

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-13: *I brought your father from beyond the River – I brought you out of Egypt—I brought you into the land.*

Response to the Psalm

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

Gospel Acclamation

Your precepts, O Lord, are all of them sure; they stand firm for ever and ever.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 19:3-12: *You were so unteachable that Moses allowed you to divorce your wives; it was not like this from the beginning.*

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

SATURDAY

Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr [MEMORIAL]

Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe: born in Poland in 1894, he became a Franciscan in 1910. He was arrested by the invading German forces in 1939 and sentenced to heavy labour in the extermination camp at Auschwitz; when a married man was chosen to be executed, Maximilian volunteered to take his place: he was killed by lethal injection on 14 August 1941. He was canonised in 1982 in the presence of the man whose life he saved.

Entrance Antiphon

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me.

First Reading

Joshua 24:14-29: *Choose today whom you wish to serve.*

Response to the Psalm

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 19:13-15: *Do not stop the little children*

coming to me; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.

Communion Antiphon

Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends, says the Lord.

SOME COMMON MASS TEXTS

PENITENTIAL RITE

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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 MARIAN ANTHEM

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus: O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

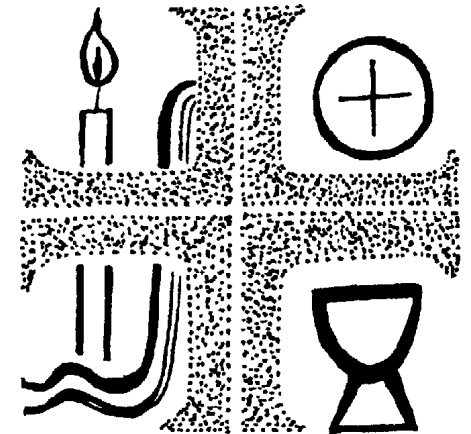


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WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

NINETEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

9th–14th August 2021



THE SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

After forty years of wandering, the people of Israel arrive at the Promised Land: Moses instructs them, and hands over leadership to Joshua before he dies. Joshua leads the people over the Jordan, and summarises the journey so far; he concludes by sealing the Covenant at Shechem before his death - a covenant that was to guarantee that the people remembered the Lord. The Gospels (Matthew 17-19) relate various teachings of Jesus as he journeys towards Jerusalem, especially concerning forgiveness and divorce.

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

During Ordinary Time (Summer) we are asked to pray for these intentions: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (August)

The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

MONDAY

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin and Martyr, Pa- tron of Europe [FEAST]

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross: born in 1891, Edith Stein was killed in the gas chamber of Auschwitz in 1942. A convert from Judaism, she became a Discalced Carmelite, and embraced in her life the cross of Christ. Canonised by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1998, she was declared a Patron of Europe.

Entrance Antiphon

May I never boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

The Gloria is recited. (see back page)

First Reading

Hosea 2:16-17. 21-22: *I will betroth you to myself for ever.*

Response to the Psalm

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words.

Gospel Acclamation

This is a wise virgin whom the Lord found watching; she went in to the wedding feasts with him when he came.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13: *The bridegroom is here, go out and meet him.*

Communion Antiphon

Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil will I fear, for you are with me.

TUESDAY

Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr [FEAST]

Saint Lawrence: a deacon in Rome in the time of Sixtus II. He was responsible for the charitable work of the church. When arrested he was asked for the Church's treasure: his answer was to point to the poor he served.

Entrance Antiphon

This is the blessed Lawrence who gave himself up for the treasure of the Church; for this he earned the suffering of martyrdom to ascend with joy to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gloria is recited. (see back page)

First Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-10: *God loves a cheerful giver.*

Response to the Psalm

Happy the man who takes pity and lends.

Gospel Acclamation

Anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark, says the Lord, he will have the light of life.

Gospel Reading

John 12:24-26: *If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.*

Communion Antiphon

Whoever serves me must follow me and where I am there also will my servant be, says the Lord.

WEDNESDAY

Saint Clare, Virgin [MEMORIAL]

Saint Clare: born in Assisi in 1193, she followed Saint Francis in his life of poverty and was the founder of an order of nuns (Poor Clares). She led a very austere life, abounding in works of piety and charity. She died in 1253.

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1-12: *Moses died as the Lord decreed, and there has never been such a prophet as him.*

Response to the Psalm

Blessed be God who gave life to my soul.

Gospel Acclamation

Your precepts, O Lord, are all of them sure; they stand firm for ever and ever.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20: *If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.*

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

THURSDAY

Weekday *OR* Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious [OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal: she was born in Dijon in 1572, and was married with six children. After the death of her husband she entered religious life and founded the Visitation Order. She died in 1641.

Entrance Antiphon

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First Reading

Joshua 3:7-11. 13-17: *The ark of the Lord is about to cross the Jordan at your head.*

Response to the Psalm

Alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation

Because of your love give me life, and I will do your will.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-19:1: *Do not forgive seven times, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.*

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

FRIDAY

Weekday *OR* Saint Pontian, Pope and Saint Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs [OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Saints Pontian and Hippolytus: Pontian, the Pope, and Hippolytus, a priest, had disagreed on matters of Church Law, but were eventually reconciled to each other when they were both exiled to the mines of Sardinia in 235; they died there, and their bodies were returned to Rome, where their cult began in the fourth century.

Entrance Antiphon

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