

By her words and example, she taught humility, simplicity and faith in God. She died in 1897, aged 24. Her autobiography, "The Story of a Soul" records her immense love of God and personal determination to grow in prayer.

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord led her and taught her, and kept her as the apple of his eye. Like an eagle spreading its wings he took her up and bore her on his shoulders. The Lord alone was her guide.

First Reading

Baruch 1:15-22: We have sinned in the sight of the Lord and have disobeyed him.

Responsorial Psalm

Rescue us, O Lord, for the glory of your name.

Gospel Acclamation

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:13-16: Anyone who rejects me rejects the one who sent me.

Communion Antiphon

Thus says the Lord: unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

SATURDAY

The Holy Guardian Angels [MEMORIAL]

The Holy Guardian Angels: in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, the feast of the Guardian Angels began to be celebrated in Austria, Spain and Portugal. In 1608 Pope Paul V made it a universal feast. It celebrates God's constant care for each of his children.

Entrance Antiphon

Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise and exalt him above all for ever.

First Reading

Exodus 23:20-23: My angel will go before you.

Response to the Psalm

The Lord has commanded his angels to keep you in all your ways.

Gospel Acclamation

Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts, his serv-

ants who do his will.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:1-5 10: Their angels in heaven are continually in the presence of my Father in heaven.

Communion Antiphon

In the presence of the Angels I will praise you, my God.

SOME 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 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.

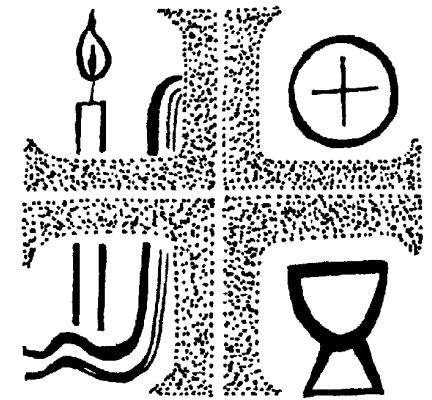


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WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

TWENTY SIXTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

27th September—2nd October 2021



THE SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

We continue to read the post-exilic books, which tell of the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the encouragement of the people. In the Gospels (Luke 9-10) we hear about discipleship, and the work of Jesus' followers as he sets out for Jerusalem - this is the main turning-point in Luke's gospel.

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

During Ordinary Time (Autumn) we are asked to pray for these intentions: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and Their Families.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (September)

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle: We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

MONDAY

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest [MEMORIAL]

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

Entrance Antiphon

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

First Reading

Zechariah 8:1-8: I am going to save my people from the countries of the East and the West.

Response to the Psalm

The Lord shall build up Zion again and appear in all his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:46-50: The least among you all, that is the who is great.

Communion Antiphon

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

TUESDAY

Weekday *or* Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr *or* Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs [OPTIONAL MEMORIALS]

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

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

Entrance Antiphon

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

First Reading

Zechariah 8:20-23: Many peoples will come to seek the Lord in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm

God is with us.

Gospel Acclamation

Bend my heart to your will, O Lord, and teach me your law.

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:51-56: Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem.

Communion Antiphon

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Entrance Antiphon

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

The Gloria is sung or recited

First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14: A thousand thousand waited on him.

Responsorial Psalm

In the presence of the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Give thanks to the Lord, all his hosts, his servants who do his will.

Gospel Reading

John 1:47-51: You will see the angels of God ascending and descending above the Son of Man.

Communion Antiphon

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

THURSDAY

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

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

Entrance Antiphon

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

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-12: Ezra opened the Book of the Law, blessed the Lord, and all the people responded, 'Amen! Amen!'

Responsorial Psalm

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart

Gospel Acclamation

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:1-12: Your peace will rest on him.

Communion Antiphon

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

FRIDAY

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the church [MEMORIAL]

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus: born in France in 1873, she entered the Carmelite monastery at Lisieux at an early age.