

Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

August 10th, Lectionary: 618

Reading 1

2 COR 9:6-10

Brothers and sisters:

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.

Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you,
so that in all things, always having all you need,
you may have an abundance for every good work.

As it is written:

He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;

his righteousness endures forever.

The one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food
will supply and multiply your seed
and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9

R. (5) **Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in need.**

Blessed the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commands.
His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth;
the upright generation shall be blessed.

R. **Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in need.**

Well for the man who is gracious and lends,
who conducts his affairs with justice;
He shall never be moved;
the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.

R. **Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in need.**

An evil report he shall not fear;
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.
His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear
till he looks down upon his foes.

R. **Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in need.**

Lavishly he gives to the poor,
his generosity shall endure forever;
his horn shall be exalted in glory.

R. **Blessed the man who is gracious and lends to those in need.**

Alleluia

JN 8:12

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness

but will have the light of life, says the Lord.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

JN 12:24-26

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it,
and whoever hates his life in this world
will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there also will my servant be.
The Father will honor whoever serves me.”

Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

August 11th, Lectionary: 414

Reading 1

EZ 2:8–3:4

The Lord GOD said to me:

As for you, son of man, obey me when I speak to you:

be not rebellious like this house of rebellion,

but open your mouth and eat what I shall give you.

It was then I saw a hand stretched out to me,

in which was a written scroll which he unrolled before me.

It was covered with writing front and back,

and written on it was:

Lamentation and wailing and woe!

He said to me: Son of man, eat what is before you;

eat this scroll, then go, speak to the house of Israel.

So I opened my mouth and he gave me the scroll to eat.

Son of man, he then said to me,

feed your belly and fill your stomach

with this scroll I am giving you.

I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth.

He said: Son of man, go now to the house of Israel,

and speak my words to them.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131

R. (103a) **How sweet to my taste is your promise!**

In the way of your decrees I rejoice,
as much as in all riches.

R. **How sweet to my taste is your promise!**

Yes, your decrees are my delight;
they are my counselors.

R. How sweet to my taste is your promise!

The law of your mouth is to me more precious
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. How sweet to my taste is your promise!

How sweet to my palate are your promises,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

R. How sweet to my taste is your promise!

Your decrees are my inheritance forever;
the joy of my heart they are.

R. How sweet to my taste is your promise!

I gasp with open mouth,
in my yearning for your commands.

R. How sweet to my taste is your promise!

Alleluia

MT 11:29

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

MT 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

The disciples approached Jesus and said,

“Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?”

He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said,

“Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children,
you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven.

Whoever becomes humble like this child
is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.

And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones,
for I say to you that their angels in heaven
always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.

What is your opinion?

If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray,
will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills
and go in search of the stray?

And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it
than over the ninety-nine that did not stray.

In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father
that one of these little ones be lost.”

Wednesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

August 12th, Lectionary: 415

Reading 1

EZ 9:1-7; 10:18-22

The LORD cried loud for me to hear:

Come, you scourges of the city!

With that I saw six men coming from the direction

of the upper gate which faces the north,

each with a destroying weapon in his hand.

In their midst was a man dressed in linen,

with a writer's case at his waist.

They entered and stood beside the bronze altar.

Then he called to the man dressed in linen

with the writer's case at his waist, saying to him:

Pass through the city, through Jerusalem,

and mark a "Thau" on the foreheads of those who moan and groan

over all the abominations that are practiced within it.

To the others I heard the LORD say:

Pass through the city after him and strike!

Do not look on them with pity nor show any mercy!

Old men, youths and maidens, women and children—wipe them out!

But do not touch any marked with the “Thau”; begin at my sanctuary.

So they began with the men, the elders, who were in front of the temple.

Defile the temple, he said to them, and fill the courts with the slain;
then go out and strike in the city.

Then the glory of the LORD left the threshold of the temple
and rested upon the cherubim.

These lifted their wings, and I saw them rise from the earth,
the wheels rising along with them.

They stood at the entrance of the eastern gate of the Lord’s house,
and the glory of the God of Israel was up above them.

Then the cherubim lifted their wings, and the wheels went along with them,
while up above them was the glory of the God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. (4b) The glory of the Lord is higher than the skies.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Praise, you servants of the LORD,

praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD

both now and forever.

R. The glory of the Lord is higher than the skies.

or:

R. Alleluia.

From the rising to the setting of the sun

is the name of the LORD to be praised.

High above all nations is the LORD;

above the heavens is his glory.

R. The glory of the Lord is higher than the skies.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high,

and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

R. The glory of the Lord is higher than the skies.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Alleluia

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

MT 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If your brother sins against you,

go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.

If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.

If he does not listen,

take one or two others along with you,

so that every fact may be established

on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

If he refuses to listen to them, tell the Church.

If he refuses to listen even to the Church,

then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

Amen, I say to you,

whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth
about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.”

Thursday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

August 13th, Lectionary: 416

Reading 1

EZ 12:1-12

The word of the LORD came to me:

Son of man, you live in the midst of a rebellious house;

they have eyes to see but do not see,

and ears to hear but do not hear,

for they are a rebellious house.

Now, son of man, during the day while they are looking on,

prepare your baggage as though for exile,

and again while they are looking on,

migrate from where you live to another place;

perhaps they will see that they are a rebellious house.

You shall bring out your baggage like an exile in the daytime

while they are looking on;

in the evening, again while they are looking on,

you shall go out like one of those driven into exile;

while they look on, dig a hole in the wall and pass through it;

while they look on, shoulder the burden and set out in the darkness;

cover your face that you may not see the land,

for I have made you a sign for the house of Israel.

I did as I was told.

During the day I brought out my baggage

as though it were that of an exile,

and at evening I dug a hole through the wall with my hand

and, while they looked on, set out in the darkness,

shouldering my burden.

Then, in the morning, the word of the LORD came to me:

Son of man, did not the house of Israel, that rebellious house,

ask you what you were doing?

Tell them: Thus says the Lord GOD:

This oracle concerns Jerusalem

and the whole house of Israel within it.

I am a sign for you:

as I have done, so shall it be done to them;

as captives they shall go into exile.

The prince who is among them shall shoulder his burden

and set out in darkness,

going through a hole he has dug out in the wall,

and covering his face lest he be seen by anyone.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62

R. (see 7b) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

They tempted and rebelled against God the Most High,

and kept not his decrees.

They turned back and were faithless like their fathers;

they recoiled like a treacherous bow.

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

They angered him with their high places
and with their idols roused his jealousy.

God heard and was enraged
and utterly rejected Israel.

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

And he surrendered his strength into captivity,
his glory in the hands of the foe.

He abandoned his people to the sword
and was enraged against his inheritance.

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Alleluia

PS 119:135

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Let your countenance shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

MT 18:21–19:1

Peter approached Jesus and asked him,

“Lord, if my brother sins against me,

how often must I forgive him?

As many as seven times?”

Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.

That is why the Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king

who decided to settle accounts with his servants.

When he began the accounting,

a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount.

Since he had no way of paying it back,

his master ordered him to be sold,

along with his wife, his children, and all his property,

in payment of the debt.

At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said,

‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’

Moved with compassion the master of that servant

let him go and forgave him the loan.

When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount.

He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.'

Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

>But he refused.

Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt.

Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair.

His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant!

I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to.

Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?'

Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt.

So will my heavenly Father do to you,

unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

When Jesus finished these words, he left Galilee

and went to the district of Judea across the Jordan.

Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

August 14th, Lectionary: 417

Reading 1

EZ 16:1-15, 60, 63

The word of the LORD came to me:

Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her abominations.

Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem:

By origin and birth you are of the land of Canaan;

your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

As for your birth, the day you were born your navel cord was not cut;

you were neither washed with water nor anointed,

nor were you rubbed with salt, nor swathed in swaddling clothes.

No one looked on you with pity or compassion

to do any of these things for you.

Rather, you were thrown out on the ground as something loathsome,

the day you were born.

Then I passed by and saw you weltering in your blood.

I said to you: Live in your blood and grow like a plant in the field.

You grew and developed, you came to the age of puberty;

your breasts were formed, your hair had grown,

but you were still stark naked.

Again I passed by you and saw that you were now old enough for love.

So I spread the corner of my cloak over you to cover your nakedness;

I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you;

you became mine, says the Lord GOD.

Then I bathed you with water, washed away your blood,

and anointed you with oil.

I clothed you with an embroidered gown,

put sandals of fine leather on your feet;

I gave you a fine linen sash and silk robes to wear.

I adorned you with jewelry: I put bracelets on your arms,

a necklace about your neck, a ring in your nose,

pendants in your ears, and a glorious diadem upon your head.

Thus you were adorned with gold and silver;

your garments were of fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth.

Fine flour, honey, and oil were your food.

You were exceedingly beautiful, with the dignity of a queen.

You were renowned among the nations for your beauty, perfect as it was,

because of my splendor which I had bestowed on you,

says the Lord GOD.

But you were captivated by your own beauty,

you used your renown to make yourself a harlot,

and you lavished your harlotry on every passer-by,

whose own you became.

Yet I will remember the covenant I made with you when you were a girl,

and I will set up an everlasting covenant with you,

that you may remember and be covered with confusion,

and that you may be utterly silenced for shame

when I pardon you for all you have done, says the Lord GOD.

Or

[Ez 16:59-63](#)

Thus says the LORD:

I will deal with you according to what you have done,

you who despised your oath, breaking a covenant.

Yet I will remember the covenant I made with you when you were a girl,

and I will set up an everlasting covenant with you.

Then you shall remember your conduct and be ashamed

when I take your sisters, those older and younger than you,

and give them to you as daughters,

even though I am not bound by my covenant with you.

For I will re-establish my covenant with you,

that you may know that I am the LORD,

that you may remember and be covered with confusion,

and that you may be utterly silenced for shame

when I pardon you for all you have done, says the Lord GOD.

Responsorial Psalm

ISAIAH 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6

R. (1c) **You have turned from your anger.**

God indeed is my savior;

I am confident and unafraid.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,

and he has been my savior.
With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.

R. You have turned from your anger.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;
among the nations make known his deeds,
proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. You have turned from your anger.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;
let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel!

R. You have turned from your anger.

Alleluia

See 1 THES 2:13

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Receive the word of God, not as the word of men,
but, as it truly is, the word of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

MT 19:3-12

Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying,

“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?”

He said in reply, “Have you not read that from the beginning

the Creator made them male and female and said,

For this *reason a man shall leave his father and mother*

and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?

So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate.”

They said to him, “Then why did Moses command

that the man give the woman a bill of divorce and dismiss her?”

He said to them, “Because of the hardness of your hearts

Moses allowed you to divorce your wives,

but from the beginning it was not so.

I say to you, whoever divorces his wife

(unless the marriage is unlawful)

and marries another commits adultery.”

His disciples said to him,

“If that is the case of a man with his wife,

it is better not to marry.”

He answered, “Not all can accept this word,

but only those to whom that is granted.

Some are incapable of marriage because they were born so;

some, because they were made so by others;

some, because they have renounced marriage

for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven.

Whoever can accept this ought to accept it.”

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass during the Day

August 15th, Lectionary: 622

Reading 1

RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB

God’s temple in heaven was opened,

and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,

with the moon under her feet,

and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth.

Then another sign appeared in the sky;

it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns,
and on its heads were seven diadems.

Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky
and hurled them down to the earth.

Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth,
to devour her child when she gave birth.

She gave birth to a son, a male child,
destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod.

Her child was caught up to God and his throne.

The woman herself fled into the desert
where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have salvation and power come,

and the Kingdom of our God

and the authority of his Anointed One.”

Responsorial Psalm

PS 45:10, 11, 12, 16

R. (10bc) **The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**
The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear,
forget your people and your father's house.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

So shall the king desire your beauty;
for he is your lord.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

They are borne in with gladness and joy;
they enter the palace of the king.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Reading 2

1 COR 15:20-27

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through man,
the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die,
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,
but each one in proper order:

Christ the firstfruits;

then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;

then comes the end,

when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father,
when he has destroyed every sovereignty
and every authority and power.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death,
for "he subjected everything under his feet."

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Mary is taken up to heaven;
a chorus of angels exults.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

LK 1:39-56

Mary set out

and traveled to the hill country in haste

to a town of Judah,

where she entered the house of Zechariah

and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,

the infant leaped in her womb,

and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,

cried out in a loud voice and said,

"Blessed are you among women,

and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And how does this happen to me,

that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,

the infant in my womb leaped for joy.

Blessed are you who believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord
would be fulfilled.”

And Mary said:

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.”

Mary remained with her about three months
and then returned to her home.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16th, Lectionary: 118

Reading 1

IS 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the LORD:

Observe what is right, do what is just;

for my salvation is about to come,

my justice, about to be revealed.

The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,

ministering to him,

loving the name of the LORD,

and becoming his servants—

all who keep the sabbath free from profanation

and hold to my covenant,
them I will bring to my holy mountain
and make joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be acceptable on my altar,
for my house shall be called
a house of prayer for all peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R. (4) O God, let all the nations praise you!

May God have pity on us and bless us;
may he let his face shine upon us.

So may your way be known upon earth;
among all nations, your salvation.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the nations be glad and exult
because you rule the peoples in equity;
the nations on the earth you guide.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!

May God bless us,
and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

Reading 2

ROM 11:13-15, 29-32

Brothers and sisters:

I am speaking to you Gentiles.

Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles,

I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous
and thus save some of them.

For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world,
what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

Just as you once disobeyed God

but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,

so they have now disobeyed in order that,

by virtue of the mercy shown to you,

they too may now receive mercy.

For God delivered all to disobedience,

that he might have mercy upon all.

Alleluia

MT 4:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom
and cured every disease among the people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

MT 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out,

“Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!

My daughter is tormented by a demon.”

But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her.

Jesus’ disciples came and asked him,

“Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us.”

He said in reply,

“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, “Lord, help me.”

He said in reply,

“It is not right to take the food of the children

and throw it to the dogs.”

She said, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps

that fall from the table of their masters.”

Then Jesus said to her in reply,

“O woman, great is your faith!

Let it be done for you as you wish.”

And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour.