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Monday, November 1, 2021

(Lec. 667)

- 1) Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
- 2) 1 John 3:1-3
- 3) Matthew 5:1-12a

**ALL SAINTS
- SOLEMNITY**

[not a Holy Day of
Obligation this year]

FOCUS: God calls all of us to be saints – to show what true blessedness is.

In his generosity, God desires us to live with him forever. The saints show us many different paths to holiness and pray for us to join them. As we seek holiness, we look to the beatitudes, Jesus' standard of blessedness. Meditating on these, we can ask, "What might my path to holiness look like?"

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading describes the holy ones praising God in heaven. In the second reading, John writes of the Father's love, saying *we are God's children now*. In the Gospel, Jesus goes up the mountain and begins to teach his disciples about the ways of living that bring about blessing and happiness.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us present our prayers to our loving Father and ask his blessing on our world.

- 1) For Church leaders, may the Lord fill them with joy in their mission to radiate his love to all, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For state and local officials, may the Holy Spirit guide them in promoting the common good and respecting the dignity of every person, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who feel alone or abandoned, may the Lord be their refuge and comfort, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us gathered here, may God continue to lead us in fulfilling the call to holiness we have each received, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may the Lord welcome them to his eternal dwelling place in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving God, hear these prayers and grant them according to your holy will, through Christ our Lord.

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Tuesday, November 2, 2021

(Lec. 668)

- 1) Wisdom 3:1-9
- 2) Romans 5:5-11
- 3) John 6:37-40

**THE COMMEMORATION
OF ALL THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED
(ALL SOULS' DAY)**

FOCUS: All Souls' Day restores our hope for eternal life.

Yesterday's All Saints' Day celebrated known saints and martyrs. All Souls' Day is for the rest of the faithful departed – sinners who hope for eternal life. This hope does not disappoint because of God's love poured out for us through the death of his Son. Through Christ, we have been reconciled to God. All who come to Christ in faith will be saved.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Wisdom says that though the faithful may suffer in life, *the souls of the just are in the hand of God*. Paul writes that God's love is proven through Christ's death for us, reconciling sinners to God. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims that all who come to him and believe will be raised on the last day.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us place our prayers before the Lord, our Shepherd, who provides for all our needs.

- 1) That the Church may continue to grow in holiness as she spreads her message of salvation to the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That elected officials may be blessed with courage and compassion in their work to uphold the dignity and sanctity of life from conception through natural death, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That those who cannot practice their faith openly may be upheld and strengthened through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That the love of God may be poured into the hearts of those among us who are grieving the loss of loved ones this past year, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That those who have died may be shepherded by Christ to heaven to dwell in the house of the Lord forever, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers in accordance with your will, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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Wednesday, November 3, 2021
(Lec. 487)

- 1) Romans 13:8-10
- 2) Luke 14:25-33

WEDNESDAY OF
31ST WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.
Saint Martin de Porres,
Religious)

FOCUS: *For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.*

Jesus wants us to be “all in” in our relationship with him. That includes acknowledging and accepting the cost. One integral way that we fulfill Jesus’ commandment is by radically loving our neighbor and putting our relationship with Jesus first in our lives, no matter the cost.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Saint Paul writes that the commandments are summed up by the injunction to *love your neighbor as yourself*. In the Gospel, Jesus says all must carry their cross and be willing to give up their lives, families, and possessions to follow him.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As we gather together today with confidence in the Father’s love, we bring our needs to him.

- 1) For all of us in the Church, may the Lord bless us and purify our hearts for the coming of the fullness of the Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all public authorities, may God grant them the humility to be guided by his Word, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those experiencing rifts within their families, may the God of peace guide them in reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For members of this faith community as we serve one another, may God strengthen our faith through his Word and the sacraments, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead, may our loving Father welcome them into his heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Father, giver of every perfect gift, we humbly ask that you hear our prayers and answer them according to your will. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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Thursday, November 4, 2021
(Lec. 488)

- 1) Romans 14:7-12
- 2) Luke 15:1-10

THURSDAY OF
31ST WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Charles Borromeo,
Bishop)

FOCUS: *Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

Today's readings remind us of the tremendous love that God has for each of us: love enough for Jesus to become human and die for our salvation and for him to seek out the lost and the sinner. Our lives in response to this are meant to be fully given over to him – in living for the Lord and in dying for the Lord. He will never abandon us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Saint Paul encourages the Romans to live and die for the Lord, admonishing them not to judge others. In the Gospel, Jesus is criticized for dining with sinners and tax collectors; he responds with the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: God desires the best for each of us. With confidence, let us place our needs before him.

- 1) For bishops throughout the world, may the Lord help them shepherd the people in their care and bring back the lost, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For elected leaders, may the Holy Spirit inspire their efforts in working for the good of all people, especially the poor, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who suffer oppression, may God in his mercy give them the grace necessary to endure their many sorrows, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this gathering of the faithful, may we be unified in our care for others and our praise of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they be welcomed by the angels and saints to God's feast in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God our Father, we belong to you and trust in your never-ending love for us. We ask that you hear our prayers in the name of Jesus, your Son.

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Friday, November 5, 2021
(Lec. 489)

- 1) Romans 15:14-21
- 2) Luke 16:1-8

FRIDAY OF
31ST WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Everything we have is gift.

Where the dishonest steward canceled the “interest” on the debt owed to his master in order to ingratiate himself to the debtors, God has canceled all our debt. We are free before him, and nothing of this world can compare to that. Everything is gift to us, and we have every opportunity to be proper stewards of it.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In his Letter to the Romans, Paul writes of his distinctive role as minister to the Gentiles, and of his aspiration to proclaim the Gospel in new places. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the dishonest steward, who is fired for squandering his master’s property. Before leaving, however, the steward reduces what is owed by the debtors in order that *they may welcome [him] into their homes*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: We come before the Lord with prayers for our needs and the needs of others.

- 1) For those called to the priesthood or religious vocations, may God continue to grant them a spirit of faithfulness and fortitude, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civic leaders, may the Holy Spirit bless them with the gifts they need to steward their resources justly and wisely, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For refugees forced from their homelands, may the Lord in his providence grant them safety and assistance, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the Holy Spirit continue to help us grow in humility and holiness, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may God bring them to his side to rest with him in eternal happiness and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Bountiful and generous God, look with favor on our petitions, which we make in the name of Jesus the Lord.

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Saturday, November 6, 2021
(Lec. 490)

- 1) Romans 16:3-9,
16, 22-27
- 2) Luke 16:9-15

SATURDAY OF
31ST WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Saturday in honor
of BVM)

FOCUS: All we have belongs to God; let us strive to be good stewards of the gifts he has given us.

Wealth comes in many forms, but we need to realize that it all comes from God and should be used as it was intended. Be they gifts of monetary value, a loving family, or personal charisms, it is up to us to praise God by using them for the greater good and not personal benefit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Saint Paul thanks those who have joined him in building up the early Church. In the Gospel, Jesus admonishes followers to be honest in matters great and small, saying *you cannot serve God and mammon*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: In calling upon our most merciful Lord, let us lay our prayers before him.

- 1) For bishops and priests, may the Holy Spirit lead them in using their God-given gifts to build up the Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all nations, may the peace of Christ become manifest among them and bring an end to war and conflict, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who are facing adversity or burden of any kind, may Jesus calm their fears and bring them consolation, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those who minister to the sick in this faith community, may God's grace strengthen them in their work, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead, may they find peace and comfort in the arms of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Ever-loving and gracious Father, we humbly pray that you bless the petitions we place before you today, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

(Lec. 155)

- 1) 1 Kings 17:10-16
- 2) Hebrews 9:24-28
- 3) Mark 12:38-44
or 12:41-44

**32ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FOCUS: God's mercy is abundant.

In today's Scriptures, we see the generosity of our God. He cares for those who suffer and promises to bring salvation to sinners. By his sacrifice, Jesus conquered sin and has delivered us from our transgressions.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Elijah asks the widow to use the last of her flour to make him a cake, assuring her that her jar would not go empty. The author of the Book of Hebrews writes that Christ entered heaven to *appear before God on our behalf*, and will return to bring salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus praises the poor widow who gives all she has.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting in the goodness of our merciful Father, we place before him our prayers.

- 1) For all members of the Church, through God's grace may we continue to serve him through our lives of intentional discipleship, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For political leaders, may God's wisdom inspire them in seeking the common good above all else, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick, the poor, and the mourning, may God's gracious mercy bring them comfort and healing, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the Holy Spirit help us to bear good fruit in service to one another, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they soon rest in the fullness of God's kingdom together with all the angels and saints, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, you are faithful and kind. In your wisdom, please hear and answer our prayers this day, we ask through Jesus, your Son.

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Monday, November 8, 2021

(Lec. 491)

1) Wisdom 1:1-7

2) Luke 17:1-6

MONDAY OF
32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: A faith-filled life serves as a good example of faithfulness to God.

God does not expect us to be perfect, but he does expect us to rely on him to help us live a faith-filled life. When we find it hard to forgive or set a good example, he will strengthen us as soon as we ask his help. And when we ask, our ability to be that faithful servant grows.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom says to seek integrity of heart because God can see one's inmost self. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that even if they are wronged seven times in one day, they should forgive in equal measure.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Together we present our petitions to the Father, trusting in his generosity.

- 1) That the Lord may continue to bless his Church on earth, making us greater in holiness and unity, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That nations in conflict in every corner of the earth may be led by the Holy Spirit to a place of peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That all who struggle with physical, financial, or other burdens may be granted relief through the grace and mercy of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That all gathered here may continue to grow in faith, hope, and love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That the souls of the faithful departed may soon rest in the eternal peace of heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, hear the prayers we offer this day through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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Tuesday, November 9, 2021

(Lec. 671)

- 1) Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
- 2) 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
- 3) John 2:13-22

**THE DEDICATION
OF THE
LATERAN BASILICA
- FEAST**

FOCUS: We are temples of the Holy Spirit.

We are temples of the Holy Spirit – meant to abundantly give of ourselves. When Jesus tells the buyers and sellers to *stop making my Father's house a marketplace*, he is also speaking about *the temple of his Body*. We, too, belong to that Body, and our lives are built on this foundation.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Ezekiel describes a vision of the heavenly temple with a river flowing forth and giving abundant life. Paul tells the Corinthians they are *God's building* – a holy temple of God built on the foundation of Jesus Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus drives the money-changers from the temple, and says that if the temple is destroyed, he can raise it up in three days.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With confidence, let us bring our prayers to our loving God.

- 1) For Pope Francis, bishops, and leaders of the Church, may the Holy Spirit continue guiding them in their service to God's people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For all civic leaders, may God grant them fortitude and compassion as they carry out their duties, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all those without a home or who are in fear of losing their home, and for those who strive to relieve them of this burden, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all who worship here in faith, may the Lord help us recognize and live the truth that we are each a temple of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may God lead them home to dwell in peace in the glory of the heavenly temple, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Gracious God, hear these prayers and answer them according to your holy will. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Wednesday, November 10, 2021

(Lec. 493)

1) Wisdom 6:1-11

2) Luke 17:11-19

WEDNESDAY OF
32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Leo the Great,
Pope and Doctor
of the Church)

FOCUS: God alone is the source of true wisdom.

All of us are called to be guided by and to act in accordance with God's commands, not only in our private lives but also in the way we conduct ourselves in society. For God alone is the source of true wisdom and authority, and only faith in him can lead us to salvation.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, earthly rulers are exhorted to listen to the words of wisdom for they will be judged by their obedience to God's law. In the Gospel, Jesus heals 10 lepers but only one, a Samaritan, returns, glorifying God, to thank him. Jesus tells him, *Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.*

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting in the Lord's goodness, let us bring before him our prayers and petitions for ourselves and for the world.

- 1) For the Church, may the Lord raise up missionary disciples from our midst who will go and proclaim the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For world leaders, may the Holy Spirit bless them with wisdom, counsel, and good judgment, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who are sick, may the Lord bring them comfort and healing of body and spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those gathered here, may God continue to transform us by the power of his Word, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the faithful departed, may the Lord welcome them into his radiant eternal presence, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Graciously hear these prayers, O Lord, and answer them in accordance with your divine will. In Christ's name we pray.

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Thursday, November 11, 2021

(Lec. 494)

1) Wisdom 7:22b-8:1

2) Luke 17:20-25

THURSDAY OF
32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Martin of Tours,
Bishop)

FOCUS: The kingdom of God is among us.

As Wisdom personified, Jesus inaugurated the kingdom of God. Through the Holy Spirit the Lord moves within and among us, and we see him with eyes of faith. We who long for life in Christ must be open to his presence in our midst, and are commanded to share his love with others.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, we hear that wisdom *is mobile beyond all motion, and she penetrates and pervades all things by reason of her purity*. She is the *spotless mirror* of the power of the Almighty, producing prophets and friends of God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Pharisees that the kingdom of God is among them, and tells his disciples that the Son of Man *must suffer greatly and be rejected by this generation*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With hearts full of praise, let us bring our prayers to the Lord.

- 1) For the Church in her mission to spread divine teaching, may the Holy Spirit continue to inspire and strengthen her throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For elected officials, may the spirit of Wisdom inspire them in their decision-making, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the poor, may God give them strength and provide for their needs, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the Holy Spirit enlighten our hearts as we seek to follow God each day, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they find refreshment, rest, and peace in the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Good and gracious God, with humble hearts, we offer our prayers to you, through Christ our Lord.

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Friday, November 12, 2021

(Lec. 495)

- 1) Wisdom 13:1-9
- 2) Luke 17:26-37

FRIDAY OF
32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Josaphat,
Bishop and Martyr)

FOCUS: Remain vigilant, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Today's readings emphasize that God is the source of all creation, and that following Jesus is the path to eternal life. We don't know when the day of judgment will arrive, but we can be prepared by turning our earthly lives over to Christ.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Book of Wisdom observes that humanity saw the beauty of the created world but did not recognize the Creator. In the Gospel, Jesus compares the days of Noah, right before the great flood, to the coming of the Son of Man.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us draw near to our merciful God, bringing our prayers to him with confidence.

- 1) For our clergy, may the fire of the Holy Spirit inspire them in their ministry, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government leaders, may they be led by faith in God in their efforts to protect the lives of the unborn, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all those struggling with addictions, may the Lord give them strength, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For young people in this faith community, may God bless them and increase in them the virtues of faith, hope, and love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the faithful departed, may they rest eternally in the peace of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving Father, we humbly ask that you hear and answer our prayers according to your holy will, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

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Saturday, November 13, 2021
(Lec. 496)

- 1) Wisdom 18:14-16;
19:6-9
- 2) Luke 18:1-8

SATURDAY OF
32ND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(USA: OBL MEM
Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini,
Virgin)

FOCUS: Be persistent in prayer.

God is so powerful that he can command the sea to part so his children can walk on dry land to escape their enemies. God delivered his people. Like the widow, they persisted in faith and prayer. Jesus challenges us all to do the same.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading recounts God's parting of the Red Sea and the deliverance of his people. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow and the dishonest judge, and he encourages his disciples to pray without ceasing.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With confidence and trust, let us bring our needs before God's heavenly throne.

- 1) For Pope Francis, may God continue to bless his efforts as he leads the global Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For elected officials, may the Holy Spirit guide their policies and actions, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For farmers and agricultural workers throughout the world, may God bless their labors through a fruitful harvest, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those in this community who teach the faith and lead others to Christ, may the Lord bless their service and commitment, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all the faithful departed, may God grant them eternal peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Merciful Father, we ask you to look kindly upon your servants gathered here, and hear and answer the prayers we have offered, in the name of Jesus, your Son, and our Lord.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

(Lec. 158)

- 1) Daniel 12:1-3
- 2) Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
- 3) Mark 13:24-32

**33RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

FOCUS: We are destined to live with God forever, to have the *fullness of joys in [his] presence*.

The Lord is our inheritance, says today's psalm. He will show us the path to life and the *fullness of joys in [his] presence*. But we know not when that time will come – for each one of us individually, and for the world. So vigilance is the order of the day: preparing ourselves and the world for the great prince of whom Daniel speaks – the coming of the Son of Man who has taken away our sins.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Daniel speaks of a time when a great prince shall arise, a guardian of the people, and *many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake*. The Letter to the Hebrews speaks of the *one [who] offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God*. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the Son of Man's coming after a time of tribulation.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Gathered as one, we lift our prayers to our compassionate God.

- 1) For the Church, may she continue to grow through love and faithful example to the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For national and local leaders, may the Holy Spirit inspire them to govern with wisdom and justice, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For families who suffer discord, may God's mercy work in and through them to bring about healing, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this family of believers, may the Lord continue to bless our efforts in building the kingdom of God on earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died in the light of Christ, may they enjoy the everlasting light of God's presence, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty Father, attend to the prayers of your holy people as we watch and wait for your Son's return. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Monday, November 15, 2021

(Lec. 497)

- 1) 1 Maccabees 1:10-15,
41-43, 54-57, 62-63
- 2) Luke 18:35-43

MONDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.
Saint Albert the Great,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church)

FOCUS: Faith is trusting in God's healing love.

Not once – but twice – the blind man calls out to Jesus, *Son of David, have pity on me!* He is not deterred by the crowd's rebuke, for he trusts that Jesus has the power to heal him. Jesus does in fact heal the blind man, rewarding his faith with salvation.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading recounts the sinful wanderings of the Israelites, who desired to conform themselves to Gentile ways. In the Gospel, Jesus heals a blind man along the road; the man is saved by his faith.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting in our loving Father, we turn to him with our prayers.

- 1) For the Pilgrim Church on earth, may God bless and strengthen each one of us, his servants, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For national and world leaders, may the Holy Spirit bring unity and peace to areas of conflict, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who are sick or suffering from illness or disability, may God grant them endurance and comfort, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all gathered here and for those we love, may God help us open our hearts ever more fully to his call to discipleship, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may God's mercy usher them into eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving Father, thank you for listening to our prayers, as you do each day. Hear and answer them according to your holy will, we ask through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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Tuesday, November 16, 2021
(Lec. 498)

- 1) 2 Maccabees 6:18-31
- 2) Luke 19:1-10

TUESDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.
Saint Margaret of Scotland;
Saint Gertrude,
Virgin)

FOCUS: *Today salvation has come to this house.*

When Jesus chooses to visit Zacchaeus, it is yet another example of him dining with sinners. Although the people *began to grumble* when they heard this, Zacchaeus vows repentance from his former way of life, and Jesus tells him that salvation had come to his house. May we also be transformed by the Eucharist we receive today and be so blessed to hear those same words spoken to us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Eleazer refuses to disobey the moral code by eating pork, *preferring a glorious death to a life of defilement*. In the Gospel, Zacchaeus the tax collector climbs a tree to seek out Jesus. Jesus calls to him, and then eats a meal with him at his house, scandalizing the people around them.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting in God, let us present him with our needs, and the needs of the world.

- 1) For our Church, may the Holy Spirit strengthen and encourage her in her mission to extend God's mercy to all people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For elected officials, may God graciously grant them fortitude and wisdom in their leadership roles, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who face religious persecution, may God give them courage and strength, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this community of faith gathered here, may the Lord strengthen and sustain us in all we do, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have gone before us in faith, may God welcome them to eternal life with all the angels and saints, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Merciful Father, hear our prayers this day. We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

Wednesday, November 17, 2021
(Lec. 499)

- 1) 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31
- 2) Luke 19:11-28

WEDNESDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary,
Religious)

FOCUS: We are called to be faithful and to share our gifts.

Today's readings show the ways in which faithful discipleship ought to be lived. The mother in the first reading demonstrates a strength of faith that is a model to us all. And the servant in the Gospel parable has wisely invested what he was given that he might return a profit to the one who gave it to him. We are challenged to use our God-given gifts to build up God's kingdom on earth.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, a mother courageously exhorts her seven sons to stay true to the law of God, even though it costs them their lives. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the people a parable of a nobleman who gives his servants coins with which to trade while he is away.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: In faith and hope, we lift our prayers to our loving Father in heaven.

- 1) For Pope Francis and all pastoral leaders, may the Lord continue to bless them and guide them in the ways of discipleship, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For a world in which all people defend and protect human life from conception until natural death, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those burdened by any kind of hardship, may Jesus be their strength, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all gathered here, may God's word and the Eucharist deepen our faith and bless us with the grace and strength to be his servants in the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead, may God grant them peace and everlasting joy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Gracious Father, hear these prayers offered today, and with mercy grant us what we need. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Thursday, November 18, 2021
(Lec. 500)

- 1) 1 Maccabees 2:15-29
- 2) Luke 19:41-44

THURSDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

(Opt. Mem.
The Dedication of the Basilicas
of Saints Peter and Paul,
Apostles'

USA: Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne,
Virgin)

FOCUS: Be faithful to our covenant with God, as he is faithful to it.

Faithfulness and loyalty are not always easy, nor are the rewards necessarily immediate. Yet there is comfort in the truth that no matter how much we may struggle, and at times fail, the Lord never fails us. Salvation history – including our current travels through the Book of Maccabees – is a story of a God who saves us – from sin and death, and from ourselves.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Mattathias and his sons defy the king, remaining faithful to their covenant with God. In the Gospel, Jesus weeps as he draws near to Jerusalem and foresees its destruction.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting in God's goodness, let us offer him our prayers and petitions.

- 1) For Church leaders, may God give them courage as they stand up for truth and goodness, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For a greater respect for human life throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those struggling with their faith, may God's light and the comfort of his faithfulness fill their hearts and minds, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the Holy Spirit continue to empower us in saying yes to what God asks of us, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have passed from this life, may they enjoy the eternal peace of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of mercy and love, please hear and answer our prayers in accordance with your will, through Christ our Lord.

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Friday, November 19, 2021

(Lec. 501)

1) 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59

2) Luke 19:45-48

FRIDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: Time dedicated to prayer can sanctify our lives.

Jesus' cleansing of the temple area can be a reminder for each of us to declutter and rededicate the temple of our selves. When we allow prayer and silence to have a home in our lives, it provides space for the Lord to teach us and to show us his love.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Judas and his brothers lead the reclamation, purification, and rededication of the temple, which had been defiled by Gentiles. In the Gospel, Jesus drives out of the temple area those who use it for profit, saying they *have made it a den of thieves*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: In this sacred space, let us bring our petitions and needs to our loving Father.

- 1) For the pope, bishops, and all leaders of the Church, may God continue to bless and uphold them as they share the Good News of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For national and local leaders, may God grant them wisdom in pursuit of justice and peace, especially in places of war and conflict, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick and those in chronic pain, may God provide healing and loving care, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this community of worship, may God's Spirit help us bear great fruit as we welcome the stranger and care for the neglected, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may they find serenity and rest with the saints in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Father, we entrust our prayers to you in the holy name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

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Saturday, November 20, 2021
(Lec. 502)

- 1) 1 Maccabees 6:1-13
- 2) Luke 20:27-40

SATURDAY OF
33RD WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Saturday in honor
of BVM)

FOCUS: We can bring our questions and struggles to Jesus.

If we come to Christ broken or questioning in some way, he will encounter us as he did the Sadducees, ready to respond. He will share his presence and his truth abundantly.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

King Antiochus is defeated in his attempt to capture and pillage Elymais, and Jerusalem is regained from his occupation. As he is dying, he becomes anxious as he realizes the evil he has done to the inhabitants of Judah. In the Gospel, Jesus responds to the Sadducees – who did not believe in resurrection – when they question him about how marriage laws will apply after rising from the dead.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us join in lifting our prayers to our merciful God, trusting in his profound love.

- 1) For the Church, may she, by the power of the Holy Spirit, be a home for those who are searching and a place of healing for those who are broken, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civic leaders, may God's wisdom inform their decision-making in seeking to protect the most vulnerable among us, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who are burdened by guilt, may they find freedom in God's forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may we be given the grace to catechize, evangelize, and share Christ with others, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they enjoy everlasting peace with God in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of mercy and hope, receive our prayers this day as we offer them through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

(Lec. 161)

- 1) Daniel 7:13-14
- 2) Revelation 1:5-8
- 3) John 18:33b-37

**OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF
THE UNIVERSE
- SOLEMNITY**

FOCUS: Christ's dominion is eternal.

Today's solemnity, by which we close the liturgical year, reminds us that Christ is king and ruler of all. He is the *firstborn of the dead* in whom all power and authority has been invested. By our baptism we share in that holy and royal identity so that we might witness to his glory and kingship before the world.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Daniel has a vision of *one like a Son of Man coming, on the clouds of heaven*, receiving dominion and kingship over all creation. In the second reading, John writes of Jesus Christ as the faithful witness who *is coming amid the clouds*. In the Gospel, Pilate asks Jesus if he is *the King of the Jews*, and Jesus responds, *my kingdom does not belong to this world*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Rejoicing that Christ is our King, we bring our prayers to the Father.

- 1) For the Church throughout the world, may the grace of God continue to strengthen and nourish her, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For leaders of nations, may God guide their hearts in making just and wise decisions, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the chronically ill and all who bear the burden of sickness, may Christ, the Divine Physician, bring them healing and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For young people in this faith community discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead, may they enter into the fullness of life in the kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Father, hear these prayers we have offered through your Son, our Lord and King, and grant them according to your holy will.

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Monday, November 22, 2021

(Lec. 503)

1) Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20

2) Luke 21:1-4

MONDAY OF
34TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Cecilia,
Virgin and Martyr)

FOCUS: Giving all we have and are to God brings fulfillment in the Lord.

Today's readings remind us to live for God, the source of all life. Daniel and his companions follow Jewish dietary restrictions even in captivity. The widow gives her entire livelihood to the temple treasury. Nothing other than full devotion to God can fulfill us, for God can never be outdone in generosity.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Daniel and his companions are taken to the palace to serve the Babylonian king. They refuse to eat the royal rations provided, asking for only vegetables and water, and yet they look better and know more than the other young men. In the Gospel, Jesus says the widow who places two coins in the offertory has given more than all the rest.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Remembering that God knows the deepest needs of our hearts, we humbly offer these petitions.

- 1) For Church leaders, may God sustain them in their efforts to serve the faithful, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For elected officials, may they work tirelessly to defend human life from conception through natural death, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who are ill and struggling with their pain, may God's grace bring them comfort and relief, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us gathered here, may we be guided by the Holy Spirit in working to build the kingdom of God on earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the souls of the faithful departed, may they soon rest in the loving arms of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Lord, giver of life, we thank you for our many blessings and ask you to hear the prayers we offer today and answer them in accordance with your holy will. Through Christ our Lord.

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Tuesday, November 23, 2021
(Lec. 504)

- 1) Daniel 2:31-45
- 2) Luke 21:5-11

TUESDAY OF
34TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.
Saint Clement I,
Pope and Martyr;
Saint Columban,
Abbot;
USA: Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro,
Priest and Martyr)

FOCUS: *Remain faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

Nothing of this world is imperishable. Only God's kingdom will never be destroyed. God ordains all things and is in control. Though there will be war and devastation, we do not need to fear. Rather, we can trust in God and his providential care for us that never ends.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream as predicting the collapse of his kingdom and subsequent kingdoms until God sets up a kingdom never to be destroyed. In the Gospel, Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple as well as wars and other disasters. He tells his disciples they need not fear, *for such things must happen first.*

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us bring our needs and the needs of the world before our heavenly Father.

- 1) That the Church may continue to be graced with shepherds after Christ's own heart, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) That warring nations in every corner of the earth may be led by the Holy Spirit to seek peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) That victims of natural disasters may find comfort in God's providential care, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) That this community of faith may be guided by the Holy Spirit in our every word and action, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) That those who have died may be shepherded by our compassionate God into the kingdom of heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of heaven and earth, hear and answer these prayers offered to you through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, November 24, 2021
(Lec. 505)

- 1) Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14,
16-17, 23-28
- 2) Luke 21:12-19

WEDNESDAY OF
34TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(OBL MEM
Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac,
Priest,
and Companions,
Martyrs)

FOCUS: Jesus calls us to remain faithful to the Gospel despite the cost.

Being faithful to the Lord is challenging even during times when all is going relatively well in our lives. It is even more challenging when being faithful to the Gospel comes at a cost – whether to our livelihood, our friendships, or our family bonds. Jesus encourages us to persevere, remembering the prize he promises – life everlasting.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

During a banquet at which King Belshazzar uses vessels from the temple, strange writings appear on the wall of the palace. Daniel, called upon to interpret them, states that they announce the destruction of his kingdom. In the Gospel, Jesus warns his listeners that they will be persecuted and imprisoned *because of [his] name*, but their perseverance will save them.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Trusting in the Lord's providence, let us pray for our needs, and those of the world.

- 1) For an increase in religious vocations, may the Lord bless those discerning priesthood or consecrated life with generous and open hearts, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For lawmakers, may the God of justice guide them in carrying out their duties, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the imprisoned, may the mercy and love of Christ bring them strength and comfort, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all gathered here, may a spirit of forgiveness, reconciliation, and charity reign in our hearts and in our homes, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the faithful departed, may the Lord, our Blessed Mother, and all the saints welcome them to the eternal banquet, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Merciful God, we ask that you hear these humble prayers and answer them in accordance with your holy will. Through Christ our Lord.

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NOTE: For Thanksgiving Day, any readings from the *Lectionary for Mass* (vol. IV), the Mass "In Thanksgiving to God," nos. 943-947
Thursday, November 25, 2021

(Lec. 506)

- 1) Daniel 6:12-28
- 2) Luke 21:20-28

THURSDAY OF
34TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Opt. Mem.
Saint Catherine of Alexandria,
Virgin and Martyr;
USA: Thanksgiving Day)

FOCUS: Through challenges and strife, God remains the steadfast Savior of those who are faithful to him.

While today's Gospel passage speaks of the destruction of Jerusalem, war, and end times, Jesus does not leave us without hope. He tells us to watch for signs and know that the kingdom of God awaits those who follow him. Just as God protected Daniel, who was ever faithful, he will save us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the king casts Daniel into the lion's den after he is found praying to God in violation of a royal decree. God protects Daniel. In the Gospel, Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem and signs of the end times.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: In thanksgiving for all the ways the Father has blessed us, we present our needs before him.

- 1) For priests and pastoral leaders in the Church, may our heavenly Father shed his wisdom and grace upon them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For government leaders, may God inspire them in working toward peace and the common good, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all God's children who lack the basic necessities of life, may their needs be met and may they be blessed with strength and support, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those in this faith community who have lost a loved one, may God comfort them in their grief, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died, may God welcome them with love and rejoicing into their eternal home, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, we place these petitions before you with trust in your holy will. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Son.

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Friday, November 26, 2021
(Lec. 507)

- 1) Daniel 7:2-14
- 2) Luke 21:29-33

FRIDAY OF
34TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: The coming of the King of Glory is revealed to those who can see the signs.

Dominion, glory, and kingship belong to the Son of Man, whose Kingdom has been revealed. There are signs pointing to that kingdom of God, and those who see them know that God's kingdom will come. All the earth will bless the glory of the Lord.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The prophet Daniel has a vision in which *one like a son of man* arrives to receive his kingship; all peoples and nations recognize him for his glory. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the fig tree, comparing the signs of spring with the signs of the Kingdom.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Confident of God's providence, let us bring him our prayers.

- 1) For the Church, may the Lord bless us and purify our hearts for the coming of the fullness of the Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For world leaders, may the Prince of Peace guide them in pursuing peace and understanding in times of conflict, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those suffering as a result of violence or hatred, may God restore peace and security to their lives, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all gathered here, may the Holy Spirit guide us in building community and creating a welcoming and loving place, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they find refreshment, rest, and peace in the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Good and gracious God, all glory and praise are rightly yours. We ask that you hear our prayers and answer them according to your will. Through Christ our Lord.

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Saturday, November 27, 2021
(Lec. 508)

- 1) Daniel 7:15-27
- 2) Luke 21:34-36

SATURDAY OF
34TH WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME
(Saturday in honor
of BVM)

FOCUS: Today, as every day, we need to prepare for the coming of the Son of Man.

We are warned in many ways throughout the Gospels that our judgment can come at any time. In parables that tell us to keep oil in our lamps or remind us of the separation of sheep and goats, we get the same message as today's call to be vigilant in preparation for Jesus' return.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Daniel describes a vision of great beasts representing four kingdoms that will pass away, but the Kingdom of the Most High will endure forever. In the Gospel, Jesus warns his listeners to *be vigilant* and prepare to stand before the Son of Man.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With trust and confidence, let us place our prayers before our heavenly Father.

- 1) For all priests and bishops, may God bless them with the gifts necessary to lead us in the new liturgical year, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For world leaders, may they be blessed with God's wisdom in policymaking and governing, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For all who are subject to harsh seasonal living conditions or natural disasters, may God provide for their every need, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this community of disciples, may the graces of this sacrament help us as we go forth to spread the Good News, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For all who have died in the hope of rising with Christ, may they soon rest in his peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving Father, we humbly ask that you answer our prayers, through your Son, Christ our Lord.

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YEAR C WEEKDAYS II

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

(Lec. 3)

- 1) Jeremiah 33:14-16
- 2) 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
- 3) Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

FOCUS: In this graced Advent time, prepare for Jesus' coming.

Advent is a season of preparation. It is easy to lose Advent in the swirl of Christmas lights and decorations. In this time of anticipation as we consider Christ's incarnation – his coming in the flesh – we also await his return in glory. Be ready: *stand erect and raise your heads*. Prepare your hearts to receive him. Don't miss the grace of Advent.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Jeremiah prophesies the coming of a promised messiah for the house of Israel and Judah. Saint Paul exhorts the Thessalonians to conduct themselves in a way pleasing to God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples to stay vigilant and be prepared for the day when they will see the Son of Man *coming in a cloud with power and great glory*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: As we enter this holy season of Advent, we prepare our hearts to receive the Messiah. With joyful hope, let us offer our prayers to the Lord.

- 1) For an increase in religious vocations, may the Lord bless those discerning priesthood or consecrated life with generous and open hearts, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For a world that will raise up servants who protect the vulnerable, especially the aged and the unborn, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those who struggle with questions about their faith, may the power of God's grace bring them peace and understanding, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this faith community, may the Holy Spirit help us increase and abound in love for one another as children of our heavenly Father, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died in Christ, may they live in glory forever with God and all the saints, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving Father, please hear and answer our prayers this day in your wisdom. We ask through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Monday, November 29, 2021

(Lec. 175)

- 1) Isaiah 2:1-5
- 2) Matthew 8:5-11

MONDAY
OF ADVENT
- FIRST WEEK

FOCUS: Like the centurion, let us place our trust in the Lord as we await the reign of God.

Jesus promises that *many will come from the east and the west* to recline at the banquet of heaven. But that day has not yet come. The centurion teaches us to patiently wait for Jesus to bring about his reign – trusting that even one word from Jesus will be sufficient for us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading describes the day of judgment for Jerusalem, when the Lord's glory will be made manifest. In the Gospel, Jesus is amazed by the faith of a centurion who approaches to ask that Jesus heal his servant.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With confidence in our generous God, let us humbly entrust our prayers to him.

- 1) For all Church leaders, may the example of Jesus guide them in humble service of love for God's people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For elected leaders, may God inspire them in working for the good of all people, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick, may God's healing power restore them to full health of body and mind, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all gathered here, may God prepare our hearts this Advent season to welcome Jesus into our lives, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may the Lord lovingly welcome them into the heavenly banquet, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Almighty God, we humbly ask that in your wisdom you hear and answer these prayers according to your holy will. Through Christ our Lord.

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Tuesday, November 30, 2021
(Lec. 684)

**SAINT ANDREW,
APOSTLE
- FEAST**

- 1) Romans 10:9-18
- 2) Matthew 4:18-22

FOCUS: Hear the Gospel and follow Jesus, sharing the Good News with others.

Today we celebrate Saint Andrew, who, with Peter, James, and John, left his livelihood to answer Jesus' call to follow him. To what lengths are we prepared to go in order to follow Jesus and share his Good News? Let us resolve to study the word of God and live God's truth authentically.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Paul emphasizes the need for the Gospel to be proclaimed. How can one call upon the Lord if they have not heard of him? In the Gospel, Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James, and John, who leave behind their fishing nets to follow Jesus.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us humbly place our needs before the Lord this day.

- 1) For Church leaders, may the Holy Spirit enkindle the fire of his love in their hearts as they preach the Good News, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For leaders of nations, may they, through God's grace, recognize the dignity of each person and protect human rights, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For those persecuted for their faith, may God bless them with courage and perseverance, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For this community of disciples, may the Lord bless us with the eyes and heart of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they rejoice with all the angels and saints with God in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Loving God, hear and answer the prayers we have offered you today, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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