

# Monday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 365

Reading I

2 Cor 6:1-10

Brothers and sisters:

As your fellow workers, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

For he says:

*In an acceptable time I heard you,  
and on the day of salvation I helped you.*

Behold, now is a very acceptable time;  
behold, now is the day of salvation.

We cause no one to stumble in anything,  
in order that no fault may be found with our ministry;  
on the contrary, in everything we commend ourselves  
as ministers of God, through much endurance,  
in afflictions, hardships, constraints,  
beatings, imprisonments, riots,  
labors, vigils, fasts;  
by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness,  
in the Holy Spirit, in unfeigned love, in truthful speech,  
in the power of God;  
with weapons of righteousness at the right and at the left;  
through glory and dishonor, insult and praise.

We are treated as deceivers and yet are truthful;  
as unrecognized and yet acknowledged;

as dying and behold we live;  
as chastised and yet not put to death;  
as sorrowful yet always rejoicing;  
as poor yet enriching many;  
as having nothing and yet possessing all things.

## Responsorial Psalm

98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4

R. (2a) The Lord has made known his salvation.

Sing to the LORD a new song,

for he has done wondrous deeds;

His right hand has won victory for him,

his holy arm.

R. The Lord has made known his salvation.

In the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness

toward the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has made known his salvation.

All the ends of the earth have seen

the salvation by our God.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;

break into song; sing praise.

R. The Lord has made known his salvation.

**Alleluia**

Ps 119:105

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A lamp to my feet is your word,

a light to my path.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel

Mt 5:38-42

Jesus said to his disciples:

“You have heard that it was said,

*An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.*

But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil.

When someone strikes you on your right cheek,  
turn the other one to him as well.

If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic,  
hand him your cloak as well.

Should anyone press you into service for one mile,  
go with him for two miles.

Give to the one who asks of you,  
and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.”

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Reading I

2 Cor 8:1-9

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, of the grace of God that has been given to the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, the abundance of their joy and their profound poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For according to their means, I can testify, and beyond their means, spontaneously,

they begged us insistently for the favor of taking part  
in the service to the holy ones,  
and this, not as we expected,  
but they gave themselves first to the Lord  
and to us through the will of God,  
so that we urged Titus that, as he had already begun,  
he should also complete for you this gracious act also.  
Now as you excel in every respect,  
in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness,  
and in the love we have for you,  
may you excel in this gracious act also.

I say this not by way of command,  
but to test the genuineness of your love  
by your concern for others.

For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that for your sake he became poor although he was rich,  
so that by his poverty you might become rich.

## Responsorial Psalm

146:2, 5-6ab, 6c- 7, 8-9a

R. (1b) Praise the Lord, my soul!

or:

R. Alleluia.

Praise the LORD, my soul!

I will praise the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God while I live.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

or:

R. Alleluia.

Blessed he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD, his God,  
Who made heaven and earth,  
the sea and all that is in them.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

or:

R. Alleluia.

Who keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets captives free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

or:

R. Alleluia.

The LORD gives sight to the blind.

The LORD raises up those who were bowed down;  
the LORD loves the just.

The LORD protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

or:

R. Alleluia.

**Alleluia**

**Jn 13:34**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel

Mt 5:43-48

Jesus said to his disciples:

“You have heard that it was said,

*You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.*

But I say to you, love your enemies

and pray for those who persecute you,

that you may be children of your heavenly Father,

for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good,

and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.

For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have?

Do not the tax collectors do the same?

And if you greet your brothers only,

what is unusual about that?

Do not the pagans do the same?

So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

## Wednesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 367

Reading I

2 Cor 9:6-11

Brothers and sisters, consider this:

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.

You are being enriched in every way for all generosity,  
which through us produces thanksgiving to God.

## Responsorial Psalm

112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9

R. (1b) Blessed the man who fears the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

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 fears the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Wealth and riches shall be in his house;  
his generosity shall endure forever.

Light shines through the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious and merciful and just.

R. Blessed the man who fears the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Lavishly he gives to the poor;

his generosity shall endure forever;

his horn shall be exalted in glory.

R. Blessed the man who fears the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

**Alleluia**

**Jn 14:23**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word,

and my Father will love him

and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel**

**Mt 6:1-6, 16-18**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Take care not to perform righteous deeds

in order that people may see them;

otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father.

When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you,

as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets

to win the praise of others.

Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward.

But when you give alms,

do not let your left hand know what your right is doing,

so that your almsgiving may be secret.

And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

“When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites,  
who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners  
so that others may see them.

Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward.

But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door,  
and pray to your Father in secret.

And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

“When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites.

They neglect their appearance,

so that they may appear to others to be fasting.

Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward.

But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,  
so that you may not appear to others to be fasting,  
except to your Father who is hidden.

And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.”

## Thursday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 368

Reading I

2 Cor 11:1-11

Brothers and sisters:

If only you would put up with a little foolishness from me!

Please put up with me.

For I am jealous of you with the jealousy of God,  
since I betrothed you to one husband  
to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.  
But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning,  
your thoughts may be corrupted  
from a sincere and pure commitment to Christ.  
For if someone comes and preaches another Jesus than the one we  
preached,  
or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received  
or a different gospel from the one you accepted,  
you put up with it well enough.  
For I think that I am not in any way inferior to these “superapostles.”  
Even if I am untrained in speaking, I am not so in knowledge;  
in every way we have made this plain to you in all things.  
Did I make a mistake when I humbled myself so that you might be  
exalted,  
because I preached the Gospel of God to you without charge?  
I plundered other churches by accepting from them  
in order to minister to you.  
And when I was with you and in need, I did not burden anyone,  
for the brothers who came from Macedonia  
supplied my needs.  
So I refrained and will refrain from burdening you in any way.  
By the truth of Christ in me,  
this boast of mine shall not be silenced  
in the regions of Achaia.  
And why? Because I do not love you?  
God knows I do!

## Responsorial Psalm

111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8

R. (7a) Your works, O Lord, are justice and truth.

or:

R. Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart  
in the company and assembly of the just.

Great are the works of the LORD,  
exquisite in all their delights.

R. Your works, O Lord, are justice and truth.

or:

R. Alleluia.

Majesty and glory are his work,  
and his justice endures forever.

He has won renown for his wondrous deeds;  
gracious and merciful is the LORD.

R. Your works, O Lord, are justice and truth.

or:

R. Alleluia.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
sure are all his precepts,

Reliable forever and ever,  
wrought in truth and equity.

R. Your works, O Lord, are justice and truth.

or:

R. Alleluia.

**Alleluia**

Rom 8:15bc

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You have received a spirit of adoption as sons  
through which we cry: Abba! Father!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel

Mt 6:7-15

Jesus said to his disciples:

“In praying, do not babble like the pagans,  
who think that they will be heard because of their many words.

Do not be like them.

Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“This is how you are to pray:

‘Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy Kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.’

“If you forgive others their transgressions,  
your heavenly Father will forgive you.  
But if you do not forgive others,  
neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.”

# Friday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 369

Reading I

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30

Brothers and sisters:

Since many boast according to the flesh, I too will boast.

To my shame I say that we were too weak!

But what anyone dares to boast of

(I am speaking in foolishness)

I also dare.

Are they Hebrews? So am I.

Are they children of Israel? So am I.

Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I.

Are they ministers of Christ?

(I am talking like an insane person).

I am still more, with far greater labors,  
far more imprisonments, far worse beatings,  
and numerous brushes with death.

Five times at the hands of the Jews

I received forty lashes minus one.

Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned,  
three times I was shipwrecked,

I passed a night and a day on the deep;

on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers,

dangers from robbers, dangers from my own race,

dangers from Gentiles, dangers in the city,

dangers in the wilderness, dangers at sea,  
dangers among false brothers;  
in toil and hardship, through many sleepless nights,  
through hunger and thirst, through frequent fastings,  
through cold and exposure.

And apart from these things, there is the daily pressure upon me  
of my anxiety for all the churches.

Who is weak, and I am not weak?

Who is led to sin, and I am not indignant?

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

## Responsorial Psalm

34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

R. (see 18b) From all their distress God rescues the just.

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the LORD;

the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. From all their distress God rescues the just.

Glorify the LORD with me,

let us together extol his name.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me

and delivered me from all my fears.

R. From all their distress God rescues the just.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,

and your faces may not blush with shame.

When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,

and from all his distress he saved him.

R. From all their distress God rescues the just.

**Alleluia**

Mt 5:3

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit;  
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel**

Mt 6:19-23

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,  
where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal.  
But store up treasures in heaven,  
where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal.  
For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

“The lamp of the body is the eye.

If your eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light;  
but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be in darkness.  
And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be.

## Saturday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 370

Reading I

2 Cor 12:1-10

Brothers and sisters:

I must boast; not that it is profitable,  
but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.

I know a man in Christ who, fourteen years ago  
(whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows),  
was caught up to the third heaven.

And I know that this man  
(whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows)  
was caught up into Paradise and heard ineffable things,  
which no one may utter.

About this man I will boast,  
but about myself I will not boast, except about my weaknesses.  
Although if I should wish to boast, I would not be foolish,  
for I would be telling the truth.

But I refrain, so that no one may think more of me  
than what he sees in me or hears from me  
because of the abundance of the revelations.

Therefore, that I might not become too elated,  
a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan,  
to beat me, to keep me from being too elated.

Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me,  
but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,  
for power is made perfect in weakness."

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,  
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults,  
hardships, persecutions, and constraints,

for the sake of Christ;  
for when I am weak, then I am strong.

## Responsorial Psalm

**34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13**

R. (9a) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The angel of the LORD encamps

around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Taste and see how good the LORD is;

blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Fear the LORD, you his holy ones,

for nought is lacking to those who fear him.

The great grow poor and hungry;

but those who seek the LORD want for no good thing.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Come, children, hear me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Which of you desires life,

and takes delight in prosperous days?

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

## Alleluia

**2 Cor 8:9**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ became poor although he was rich,  
so that by his poverty you might become rich.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel

**Mt 6:24-34**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“No one can serve two masters.

He will either hate one and love the other,  
or be devoted to one and despise the other.

You cannot serve God and mammon.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,  
what you will eat or drink,  
or about your body, what you will wear.

Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

Look at the birds in the sky;  
they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns,  
yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are not you more important than they?

Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?

Why are you anxious about clothes?

Learn from the way the wild flowers grow.

They do not work or spin.

But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor  
was clothed like one of them.

If God so clothes the grass of the field,  
which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow,  
will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?

So do not worry and say, ‘What are we to eat?’

or ‘What are we to drink?’ or ‘What are we to wear?’

All these things the pagans seek.

Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things will be given you besides.

Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself.  
Sufficient for a day is its own evil.”

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 95

Reading I

Jb 38:1, 8-11

The Lord addressed Job out of the storm and said:

Who shut within doors the sea,  
when it burst forth from the womb;  
when I made the clouds its garment  
and thick darkness its swaddling bands?  
When I set limits for it  
and fastened the bar of its door,  
and said: Thus far shall you come but no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stilled!

Responsorial Psalm

107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31

R. (1b) Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

or:

R. Alleluia.

They who sailed the sea in ships,  
trading on the deep waters,  
These saw the works of the LORD  
and his wonders in the abyss.

R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

or:

R. Alleluia.

His command raised up a storm wind  
which tossed its waves on high.

They mounted up to heaven; they sank to the depths;  
their hearts melted away in their plight.

R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

or:

R. Alleluia.

They cried to the LORD in their distress;  
from their straits he rescued them,  
He hushed the storm to a gentle breeze,  
and the billows of the sea were stilled.

R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

or:

R. Alleluia.

They rejoiced that they were calmed,  
and he brought them to their desired haven.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his kindness  
and his wondrous deeds to the children of men.

R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

or:

R. Alleluia.

## Reading II

2 Cor 5:14-17

Brothers and sisters:

The love of Christ impels us,  
once we have come to the conviction that one died for all;  
therefore, all have died.

He indeed died for all,  
so that those who live might no longer live for themselves  
but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh;  
even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh,  
yet now we know him so no longer.

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:  
the old things have passed away;  
behold, new things have come.

## Alleluia

Lk 7:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A great prophet has risen in our midst  
God has visited his people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel

Mk 4:35-41

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples:

“Let us cross to the other side.”

Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was.

And other boats were with him.

A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat,  
so that it was already filling up.

Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion.

They woke him and said to him,

“Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”

He woke up,

rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Quiet! Be still!”

The wind ceased and there was great calm.

Then he asked them, “Why are you terrified?

Do you not yet have faith?”

They were filled with great awe and said to one another,

“Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?”