

Gospel Reading

John 15:18-21: *If they persecuted me they will persecute you.*

or John 15:1-8: *Whoever remain in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.*

The Creed is recited

Communion Antiphon

If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him; if we persevere, we shall also reign with him, alleluia.

SATURDAY

Easter Weekday or Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr or Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen: born in Germany in 1578, Fidelis abandoned his law career and became a Capuchin; he was chosen to preach in Protestant Switzerland, but was killed there in 1622.

Saint Adalbert: the second bishop of Prague, Adalbert was born in 956; after being ordained bishop in 983, he was professed as a Benedictine, and worked in France. He travelled as a missionary in Eastern Europe, and was martyred there in 997.

Entrance Antiphon

You have been buried with Christ in Baptism, through which you also rose again by faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 9:31-42: *The churches built themselves up and were filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.*

Response to the Psalm

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? We know that Christ is truly risen from the dead; have mercy on us, triumphant King.

Gospel Acclamation

We know that Christ is truly risen from the dead; have mercy on us, triumphant King.

Gospel Reading

John 6:60-69: *Who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.*

Communion Antiphon

Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me, says the Lord, alleluia.

COMMON MASS TEXTS

THE GLORIA: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE CREED: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

MARIAN ANTHEM

6. **R** Egína caéli * laetáre, alle-lú-ia : Qui- a quem me-
ru- ísti portáre, alle-lú-ia : Resurréxit, sic-ut dixit, alle-
lú-ia : Ora pro nó-bis Dé-um, alle-lú- ia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia! For he whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia! Has risen as he said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia!



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WEEKDAY MASS SHEET THIRD WEEK OF EASTER 19th—24th April 2021

THE SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

"During the Easter Season, there is a semi-continuous reading of the Gospel of John, but with texts that have a paschal character in order to complete the reading from John during Lent. This paschal reading is made up in large part of the Lord's discourse and prayer at the Last Supper. The first reading is a semi-continuous reading from the Acts of the Apostles." (GIL 101)

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray especially for: new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (April)

Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

MONDAY Easter Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life or his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 6:8-15: *They could not get the better of Stephen because of his wisdom, and because it was the Spirit that prompted what he said.*

Response to the Psalm

They are happy whose life is blameless.

Gospel Acclamation

You believe, Thomas, because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.

Gospel Reading

John 6:22-29: *Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.*

Communion Antiphon

Peace I leave you with; my peace give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you, says the Lord, alleluia.

TUESDAY Easter Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

Sing praise to our God, all you who fear God, both small and great, for now salvation and strength have come, and the power of his Christ, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 7:51-8:1: *Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.*

Responsorial Psalm

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord, I know my sheep and my own know me.

Gospel Reading

John 6:30-35: *It was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread.*

Communion Antiphon

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Christ, alleluia.

WEDNESDAY

Easter Weekday or Saint Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saint Anselm: born in Aosta (Italy) in 1033, he was attracted to the abbey of Bec in Northern France eventually becoming Abbot, before following Lanfranc to become Archbishop of Canterbury himself in 1093. After a turbulent period of disagreement between Church and Crown, Anselm died in 1109. He left many fine writings, particularly in philosophy and mystical theology.

Entrance Antiphon

Let my mouth be filled with your praise, that I may sing loud; my lips shall shout for joy, when I sing to you, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 8:1-8: *They went from place to place preaching the Good News.*

Response to the Psalm

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.

Gospel Reading

John 6:35-40: *It is my Father's will that whoever sees the Son shall have eternal life.*

Communion Antiphon

The Lord has risen and shone his light upon us whom he has redeemed by his Blood, alleluia.

THURSDAY Easter Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

Let us sing to the Lord, for he has gloriously triumphed. The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40: *If you believe with all your heart, you may be baptised.*

Response to the Psalm

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

The Lord, who hung for us upon the tree, has risen from the tomb.

Gospel Reading

John 6:44-51: *I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.*

Communion Antiphon

Christ died for all, that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for him, who died for them and is risen, alleluia.



FRIDAY SAINT GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND

Saint George: George was martyred at Lydda (Israel) around 303, in the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. His cult, which predates the legend of his slaying the dragon, spread quickly through East and West. During the crusades, George was seen to personify the ideals of Christian chivalry, and he was adopted as patron saint of several city-states and countries. King Richard I of England placed his crusading army under his protection, and in 1222 his feast was proclaimed a national holiday.

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, you Saints, in the presence of the Lamb; a kingdom has been prepared for you from the foundation of the world, alleluia.

The Gloria is sung or recited.

First Reading

Apocalypse 12:10-12: *In the face of death they would not cling to life.*

Response to the Psalm

Those who are singing in tears will sing when they reap.

Gospel Acclamation

Happy the man who stands firm, for he has proved himself, and will win the crown of life.