jesus is asserted: the crucifixion is a victory, the hour of death is also the hour of triumph, 'Christ gives his life, he is "lifted up" on the cross, but willingly, and only in order to enter into his glory, a glory that is made visible even in this world to the confusion of unbelievers and ending in the defeat of Satan once and for all.' (New Jerusalem Bible)

Apr 11 Sat: Holy Saturday Vigil

The seven readings for the Easter Vigil, which is an Easter Sunday Mass:

Gn 1: 1 -- 2: 2 or 1: 1. 26-31a/ Ps 103: 1-2. 5-6. 10. 12. 13-14. 24. 35 or Ps 32: 4-5. 6-7. 12-13. 20-22/

Gn 22: 1-18 or 22: 1-2. 9a. 10-13. 15-18/ Ps 15: 5. 8. 9-10. 11/

Ex 14: 15 -- 15: 1/ Ex 15: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 17-18/

Is 54: 5-14/ Ps 29: 2. 4. 5-6. 11-12. 13/

Is 55: 1-11/ Is 12: 2-3. 4. 5-6/

Bar 3: 9-15. 32 -- 4: 4/ Ps 18: 8. 9. 10. 11/

Ez 36: 16-17a. 18-28/ Ps 41 or Ps 50: 12-13. 14-15. 18-19/

Rom 6: 3-11/ Ps 117: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23/

Mk 16: 1-7

This is the night when the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the resurrection of the Lord and celebrates the sacraments of Christian Initiation.

The Passover Vigil, in which the Hebrews kept watch for the Lord's Passover which was to free them from slavery to Pharaoh, prefigured the true Pasch of Christ that was to come. For the resurrection of Christ in which he 'broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave', is the foundation of our faith and hope, and through Baptism

and Confirmation we are inserted into the Paschal mystery of Christ, dying, buried, and raised with him, and with him we shall also reign. The full meaning of this Vigil is a waiting for the coming of the Lord.

Apr 12 SUN: EASTER SUNDAY.

The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*Acts 10: 34a. 37-43/ Ps 117: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23/ Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6b-8/
Sequence Victimae Paschali Laudes/ Jn 20: 1-9 or Mk 16: 1-7*

The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him (CCC 1169).

Apr 13 Mon: Easter Monday

Acts 2: 14. 22-33/ Ps 15: 1-2a and 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11/ Mt 28: 8-15

Martin, pp and mt is not celebrated this year

Apr 14 Tue: Easter Tuesday

Acts 2: 36-41/ Ps 32: 4-5. 18-19. 20 and 22/ Jn 20: 11-18

Apr 15 Wed: Easter Wednesday

Acts 3: 1-10/ Ps 104: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/ Lk 24: 13-35

Apr 16 Thu: Easter Thursday

Acts 3: 11-26/ Ps 8: 2ab and 5. 6-7. 8-9/ Lk 24: 35-48

Bernadette Soubirous, is not celebrated this year

Apr 17 Fri: Easter Friday

Acts 4: 1-12/ Ps 117: 1-2 and 4. 22-24. 25-27a/ Jn 21: 1-14

Apr 18 Sat: Easter Saturday

Acts 4: 13-21/ Ps 117: 1 and 14-15ab. 16-18. 19-21/ Mk 16: 9-15

Laserian, b, is not celebrated this year

Apr 19 SUN: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4: 32-35/ Ps 117: 2-4. 13-15. 22-24/ 1 Jn 5: 1-6/ Jn 20: 19-31

Apr 20 Mon: Easter Weekday 2

Acts 4: 23-31/ Ps 2: 1-3. 4-7a. 7b-9/ Jn 3: 1-8

Apr 21 Tue: Easter Weekday 2/ Anselm, bp, r, dr

Acts 4: 32-37/ Ps 91: 1ab. 1cd-2. 5/ Jn 3: 7b-15

Apr 22 Wed: Easter Weekday 2

Acts 5: 17-26/ Ps 33: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Jn 3: 16-21

Apr 23 Thu: Easter Weekday 2/ George, mt/ Adalbert of Prague, bp, mt

Acts 5: 27-33/ Ps 33: 2 and 9. 17-18. 19-20/ Jn 3: 31-36

Apr 24 Fri: Easter Weekday 2/ Fidelis of Sigmaringen, p, mt
Acts 5: 34-42/ Ps 26: 1. 4. 13-14/ Jn 6: 1-15

Apr 25 Sat: Mark, evan F
1 Pt 5: 5b-14/ Ps 88: 2-3. 6-7. 16-17/ Mk 16: 15-20

Apr 26 SUN: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 3: 13-15. 17-19/ Ps 4: 2. 4. 7-8. 9 (7a)/ 1 Jn 2: 1-5a/ Lk 24: 35-48

Apr 27 Mon: Easter Weekday 3/ Asicus, bp
Acts 6: 8-15/ Ps 118: 23-24. 26-27. 29-30/ Jn 6: 22-29

Apr 28 Tue: Easter Weekday 3/ Peter Chanel, p, r, ms, mt/ Louis Mary de Montfort, p
Acts 7: 51 -- 8: 1a/ Ps 30: 3cd-4. 6 and 7b and 8a. 17 and 21ab/ Jn 6: 30-35

Apr 29 Wed: Catherine of Siena, v, dr M
1Jn 1:5-2:2, Ps102, Mt 11: 25-30

Apr 30 Thu: Easter Weekday/ Pius V, pp, r
Acts 8: 26-40/ Ps 65: 8-9. 16-17. 20/ Jn 6: 44-51

MAY, MONTH OF MARY

'... since the month of May largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter, the pious exercises practised at this time could emphasise Our lady's participation in the Paschal mystery (cf. John 19, 25-27), and the Pentecost event (cf. Acts 1, 14) with which the Church begins: Our lady journeys with the Church having shared in the novum of the Resurrection, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The fifty days are also a time for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation and of the mystagogy. The pious exercises connected with the month of May could easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.'

(Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, principles and guidelines, 191.)

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2009

General: That the laity and the Christian communities may be responsible promoters of priestly and religious vocations.

Mission: That the recently founded Catholic Churches, grateful to the Lord for the gift of faith, may be ready to share in the universal mission of the Church, offering their availability to preach the Gospel throughout the world.

May 1 Fri: Easter Weekday 3 / Joseph the Worker *opt mem*

Acts 9: 1-20/ Ps 116: 1bc. 2/ Jn 6: 52-59

(Readings for Joseph: Gen 1:26-2:3, or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24, Ps 89, Mt 13: 54-58)

May 2 Sat: Easter Weekday 3 / Athanasius, *bp, dr M*

Acts 9: 31-42/ Ps 115: 12-13. 14-15. 16-17/ Jn 6: 60-69

3 May: Year of Vocations ends

Lord Jesus, you said to your disciples:

'The harvest indeed is great but the labourers are few.'

"Ie ask that we may know and follow the vocation to which you have called us. We pray for those called to serve: those whom you have called, those you are calling now, and those you will call in the future.

May they be open and responsive to the call of serving your people.

Amen.

May 3 SUN: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Acts 4: 8-12/ Ps 117: 1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28. 29 (22)/ 1 Jn 3: 1-2/ Jn 10: 11-18

May 4 Mon: Easter Weekday 4 / Conleth, *bp*

Acts 11: 1-18/ Ps 41: 2-3; 43: 3-4/ Jn 10: 1-10

May 5 Tue: Easter Weekday 4/ Bl Edmund Rice, *r*

Acts 11: 19-26/ Ps 86: 1b-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Jn 10: 22-30

May 6 Wed: Easter Weekday 4

Acts 12: 24 -- 13: 5a/ Ps 66: 2-3. 5. 6 and 8/ Jn 12: 44-50

May 7 Thu: Easter Weekday 4

Acts 13: 13-25/ Ps 88: 2-3. 21-22. 25 and 27/ Jn 13: 16-20

May 8 Fri: Easter Weekday 4

Acts 13: 26-33/ Ps 2: 6-7. 8-9. 10-11ab/ Jn 14: 1-6

May 9 Sat: Easter Weekday 4

Acts 13: 44-52/ Ps 97: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Jn 14: 7-14

May 10 SUN: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9: 26-31/ Ps 22: 26-27. 28. 30. 31-32 (26a)/ 1 Jn 3: 18-24/ Jn 15: 1-8

Comgall, ab, is not celebrated this year

May 11 Mon: Easter Weekday 5/

Acts 14: 5-18/ Ps 114: 1-2. 3-4. 15-16/ Jn 14: 21-26

May 12 Tue: Easter Weekday 5 / Nereus and Achilleus, mts/ Pancras, mt
Acts 14: 19-28/ Ps 144: 10-11. 12-13ab. 21/ Jn 14: 27-31a

May 13 Wed: Easter Weekday 5/ Our Lady of Fatima
Acts 15: 1-6/ Ps 121: 1-2. 3-4ab. 4cd-5/ Jn 15: 1-8

May 14 Thu: Matthias, ap F
Acts 1: 15-17. 20-26/ Ps 112: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8/ Jn 15: 9-17

May 15 Fri: Easter Weekday 5/ Carthage, b
Acts 15: 22-31/ Ps 56: 8-9. 10 and 12/ Jn 15: 12-17

May 16 Sat: Easter Weekday 5/ Brendan, ab
Acts 16: 1-10/ Ps 99: 1b-2. 3. 5/ Jn 15: 18-21

May 17 SUN: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 10: 25-26. 34-35. 44-48/ Ps 97: 1. 2-3. 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4: 7-10/ Jn 15: 9-17 1 Jn 4:

May 18 Mon: Easter Weekday 6 / John I, pp, mt
Acts 16: 11-15/ Ps 149: 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6a and 9b/ Jn 15: 26 -- 16: 4a

May 19 Tue: Easter Weekday 6
Acts 16: 22-34/ Ps 137: 1-2ab. 2cde-3. 7c-8/ Jn 16: 5-11

May 20 Wed: Easter Weekday 6/ Bernardine of Siena, p,
Acts 17: 15. 22 -- 18: 1/ Ps 148: 1-2. 11-12. 13. 14/ Jn 16: 12-15

May 21 Thu: Easter Weekday 6/ Christopher Magallanes, p, & Companions, mts
Acts 18: 1-8/ Ps 97: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Jn 16: 16-20

May 22 Fri: Easter Weekday 6/ Rita of Cascia, r
Acts 18: 9-18/ Ps 46: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Jn 16: 20-23

May 23 Sat: Easter Weekday 6
Acts 18: 23-28/ Ps 46: 2-3. 8-9. 10/ Jn 16: 23b-28

May 24 SUN: ASCENSION OF THE LORD S (Seventh Sunday of Easter)
World Communications Day

Acts 1: 1-11/ Ps 46: 2-3. 6-7. 8-9 (6)/ Eph 4: 1-13/ Mk 16: 15-20

'The Ascension of Christ means our own salvation as well; where the glorious Head has gone before, the body is called to follow in hope. Let us therefore exult, beloved, as is fitting, and let us rejoice in devout thanksgiving. For on this day not only have we been confirmed in our possession of paradise, but we have even entered heaven in the person of Christ; through his grace we have regained far more than we had lost through the devil's hatred' (St Leo 'the Great, Sermon 73:4).

May 25 Mon: Easter Weekday 7/ Venerable Bede, p, r, dr/ Gregory VII, pp, r/ Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, v, r

Acts 19: 1-8/ Ps 67: 2-3ab. 4-5acd. 6-7ab/ Jn 16: 29-33

May 26 Tue: Easter Weekday 7/ Philip Neri, p M

Acts 20: 17-27/ Ps 67: 10-11. 20-21/ Jn 17: 1-11a

May 27 Wed: Easter Weekday 7/ Augustine of Canterbury, bp, r, ms

Acts 20: 28-38/ Ps 67: 29-30. 33-35a. 35bc-36ab/ Jn 17: 11b-19

May 28 Thu: Easter Weekday 7

Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11/ Ps 15: 1-2a and 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11/ Jn 17: 20-26

May 29 Fri: Easter Weekday 7

Acts 25: 13b-21/ Ps 102: 1-2. 11-12. 19-20ab/ Jn 21: 15-19

May 30 Sat: Easter Weekday 7

Acts 28: 16-20. 30-31/ Ps 10: 4. 5 and 7/ Jn 21: 20-25

May 31 SUN: PENTCOST SUNDAY

Acts 2: 1-11/ Ps 103/ Gal 5: 16-25/ Jn 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

Or 1 Cor 12: 3b-7. 12-13 or Gal 5: 16-25/ Sequence Veni Creator / Jn 20: 19-23 or Jn 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

The Church was made manifest to the world on the day of Pentecost by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit ushers in a new era in the dispensation of the mystery - the age of the Church, during which Christ manifests, makes present and communicates his work of salvation through the liturgy of his Church "until he comes" (CCC, 1 076).

The fifty days of Easter conclude with the celebration of Pentecost

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 2009

General: That international attention towards the poorer countries may give rise to more concrete help, in particular to relieve them of the crushing burden of foreign debt.

Mission: That the particular Churches operating in regions marked by violence may be sustained by the love and concrete closeness of all the Catholics in the world.

Jun 1 Mon: Ninth Week in Ordinary Time / Justin, mt M

Tb 1: 3; 2: 1a-8/ Ps 112: 1b-2. 3b-4. 5-6/ Mk 12: 1-12

Jun 2 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Marcellinus and Peter, mts

Tb 2: 9-14/ Ps 111: 1-2. 7-8. 9/ Mk 12: 13-17

Jun 3 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Kevin, ab

Tb 3: 1-11a. 16-17a/ Ps 24: 2-3. 4-5ab. 6 and 7bc. 8-9/ Mk 12: 18-27

Jun 4 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ Charles Lwanga & Co., mts M

Tb 6: 10-11; 7: 1bcde. 9-17; 8: 4-9a/ Mk 12: 28-34

Jun 5 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Boniface, bp, mt M

Tb 11: 5-17/ Ps 145: 1b-2. 6c-7. 8-9a. 9bc-10/ Mk 12: 35-37

Jun 6 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM/ Norbert, bp, rf, Jarlath, b

Tb 12: 1. 5-15. 20/ Tb 13: 2. 6efgh. 7. 8/ Mk 12: 38-44

Jun 7 SUN: THE HOLY TRINITY S

Dt 4: 32-34. 39-40/ Ps 32: 4-5. 6. 9. 18-19. 20. 22 (12b)/ Rom 8: 14-17/ Mt 28: 16-20

Colman, bp is not celebrated this year

The relationships in the Trinity are relationships of love. The reflection on this mystery today is not in terms or philosophy but of Christian living. The unity and harmony of the life in the Trinity is to be the aim of each community. Where love is, there God is. God's revelation of this inner life is for our salvation - a gift given in love. Our response can only be one of glory and praise.

Jun 8 Mon: Ordinary Weekday (Tenth Week in Ordinary Time)

2 Cor 1: 1-7/ Ps 33: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Mt 5: 1-12

Jun 9 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Ephrem of Syria, d, dr

2 Cor 1: 18-22/ Ps 118: 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 135/ Mt 5: 13-16

Jun 10 Wed: St Columba (Colum Cille), ab, miss, Secondary Patron of Ireland

2 Cor 3: 4-11/ Ps 98: 5. 6. 7. 8. 9/ Mt 5: 17-19

Jun 11 Thu: Barnabas, ap M

Acts 11: 21b-26; 13: 1-3/ Ps 97: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6/ Mt 5: 20-26

Jun 12 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

2 Cor 4: 7-15/ Ps 115: 10-11. 15-16. 17-18/ Mt 5: 27-32

Jun 13 Sat: Ordinary Weekday ,Anthony of Padua, p, r, dr M

2 Cor 5: 14-21/ Ps 102: 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12/ Mt 5: 33-37

Jun 14 SUN: THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST S

Ex 24: 3-8/ Ps 115: 12-13. 15-16. 17-18 (13)/ Heb 9: 11-15/ Optional Sequence Lauda, Sion/ Mk 14: 12-16. 22-26

From this feast of Corpus Christi originated many practices of Eucharistic devotion that, under the inspiration of divine grace, have increased from day to day and that the Catholic Church uses eagerly to show ever greater homage to Christ, to thank him for so great a gift and to implore his mercy (Pope Paul VI).

Jun 15 Mon: Ordinary Weekday (Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time)

2 Cor 6: 1-10/ Ps 97: 1. 2b. 3ab. 3cd-4/ Mt 5: 38-42

Jun 16 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

2 Cor 8: 1-9/ Ps 144: 2. 5-6ab. 6c-7. 8-9a/ Mt 5: 43-48

Jun 17 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

2 Cor 9: 6-11/ Ps 111: 1bc-2. 3-4. 9/ Mt 6: 1-6. 16-18

Jun 18 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

2 Cor 11: 1-11/ Ps 110: 1b-2. 3-4. 7-8/ Mt 6: 7-15

Jun 19 Fri: SACRED HEART OF JESUS S

Hos 11: 1. 3-4. 8c-9/ Is 12: 2-3. 4. 5-6 (3)/ Eph 3: 8-12. 14-19/ Jn 19: 31-37

Romuald, ab is not celebrated this year.

Jun 20 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ Immaculate Heart of the BVMary M, The Irish Martyrs

2 Cor 12: 1-10/ Ps 33: 8-9. 10-11. 12-13/ Lk 2: 41-51

Jun 21 SUN: TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jb 38: 1. 8-11/ Ps 106: 23-24. 25-26. 28-29. 30-31 (1b)/ 2 Cor 5: 14-17/ Mk 4: 35- 41

Aloysius Gonzaga, r is not celebrated this year.

Jun 22 Mon: Ordinary Weekday/ Paulinus of Nola, bp/ John Fisher, bp, mt, Thomas More, mm, mt

Gn 12: 1-9/ Ps 33: 12-13. 18-19. 20 and 22/ Mt 7: 1-5

Jun 23 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Gn 13: 2. 5-18/ Ps 14: 2-3a. 3bc-4ab. 5/ Mt 7: 6. 12-14

Jun 24 Wed: NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST S

Vigil: Jer 1: 4-10/ Ps 70: 1-2. 3-4a. 5-6ab. 15ab and 17/ 1 Pt 1: 8-12/ Lk 1: 5-17.

Day: Is 49: 1-6/ Ps 138: 1b-3. 13-14ab. 14c-15/ Acts 13: 22-26/ Lk 1: 57-66. 80

Jun 25 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Gn 16: 1-12. 15-16/ Ps 105: 1b-2. 3-4a. 4b-5/ Mt 7: 21-29

Jun 26 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Gn 17: 1. 9-10. 15-22/ Ps 127: 1-2. 3. 4-5/ Mt 8: 1-4

Jun 27 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM/ Cyril of Alexandria, bp, dr
Gn 18: 1-15/ Lk 1: 46-47. 48-49. 50 and 53. 54-55/ Mt 8: 5-17

Jun 28 SUN: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24/ Ps 292 Cor 8: 7. 9. 13-15/ Mk 5: 21-43

Irenaeus, b, mt is not celebrated this year.

Jun 29 Mon: PETER AND PAUL, APS S

Vigil: Acts 3: 1-10/ Ps 18: 2-3. 4-5/ Gal 1: 11-20/ Jn 21: 15-19. Day: Acts 12: 1-11/ Ps 34: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ 2 Tm 4: 6-8. 17-18/ Mt 16: 13-19

On the traditional day considered in pagan Rome to be its foundation day by Romulus, we celebrate the twin founders of the Church in Rome. St Peter died by crucifixion and St Paul by beheading between 64-67.

Jun 30 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

Gn 19: 15-29/ Ps 25: 2-3. 9-10. 11-12/ Mt 8: 23-27

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JULY 2009

General: That the Christians of the Middle East may live their faith in full freedom and be an instrument of peace and reconciliation.

Mission: That the Church may be the seed and nucleus of a humanity reconciled and reunited in God's one and only family, thanks to the testimony of all the faithful in every country in the world.

Jul 1 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ St Oliver Plunkett, bp,mt

Gn 21: 5. 8-20a/ Ps 33: 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/ Mt 8: 28-34

Jul 2 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Gn 22: 1b-19/ Ps 114: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/ Mt 9: 1-8

Jul 3 Fri: THOMAS, ap F

Eph 2: 19-22/ Ps 116: 1bc. 2/ Jn 20: 24-29

Jul 4 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM/ Elizabeth of Portugal, mw

Gn 27: 1-5. 15-29/ Ps 134: 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Mt 9: 14-17

Jul 5 SUN: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez 2: 2-5/ Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4/ 2 Cor 12: 7-10/ Mk 6: 1-6

Anthony Zaccaria, , p is not celebrated this year.

Jul 6 Mon: Ordinary Weekday/ Maria Goretti, v, mt, Monnine of Killeavy, v

Gn 28: 10-22a/ Ps 90: 1-2. 3-4. 14-15ab/ Mt 9: 18-26

Jul 7 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Maelruain, bp,ab
Gn 32: 23-33/ Ps 16: 1b. 2-3. 6-7ab. 8b and 15/ Mt 9: 32-38

Jul 8 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Kilian, b,mt
Gn 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a. 17-24a/ Ps 32: 2-3. 10-11. 18-19/ Mt 10: 1-7

Jul 9 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ Augustine Zhao Rong, p, & Co., mts
Gn 44: 18-21. 23b-29; 45: 1-5/ Ps 104: 16-17. 18-19. 20-21/ Mt 10: 7-15

Jul 10 Fri: Ordinary Weekday
Gn 46: 1-7. 28-30/ Ps 36: 3-4. 18-19. 27-28. 39-40/ Mt 10: 16-23

Jul 11 Sat: Benedict, ab, Patron of Europe, rfM
Gn 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26a/ Ps 104: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7/ Mt 10: 24-33

Jul 12 SUN: FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Am 7: 12-15/ Ps 84: 9-10. 11-12. 13-14 (8)/ Eph 1: 3-14/ Mk 6: 7-13

Jul 13 Mon: Ordinary Weekday/ Henry, mm
Ex 1: 8-14. 22/ Ps 123: 1b-3. 4-6. 7-8/ Mt 10: 34 – 11: 1

Jul 14 Tue: Ordinary Weekday / Camillus de Lellis, p
Ex 2: 1-15a/ Ps 68: 3. 14. 30-31. 33-34/ Mt 11: 20-24

Jul 15 Wed: Ordinary Weekday /Bonaventure, bp, r, dr M
Ex 3: 1-6. 9-12/ Ps 102: 1b-2. 3-4. 6-7/ Mt 11: 25-27

Jul 16 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Ex 3: 13-20/ Ps 104: 1 and 5. 8-9. 24-25. 26-27/ Mt 11: 28-30

Jul 17 Fri: Ordinary Weekday
Ex 11: 10 – 12: 14/ Ps 115: 12-13. 15 and 16bc. 17-18/ Mt 12: 1-8

Jul 18 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM
Ex 12: 37-42/ Ps 135: 1 and 23-24. 10-12. 13-15/ Mt 12: 14-21

Jul 19 SUN: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jer 23: 1-6/ Ps 22: 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 (1)/ Eph 2: 13-18/ Mk 6: 30-34

Jul 20 Mon: Ordinary Weekday/ Apollinarius, bp, mt
Ex 14: 5-18/ Ex 15: 1bc-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Mt 12: 38-42

Jul 21 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Lawrence of Brindisi, p, r, dr
Ex 14: 21 – 15: 1/ Ex 15: 8-9. 10 and 12. 17/ Mt 12: 46-50

Jul 22 Wed: Mary Magdalene, disciple of the Lord M

Ex 16: 1-5. 9-15/ Ps 77: 18-19. 23-24. 25-26. 27-28/ Jn 20: 1-2. 11-18

Jul 23 Thu: BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, mw, rf Patron of Europe

Ex 19: 1-2. 9-11. 16-20b/ Dn 3: 52. 53. 54. 55. 56/ Mt 13: 10-17

Jul 24 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Charbel Makhluf, p Declan, bp

Ex 20: 1-17/ Ps 18: 8. 9. 10. 11/ Mt 13: 18-23

Jul 25 Sat: JAMES, ap F

2 Cor 4: 7-15/ Ps 125: 1bc-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6/ Mt 20: 20-28

Jul 26 SUN: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 4: 42-44/ Ps 144: 10-11. 15-16. 17-18/ Eph 4: 1-6/ Jn 6: 1-15

Joachim and Anne, parents of the BI V. Mary is not celebrated this year.

Jul 27 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Ex 32: 15-24. 30-34/ Ps 105: 19-20. 21-22. 23/ Mt 13: 31-35

Jul 28 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Ex 33: 7-11; 34: 5b-9. 28/ Mt 13: 36-43

Jul 29 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Martha, disciple of the Lord M

Ex 34: 29-35/ Ps 98: 5. 6. 7. 9/ Jn 11: 19-27 or Lk 10: 38-42

Jul 30 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ Peter Chrysologus, bp, dr

Ex 40: 16-21. 34-38/ Ps 83: 3. 4. 5-6a and 8a. 11/ Mt 13: 47-53

Jul 31 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Ignatius of Loyola, p, rf M

Lv 23: 1. 4-11. 15-16. 27. 34b-37/ Ps 80: 3-4. 5-6. 10-11ab/ Mt 13: 54-58

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 2009

General: That public opinion may be more aware of the problem of millions of displaced persons and refugees and that concrete solutions may be found for their often tragic situation.

Mission: That those Christians who are discriminated against and persecuted in many countries because of the name of Christ may have their human rights, equality and religious freedom recognised, in order to be able to live and profess their own faith freely.

Aug 1 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ Alphonsus Liguori, bp, rf, dr M

Lv 25: 1. 8-17/ Ps 66: 2-3. 5. 7-8/ Mt 14: 1-12

Aug 2 SUN: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 16: 2-4. 12-15/ Ps 77: 3-4. 23-24. 25. 54 (24b)/ Eph 4: 17. 20-24/ Jn 6: 24- 35
Eusebius of Vercelli, *b* and Peter Julian Eymard, *p* is not celebrated this year.

Aug 3 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Nm 11: 4b-15/ Ps 80: 12-13. 14-15. 16-17/ Mt 14: 13-21

Aug 4 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ John Mary Vianney, *p M*

Nm 12: 1-13/ Ps 50: 3-4. 5-6ab. 6cd-7. 12-13/ Mt 14: 22-36 or Mt 15: 1-2. 10-14

Aug 5 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

Nm 13: 1-2. 25 – 14: 1. 26a-29a. 34-35/ Ps 105: 6-7ab. 13-14. 21-22. 23/ Mt 15: 21-28

Aug 6 Thu: TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD *F*

Dn 7: 9-10. 13-14/ Ps 96: 1-2. 5-6. 9/ 2 Pt 1: 16-19/ Mk 9: 2-10

Aug 7 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Sixtus II, *pp, mt, & Co., mts/ Cajetan, p*

Dt 4: 32-40/ Ps 76: 12-13. 14-15. 16 and 21/ Mt 16: 24-28

Aug 8 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ Dominic, *p, rf M*

Dt 6: 4-13/ Ps 17: 2-3a. 3c-4. 47 and 51/ Mt 17: 14-20

Aug 9 SUN: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 19: 4-8/ Ps 33: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 (9a)/ Eph 4: 30 – 5: 2/ Jn 6: 41-51

Teresa Benedict of the Cross(Edith Stein), St Nathy, *bp, Felim, bp*

Aug 10 Mon: Lawrence, *d, mt F*

2 Cor 9: 6-10/ Ps 111: 1-2. 5-6. 7-8. 9/ Jn 12: 24-26

Aug 11 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Clare, *v, rf M*

Dt 31: 1-8/ Dt 32: 3-4ab. 7. 8. 9 and 12/ Mt 18: 1-5. 10. 12-14

Aug 12 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Jane Frances de Chantal, *mw, rf, Muredach, bp, Attracta, v, Lelia, v*

Dt 34: 1-12/ Ps 65: 1-3a. 5 and 8. 16-17/ Mt 18: 15-20

Aug 13 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ Pontian, *pp, mt, Hippolytus, p, mt, Fachtna, bp*

Jos 3: 7-10a. 11. 13-17/ Ps 113: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Mt 18: 21 – 19: 1

Aug 14 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Maximilian Mary Kolbe, *p, mt M*

Jos 24: 1-13/ Ps 135: 1-3. 16-18. 21-22 and 24/ Mt 19: 3-12

Aug 15 Sat: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY *S*

Vigil: 1 Chr 15: 3-4. 15-16; 16: 1-2/ Ps 131/ 1 Cor 15: 54b-57/ Lk 11: 27-28.

Day: Apoc 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a. 10ab/ Ps 44: 10. 11. 12. 16/ 1 Cor 15: 20-27/ Lk 1: 39-56

Aug 16 SUN: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prv 9: 1-6/ Ps 33: 2-3. 10-11. 12-13. 14-15 (9a)/ Eph 5: 15-20/ Jn 6: 51-58
Stephen of hungry is not celebrated this year

Aug 17 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Jgs 2: 11-19/ Ps 106: 34-35. 36-37. 39-40. 43ab and 44/ Mt 19: 16-22

Aug 18 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Jgs 6: 11-24a/ Ps 84: 9. 11-12. 13-14/ Mt 19: 23-30

Aug 19 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ John Eudes, p, rf

Jgs 9: 6-15/ Ps 20: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Mt 20: 1-16

Aug 20 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ Bernard, ab, dr M

Jgs 11: 29-39a/ Ps 39: 5. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10/ Mt 22: 1-14

Aug 21 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Pius X, pp M

Ru 1: 1. 3-6. 14b-16. 22/ Ps 145: 5-6ab. 6c-7. 8-9a. 9bc-10/ Mt 22: 34-40

Aug 22 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary M

Ru 2: 1-3. 8-11; 4: 13-17/ Ps 127: 1b-2. 3. 4. 5/ Mt 23: 1-12

Aug 23 SUN: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jos 24: 1-2a. 15-17. 18b/ Ps 33,/ Eph 5: 21-32 or Eph 5: 2a. 25-32/ Jn 6: 60-69
Rose of Lima, v, Eugene, b are not celebrated this year

Aug 24 Mon: Bartholomew, ap F

Apoc 21: 9b-14/ Ps 144: 10-11. 12-13. 17-18/ Jn 1: 45-51

Aug 25 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Louis of France, mm/ Joseph Calasanz, p, rf

1 Thes 2: 1-8/ Ps 138: 1-3. 4-6/ Mt 23: 23-26

Aug 26 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

1 Thes 2: 9-13/ Ps 138: 7-8. 9-10. 11-12ab/ Mt 23: 27-32

Aug 27 Thu: Ordinary Weekday, Monica, mw M

1 Thes 3: 7-13/ Ps 89: 3-5a. 12-13. 14 and 17/ Mt 24: 42-51

Aug 28 Fri: Augustine, bp, dr M

1 Thes 4: 1-8/ Ps 96: 1 and 2b. 5-6. 10. 11-12/ Mt 25: 1-13

Aug 29 Sat: The Beheading of John the Baptist mt, M

Jer 1: 17-19/ Ps 70./ Mk 6: 17-29

Aug 30 SUN: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt 4: 1-2. 6-8/ Ps 14: 2-3. 3-4. 4-5 (1a)/ Jas 1: 17-18. 21b-22. 27/ Mk 7: 1-8. 14-15. 21-

Fiacre, m is not celebrated this year

Aug 31 Mon: Ordinary Weekday / Aidan of Lisdisfarne, b, miss

1 Thes 4: 13-18/ Ps 95: 1 and 3. 4-5. 11-12. 13/ Lk 4: 16-30

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2009

General: That the word of God may be better known, welcomed and lived as the source of freedom and joy.

Mission: That Christians in Laos, Cambodia, and Myanmar, who often meet with great difficulties, may not be discouraged from announcing the Gospel to their brothers and sisters, trusting in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Sep 1 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

1 Thes 5: 1-6. 9-11/ Ps 26: 1. 4. 13-14/ Lk 4: 31-37

Sep 2 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Col 1: 1-8/ Ps 51: 10. 11/ Lk 4: 38-44

Sep 3 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ Gregory the Great, pp, r, dr M

Col 1: 9-14/ Ps 97: 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6/ Lk 5: 1-11

Sep 4 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Mac Nissi, bp

Col 1: 15-20/ Ps 99: 1b-2. 3. 4. 5/ Lk 5: 33-39

Sep 5 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Col 1: 21-23/ Ps 53: 3-4. 6 and 8/ Lk 6: 1-5

Sep 6 SUN: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 35: 4-7a/ Ps 145: 7. 8-9. 9-10 (1b)/ Jas 2: 1-5/ Mk 7: 31-37

Sep 7 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Col 1: 24 – 2: 3/ Ps 61: 6-7. 9/ Lk 6: 6-11

Sep 8 Tue: The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary F

Mi 5: 1-4a or Rom 8: 28-30/ Ps 12: 6ab. 6c/ Mt 1: 1-16. 18-23

Sep 9 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Ciaran, ab, Frederick Ozanam

Col 3: 1-11/ Ps 144: 2-3. 10-11. 12-13ab/ Lk 6: 20-26

Sep 10 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Col 3: 12-17/ Ps 149: 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Lk 6: 27-38

Sep 11 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

1 Tm 1: 1-2. 12-14/ Ps 15: 1b-2a and 5. 7-8. 11/ Lk 6: 39-42

Sep 12 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ Holy Name of Mary/ Ailbe, bp
1 Tm 1: 15-17/ Ps 112: 1b-2. 3-4. 5a and 6-7/ Lk 6: 43-49

Sep 13 SUN: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Is 50: 5-9a/ Ps 114: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9 (9)/ Jas 2: 14-18/ Mk 8: 27-35

Sep 14 Mon: EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS F
Nm 21: 4b-9/ Ps 77: 1bc-2. 34-35. 36-37. 38/ Phil 2: 6-11/ Jn 3: 13-17

The Triumph of the Cross. The discovery of the True Cross is dated to 14 September 320. On 13 September 335 the churches on Calvary were dedicated and the cross that St Helena discovered was venerated there the next day. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

Sep 15 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Our Lady of Sorrows M
1 Tm 3: 1-13/ Ps 100: 1b-2ab. 2cd-3ab. 5. 6/ Optional Sequence Stabat Mater/ Jn 19: 25-27 or Lk 2: 33-35

Sep 16 Wed: Cornelius, pp, mt, and Cyprian, bp, mt M
1 Tm 3: 14-16/ Ps 110: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Lk 7: 31-35

Sep 17 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ Robert Bellarmine, bp, r, dr
1 Tm 4: 12-16/ Ps 110: 7-8. 9. 10/ Lk 7: 36-50

Sep 18 Fri: Ordinary Weekday
1 Tm 6: 2c-12/ Ps 48: 6-7. 8-10. 17-18. 19-20/ Lk 8: 1-3

Sep 19 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ Januarius, bp, mt
1 Tm 6: 13-16/ Ps 99: 1b-2. 3. 4. 5/ Lk 8: 4-15

Sep 20 SUN: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wis 2: 12. 17-20/ Ps 53: 3-4. 5. 6-8 (6b)/ Jas 3: 16 – 4: 3/ Mk 9: 30-37
Andrew Kim Taegon, p, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions mts

Sep 21 Mon: Matthew, ap, ev F
Eph 4: 1-7. 11-13/ Ps 18: 2-3. 4-5/ Mt 9: 9-13

Sep 22 Tue: Ordinary Weekday
Ezr 6: 7-8. 12b. 14-20/ Ps 121: 1-2. 3-4ab. 4cd-5/ Lk 8: 19-21

2009 Sep 23 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, p M
Ezr 9: 5-9/ Tb 13: 2. 3-4a. 4befghn. 7-8/ Lk 9: 1-6

Sep 24 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ Finbarr, bp
Hg 1: 1-8/ Ps 148: 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6a and 9b/ Lk 9: 7-9

Sep 25 Fri: Ordinary Weekday
Hg 2: 1-9/ Ps 42: 1. 2. 3. 4/ Lk 9: 18-22

Sep 26 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ Cosmas and Damian, mts
Zec 2: 5-9. 14-15a/ Jer 31: 10. 11-12ab. 13/ Lk 9: 43b-45

Sep 27 SUN: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Nm 11: 25-29/ Ps 18: 8. 10. 12-13. 14 (9a)/ Jas 5: 1-6/ Mk 9: 38-43. 45. 47-48
Vincent de Paul is not celebrated this year

Sep 28 Mon: Ordinary Weekday/ Wenceslaus, mt/ Lawrence Ruiz, mm, mt, & co., mts
Zec 8: 1-8/ Ps 101: 16-18. 19-21. 29 and 22-23/ Lk 9: 46-50

Sep 29 Tue: Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels F
Dn 7: 9-10. 13-14 or Rv 12: 7-12a/ Ps 137: 1-2ab. 2cde-3. 4-5/ Jn 1: 47-51

Sep 30 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Jerome, p, dr M
Neh 2: 1-8/ Ps 136: 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6/ Lk 9: 57-62

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2009

General: That Sunday may be lived as the day on which Christians gather to celebrate the risen Lord, participating in the Eucharist.

Mission: That the entire People of God, to whom Christ entrusted the mandate to go and preach the Gospel to every creature, may eagerly assume their own missionary responsibility and consider it the highest service they can offer humanity.

Oct 1 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ Thérèse of Lisieux, v, r, dr M
Neh 8: 1-4a. 5-6. 7b-12/ Ps 18: 8. 9. 10. 11/ Lk 10: 1-12

Oct 2 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ The Guardian Angels M
Bar 1: 15-22/ Ps 78: 1b-2. 3-5. 8. 9/ Mt 18: 1-5. 10

Oct 3 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM/ Columba Marmion, m
Bar 4: 5-12. 27-29/ Ps 68: 33-35. 36-37/ Lk 10: 17-24

Oct 4 SUN: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Gn 2: 18-24/ Ps 127: 1-2. 3. 4-5. 6/ Heb 2: 9-11/ Mk 10: 2-16
Day for Life

Oct 5 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Jon 1: 1 – 2: 1-2. 11/ Jon 2: 3. 4. 5. 8/ Lk 10: 25-37

Oct 6 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Bruno, p, h, rf

Jon 3: 1-10/ Ps 129: 1b-2. 3-4ab. 7-8/ Lk 10: 38-42

Oct 7 Wed: Our Lady of the Rosary M

Jon 4: 1-11/ Ps 85: 3-4. 5-6. 9-10/ Lk 11: 1-4

Oct 8 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Mal 3: 13-20b/ Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 and 6/ Lk 11: 5-13

Oct 9 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Denis, bp, mt, & Co., mts/ John Leonardi, p

Jl 1: 13-15; 2: 1-2/ Ps 9: 2-3. 6 and 16. 8-9/ Lk 11: 15-26

Oct 10 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM

Jl 4: 12-21/ Ps 96: 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/ Lk 11: 27-28

Oct 11 SUN: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 7: 7-11/ Ps 89: 12-13. 14-15. 16-17 (14)/ Heb 4: 12-13/ Mk 10: 17-30

Day of Prayer for Emigrants

Canice, ab is not celebrated this year

Oct 12 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Rom 1: 1-7/ Ps 97: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Lk 11: 29-32

Oct 13 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Rom 1: 16-25/ Ps 18: 2-3. 4-5/ Lk 11: 37-41

Oct 14 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Callistus 1, pp and mt

Oct 15 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ Teresa of Avila, v, r, dr M

Rom 3: 21-30/ Ps 129: 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6ab/ Lk 11: 47-54

Oct 16 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Hedwig, r/ Margaret Mary Alacoque, v. Gall ab & miss

Rom 4: 1-8/ Ps 31: 1b-2. 5. 11/ Lk 12: 1-7

Oct 17 Sat: Ordinary Weekday, Ignatius of Antioch, bp, mt M

Rom 4: 13. 16-18/ Ps 104: 6-7. 8-9. 42-43/ Lk 12: 8-12

Oct 18 SUN: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mission Sunday

Is 53: 10-11/ Ps 32: 4-5. 18-19. 20. 22 (22)/ Heb 4: 14-16/ Mk 10: 35-45

Luke, evangelist, is not celebrated this year

Oct 19 Mon: Isaac Jogues and John de Brébeuf, ps, rs, mss, mts, & Co., mts M, Paul

of the Cross, p, rf

Rom 4: 20-25/ Lk 1: 69-70. 71-72. 73-75/ Lk 12: 13-21

Oct 20 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Rom 5: 12. 15b. 17-19. 20b-21/ Ps 39: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 17/ Lk 12: 35-38

Oct 21 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Rom 6: 12-18/ Ps 123: 1b-3. 4-6. 7-8/ Lk 12: 39-48

Oct 22 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Rom 6: 19-23/ Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 and 6/ Lk 12: 49-53

Oct 23 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ John of Capistrano, p

Rom 7: 18-25a/ Ps 118: 66. 68. 76. 77. 93. 94/ Lk 12: 54-59

Oct 24 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/Anthony Mary Claret, bp, rf

Rom 8: 1-11/ Ps 23: 1b-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ Lk 13: 1-9

Oct 25 SUN: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 31: 7-9/ Ps 125: 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6 (3)/ Heb 5: 1-6/ Mk 10: 46-52

Thaddeus Mac Carthy is not celebrated this year

Oct 26 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Rom 8: 12-17/ Ps 67: 2 and 4. 6-7ab. 20-21/ Lk 13: 10-17

Oct 27 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Otteran, monk

Rom 8: 18-25/ Ps 125: 1b-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6/ Lk 13: 18-21

Oct 28 Wed: Simon and Jude, aps F

Eph 2: 19-22/ Ps 18: 2-3. 4-5/ Lk 6: 12-16

Oct 29 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ Colman. bp

Rom 8: 31b-39/ Ps 108: 21-22. 26-27. 30-31/ Lk 13: 31-35

Oct 30 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Rom 9: 1-5/ Ps 146: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/ Lk 14: 1-6

Oct 31 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ Dominic Collins, mt

Rom 11: 1-2a. 11-12. 25-29/ Ps 93: 12-13a. 14-15. 17-18/ Lk 14: 1. 7-11

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2009

General: That all the men and women in the world, especially those who have responsibilities in the field of politics and economics, may never fail in their commitment to safeguard creation.

Mission: That believers in the different religions, through the testimony of their lives and fraternal dialogue, may clearly demonstrate that the name of God is a bearer of peace

Nov 1 SUN: ALL SAINTS S

Rv 7: 2-4. 9-14/ Ps 23: 1b-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ 1 Jn 3: 1-3/ Mt 5: 1-12a

All Saint's day: "The ultimate object of veneration of the Saints is the glory of God and the sanctification of man by conforming one's life fully to the divine will and by imitating the virtue of those who were preeminent disciples of the Lord.

Catechesis and other forms of doctrinal instruction should therefore make known to the faithful that: our relationship with the Saints must be seen in the light of the faith and should not obscure the "cultus latriae due to God the Father through Christ in the Holy Spirit, but intensify it" (Popular Piety and the Liturgy, 212).

Nov 2 Mon: THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

Is 25:6-9. Ps 26. Rom 5:5-11. Mk 15: 33-39, 16:1-6

All Soul's Day: 'Indeed, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead' and "because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins" (2 Mac 12, 46) she offers her suffrages for them. These consist, primarily, in the celebration of the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, and in other pious exercises, such as prayers for the dead, alms deeds, works of mercy, and the application of indulgences to the souls of the faithful departed' (Popular Piety and the Liturgy, 251).

Nov 3 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Malachy bp

Rom 12: 5-16ab/ Ps 130: 1bcde. 2. 3/ Lk 14: 15-24

Nov 4 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Charles Borromeo, bp M

Rom 13: 8-10/ Ps 111: 1b-2. 4-5. 9/ Lk 14: 25-33

Nov 5 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Rom 14: 7-12/ Ps 26: 1bcde. 4. 13-14/ Lk 15: 1-10

Nov 6 Fri: All the saints of Ireland

Heb 11:2, 12:1-4, 15,13: 1 or Eccles (Sir) 44: 1-15. Ps 144. Lk 6: 20-26

Nov 7 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ Willibrord, bp & miss/ BVM

Rom 16: 3-9. 16. 22-27/ Ps 144: 2-3. 4-5. 10-11/ Lk 16: 9-15

Nov 8 SUN: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 17: 10-16/ Ps 145: 7. 8-9. 9-10 (1b)/ Heb 9: 24-28/ Mk 12: 38-44

Nov 9 Mon: DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME F
Ez 47: 1-2. 8-9. 12/ Ps 45: 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/ 1 Cor 3: 9c-11. 16-17/ Jn 2: 13-22

Nov 10 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Leo the Great, pp, dr M
Wis 2: 23 – 3: 9/ Ps 33: 2-3. 16-17. 18-19/ Lk 17: 7-10

Nov 11 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Martin of Tours, bp M
Wis 6: 1-11/ Ps 81: 3-4. 6-7/ Lk 17: 11-19

Nov 12 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ Josaphat, bp, r, mt M
Wis 7: 22b – 8: 1/ Ps 118: 89. 90. 91. 130. 135. 175/ Lk 17: 20-25

Nov 13 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Frances Xavier Cabrini, v, r M
Wis 13: 1-9/ Ps 18: 2-3. 4-5ab/ Lk 17: 26-37

Nov 14 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ Laurence O'Toole, b
Wis 18: 14-16; 19: 6-9/ Ps 104: 2-3. 36-37. 42-43/ Lk 18: 1-8

Nov 15 SUN: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Dn 12: 1-3/ Ps 15: 5. 8. 9-10. 11 (1)/ Heb 10: 11-14. 18/ Mk 13: 24-32
Restorative Justice Week

Albert the Great, b, dr is not celebrated this year

Nov 16 Mon: Ordinary Weekday/ Margaret of Scotland, mw/ Gertrude the Great, v, r
1 Mc 1: 10-15. 41-43. 54-57. 62-63/ Ps 118: 53. 61. 134. 150. 155. 158/ Lk 18: 35-43

Nov 17 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Elizabeth of Hungary, mw, r M
2 Mc 6: 18-31/ Ps 3: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Lk 19: 1-10

Nov 18 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Dedication of the Churches of Peter and Paul
2 Mc 7: 1. 20-31/ Ps 16: 1bcd. 5-6. 8b and 15/ Lk 19: 11-28
Proper readings for Peter & Paul: Acts 28: 11-16. 30-31/ Ps 97/ Mt 14: 22-33.

Nov 19 Thu: Ordinary Weekday
1 Mc 2: 15-29/ Ps 49: 1b-2. 5-6. 14-15/ Lk 19: 41-44

Nov 20 Fri: Ordinary Weekday
1 Mc 4: 3-37. 52-59/ 1 Chr 29: 10bcd. 11abc. 11d-12a. 12bcd/ Lk 19: 45-48

Nov 21 Sat: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary M
1 Mc 6: 1-13/ Ps 9: 2-3. 4 and 6. 16 and 19/ Lk 20: 27-40

Nov 22 SUN: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING S
(Thirty-fourth and Last Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Dn 7: 13-14/ Ps 92: 1. 1-2. 5 (1a)/ Rv 1: 5-8/ Jn 18: 33b-37

Cecilia, *v, mt* is not celebrated this year

Christ the King. At the end of our earthly life we will be judged on how we have lived and acted. At the end of time the kingdom of God will be established through the saving work of Christ. Then the Shepherd-King will come to judge how we have loved. Our lives are to be characterised by a love that welcomes Christ in those most in need, and by joyful expectation of his glorious coming.

Nov 23 Mon: Ordinary Weekday/ Columban, *ab, ms*

Dn 1: 1-6. 8-20/ Dn 3: 52. 53. 54. 55. 56/ Lk 21: 1-4

Nov 24 Tue: Andrew Dung-Lac, *p, mt, & Co., mts M ,*

Dn 2: 31-45/ Dn 3: 57. 58. 59. 60. 61/ Lk 21: 5-11

Nov 25 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Catherine of Alexandria, *v, mt / Colman bp*

Dn 5: 1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28/ Dn 3: 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67/ Lk 21: 12-19

Nov 26 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Dn 6: 12-28/ Dn 3: 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74/ Lk 21: 20-28

Nov 27 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Fergal, *bp & miss*

Dn 7: 2-14/ Dn 3: 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81/ Lk 21: 29-33

Nov 28 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM

Dn 7: 15-27/ Dn 3: 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87/ Lk 21: 34-36

SEASON OF ADVENT (*Nov 29-Dec 24*)

Advent is a time of waiting, conversion and of hope:

- waiting - memory of the first, humble coming of the lord in our mortal flesh;
- waiting - supplication for his final, glorious coming as lord of History and universal Judge;
- conversion, to which the liturgy at this time often refers quoting the prophets, especially John the Baptist, 'Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand' (Mt 3: 2)
- joyful hope that the salvation already accomplished by Christ (d. Rom 8:24 25) and the reality of grace in the world will mature and reach their fullness, thereby granting us what is promised by faith, and 'we-shall become like him for we shall see him as he really is' (Jn 3:2).

Advent has twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation. There are two stages in Advent: the first runs until 16 December, the second which is mainly directed to the Christmas feasts runs from 17 December until 24 December.

The Advent Wreath

Placing four candles on green fronds has become a symbol of Advent in many Christian homes, especially in Germanic countries and in North America.

The Advent wreath, with the progressive lighting of its four candles, Sunday after Sunday, until the Solemnity of Christmas, is a recollection of the various stages of salvation history prior to Christ's coming and a symbol of the prophetic light gradually illuminating the long night prior to the rising of the Sun of justice (d. Mal 3:20; Lk 1:78).

Nov 29 SUN: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jer 33: 14-16/ Ps 24: 4-5. 8-9. 10. 14 (1b)/ 1 Thes 3: 12 – 4: 2/ Lk 21: 25-28. 34- 36

Nov 30 Mon: Andrew, ap F

Rom 10: 9-18/ Ps 18: 8. 9. 10. 11/ Mt 4: 18-22

Dec 1 Tue: Advent Weekday

Is 11: 1-10/ Ps 71: 1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17/ Lk 10: 21-24

Dec 2 Wed: Advent Weekday

Is 25: 6-10a/ Ps 22: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6/ Mt 15: 29-37

Dec 3 Thu: Advent Weekday/ Francis Xavier, p, ms M

Is 26: 1-6/ Ps 117: 1 and 8-9. 19-21. 25-27a/ Mt 7: 21. 24-27

Dec 4 Fri: Advent Weekday/ John of Damascus, p, r, dr

Is 29: 17-24/ Ps 26: 1. 4. 13-14/ Mt 9: 27-31

Dec 5 Sat: Advent Weekday

Is 30: 19-21. 23-26/ Ps 146: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Mt 9: 35 – 10: 1. 5a. 6-8

Dec 6 SUN: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bar 5: 1-9/ Ps 125: 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6 (3)/ Phil 1: 4-6. 8-11/ Lk 3: 1-6

Dec 7 Mon: Advent Weekday/ Ambrose, bp, dr M

Is 35: 1-10/ Ps 84: 9ab and 10. 11-12. 13-14/ Lk 5: 17-26

Dec 8 Tue: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gn 3: 9-15. 20/ Ps 97: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Eph 1: 3-6. 11-12/ Lk 1: 26-38

Dec 9 Wed: Advent Weekday

Is 40: 25-31/ Ps 102: 1-2. 3-4. 8 and 10/ Mt 11: 28-30

Dec 10 Thu: Advent Weekday

Is 41: 13-20/ Ps 144: 1 and 9. 10-11. 12-13ab/ Mt 11: 11-15

Dec 11 Fri: Advent Weekday/ Damasus I, pp

Is 48: 17-19/ Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 and 6/ Mt 11: 16-19

Dec 12 Sat: Advent Weekday/ Our Lady of Guadalupe F, Finnian, bp

Readings from Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dec 13 SUN: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zep 3: 14-18a/ Is 12: 2-3. 4. 5-6 (6)/ Phil 4: 4-7/ Lk 3: 10-18

Dec 14 Mon: Advent Weekday John of the Cross, p, dr M

Nm 24: 2-7. 15-17a/ Ps 24: 4-5ab. 6 and 7bc. 8-9/ Mt 21: 23-27

Dec 15 Tue: Advent Weekday

Zep 3: 1-2. 9-13/ Ps 33: 2-3. 6-7. 17-18. 19 and 23/ Mt 21: 28-32

Dec 16 Wed: Advent Weekday

Is 45: 6c-8. 18. 21c-25/ Ps 84: 9ab and 10. 11-12. 13-14/ Lk 7: 18b-23

Dec 17-24 Preparation for Christmas

Mass texts are proper for each day according to date

The joy of the kingdom is anticipated. The signs of the kingdom already come are given to the messengers of John the Baptist, and they are familiar with the prophecy of Isaiah. Patient waiting for the fulfilment is our Christian duty. There should be no complaining, no giving up or losing of heart. Joy, prayer and thanksgiving should characterise the Christian community. Prayer and reconciliation should be features of these days.

Dec 17 Thu: Advent Weekday

Gn 49: 2. 8-10/ Ps 71: 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17/ Mt 1: 1-17

Dec 18 Fri: Advent Weekday/ Flannan, bp

Jer 23: 5-8/ Ps 71: 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/ Mt 1: 18-25

Dec 19 Sat: Advent Weekday (O Radix Jesse)

Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25a/ Ps 70: 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17/ Lk 1: 5-25

Dec 20 SUN: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mi 5: 1-4a/ Ps 79: 2-3. 15-16. 18-19 (4)/ Heb 10: 5-10/ Lk 1: 39-45

Dec 21 Mon: Advent Weekday/ Peter Canisius, p, dr

Sg 2: 8-14 or Zep 3: 14-18a/ Ps 32: 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/ Lk 1: 39-45

Dec 22 Tue: Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1: 24-28/ 1 Sm 2: 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd/ Lk 1: 46-56

Dec 23 Wed: Advent Weekday/ John of Kanty, p

Mal 3: 1-4. 23-24/ Ps 24: 4-5ab. 8-9. 10 and 14/ Lk 1: 57-66

Dec 24 Thu: Advent Weekday

2 Sm 7: 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16/ Ps 88: 2-3. 4-5. 27 and 29/ Lk 1: 67-79

Dec 25 Fri: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD S.

*Vigil: Is 62: 1-5/ Ps 88: 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 (2a)/ Acts 13: 16-17. 22-25/ Mt 1: 1-25.
The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel.*

Midnight: Is 9: 1-6/ Ps 95: 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13/ Ti 2: 11-14/ Lk 2: 1-14.

I bring you news of great joy. This night a child is born for us, a son given to us.

Dawn: Is 62: 11-12/ Ps 96: 1. 6. 11-12/ Ti 3: 4-7/ Lk 2: 15-20.

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the baby: and glorified God

Day: Is 52: 7-10/ Ps 97: 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 (3c)/ Heb 1: 1-6/ Jn 1: 1-18

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory.

Dec 26 Sat: Stephen, protomartyr F

Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59/ Ps 30: 3cd-4. 6 and 8ab. 16bc and 17/ Mt 10: 17-22

St Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was one of those in charge of the poor and needy. He is outstanding for his forgiveness of his enemies. Patron of deacons, stonemasons and bricklayers.

Dec 27 SUN: HOLY FAMILY F

1 Sm 1: 20-22. 24-28 or Sir 3: 2-6. 12-14/ Ps 83/ 1 Jn 3: 1-2. 21-24 or Col 3: 12-21/ Lk 2: 41-52

The Holy Family is seen as the model for the human family, the religious community, and the Church itself. The celebration of the Incarnation has brought us to see God's closeness. In the Holy Family we see the ordinariness of the life of Jesus, the simple acceptance by Mary and Joseph of the marvels of God. In the daily life of family and community we can touch the divine, we can come close to God. But we have to learn to live centred on God, with respect and love for-each other.

Dec 28 Mon: Holy Innocents, mts F

1 Jn 1: 5 – 2: 2/ Ps 123: 2-3. 4-5. 7b-8/ Mt 2: 13-18

'The flight into Egypt and the massacre of the Holy Innocents make manifest the opposition of darkness to the light: "He came to his own home, and his own people received him not." Christ's whole life was lived under the sign of persecution. His own share it with him. Jesus' departure from Egypt recalls the exodus and presents him as the definitive liberator of God's people.' (CCC, 530)

Dec 29 Tue: Christmas Weekday/ Thomas Becket, bp, mt

1 Jn 2: 3-11/ Ps 95: 1-2a. 2b-3. 5b-6/ Lk 2: 22-35

St Thomas a Becket, 1118-1170, as Archbishop of Canterbury, came in conflict with King Henry II over Church rights. He was killed in his cathedral on this date.

Dec 30 Wed: Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2: 12-17/ Ps 95: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10/ Lk 2: 36-40

Dec 31 Thu: Christmas Weekday/ Sylvester I, pp

1 Jn 2: 18-21/ Ps 95: 1-2. 11-12. 13/ Jn 1: 1-18

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