

# Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lectionary: 401

Reading I

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34

Moses turned and came down the mountain with the two tablets of the commandments in his hands, tablets that were written on both sides, front and back; tablets that were made by God, having inscriptions on them that were engraved by God himself. Now, when Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, "That sounds like a battle in the camp." But Moses answered, "It does not sound like cries of victory, nor does it sound like cries of defeat; the sounds that I hear are cries of revelry." As he drew near the camp, he saw the calf and the dancing. With that, Moses' wrath flared up, so that he threw the tablets down and broke them on the base of the mountain. Taking the calf they had made, he fused it in the fire and then ground it down to powder, which he scattered on the water and made the children of Israel drink.

Moses asked Aaron, "What did this people ever do to you that you should lead them into so grave a sin?" Aaron replied, "Let not my lord be angry. You know well enough how prone the people are to evil. They said to me, 'Make us a god to be our leader; as for the man Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him.' So I told them, 'Let anyone who has gold jewelry take it off.' They gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and this calf came out."

On the next day Moses said to the people,  
“You have committed a grave sin.  
I will go up to the LORD, then;  
perhaps I may be able to make atonement for your sin.”  
So Moses went back to the LORD and said,  
“Ah, this people has indeed committed a grave sin  
in making a god of gold for themselves!  
If you would only forgive their sin!  
If you will not, then strike me out of the book that you have written.”  
The LORD answered, “Him only who has sinned against me  
will I strike out of my book.  
Now, go and lead the people to the place I have told you.  
My angel will go before you.  
When it is time for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin.”

### Responsorial Psalm

106:19-20, 21-22, 23

R. (1a) Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
Our fathers made a calf in Horeb  
and adored a molten image;  
They exchanged their glory  
for the image of a grass-eating bullock.  
R. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
They forgot the God who had saved them,  
who had done great deeds in Egypt,  
Wondrous deeds in the land of Ham,  
terrible things at the Red Sea.  
R. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
Then he spoke of exterminating them,  
but Moses, his chosen one,  
Withstood him in the breach  
to turn back his destructive wrath.  
R. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
Alleluia

Jas 1:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 13:31-35

Jesus proposed a parable to the crowds.

“The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field.

It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.

It becomes a large bush,

and the *birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.*”

He spoke to them another parable.

“The Kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.”

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables.

He spoke to them only in parables,

to fulfill what had been said through the prophet:

*I will open my mouth in parables,*

*I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.*

## Tuesday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 402

Reading I

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28

The tent, which was called the meeting tent,

Moses used to pitch at some distance away, outside the camp.

Anyone who wished to consult the LORD

would go to this meeting tent outside the camp.

Whenever Moses went out to the tent, the people would all rise and stand at the entrance of their own tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent.

As Moses entered the tent, the column of cloud would come down and stand at its entrance while the LORD spoke with Moses.

On seeing the column of cloud stand at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and worship at the entrance of their own tents.

The LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as one man speaks to another.

Moses would then return to the camp, but his young assistant, Joshua, son of Nun, would not move out of the tent.

Moses stood there with the LORD and proclaimed his name, "LORD."

Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity, continuing his kindness for a thousand generations, and forgiving wickedness and crime and sin;

yet not declaring the guilty guiltless, but punishing children and grandchildren to the third and fourth generation for their fathers' wickedness!"

Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship.

Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O LORD, do come along in our company.

This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."

So Moses stayed there with the LORD for forty days and forty nights, without eating any food or drinking any water, and he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

## Responsorial Psalm

103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13

R. (8a) The Lord is kind and merciful.  
The LORD secures justice  
and the rights of all the oppressed.

He has made known his ways to Moses,  
and his deeds to the children of Israel.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.  
Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

He will not always chide,  
nor does he keep his wrath forever.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.  
As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia

Gospel

**Mt 13:36-43**

Jesus dismissed the crowds and went into the house.  
His disciples approached him and said,  
“Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”  
He said in reply, “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man,  
the field is the world, the good seed the children of the Kingdom.  
The weeds are the children of the Evil One,  
and the enemy who sows them is the Devil.  
The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire,  
so will it be at the end of the age.  
The Son of Man will send his angels,  
and they will collect out of his Kingdom  
all who cause others to sin and all evildoers.  
They will throw them into the fiery furnace,  
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.  
Then the righteous will shine like the sun  
in the Kingdom of their Father.  
Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

## Wednesday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 403  
Reading I

Ex 34:29-35

As Moses came down from Mount Sinai  
with the two tablets of the commandments in his hands,  
he did not know that the skin of his face had become radiant  
while he conversed with the LORD.  
When Aaron, then, and the other children of Israel saw Moses  
and noticed how radiant the skin of his face had become,  
they were afraid to come near him.  
Only after Moses called to them did Aaron  
and all the rulers of the community come back to him.  
Moses then spoke to them.  
Later on, all the children of Israel came up to him,  
and he enjoined on them all that the LORD  
had told him on Mount Sinai.  
When he finished speaking with them,  
he put a veil over his face.  
Whenever Moses entered the presence of the LORD to converse with him,  
he removed the veil until he came out again.

On coming out, he would tell the children of Israel  
all that had been commanded.

Then the children of Israel would see  
that the skin of Moses' face was radiant;  
so he would again put the veil over his face  
until he went in to converse with the LORD.

## Responsorial Psalm

99:5, 6, 7, 9

R. (see 9c) Holy is the Lord our God.

Extol the LORD, our God,  
and worship at his footstool;  
holy is he!

R. Holy is the Lord our God.

Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
and Samuel, among those who called upon his name;  
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

R. Holy is the Lord our God.

From the pillar of cloud he spoke to them;  
they heard his decrees and the law he gave them.

R. Holy is the Lord our God.

Extol the LORD, our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for holy is the LORD, our God.

R. Holy is the Lord our God.

Alleluia

Jn 15:15b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I call you my friends, says the Lord,  
for I have made known to you all that the Father has told me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 13:44-46

Jesus said to his disciples:

“The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,

which a person finds and hides again,  
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.  
Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant  
searching for fine pearls.  
When he finds a pearl of great price,  
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.”

## Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Lectionary: 404/607

Reading I

**Ex 40:16-21, 34-38**

Moses did exactly as the LORD had commanded him.

On the first day of the first month of the second year  
the Dwelling was erected.

It was Moses who erected the Dwelling.

He placed its pedestals, set up its boards, put in its bars,  
and set up its columns.

He spread the tent over the Dwelling  
and put the covering on top of the tent,  
as the LORD had commanded him.

He took the commandments and put them in the ark;  
he placed poles alongside the ark and set the propitiatory upon it.  
He brought the ark into the Dwelling and hung the curtain veil,  
thus screening off the ark of the commandments,  
as the LORD had commanded him.

Then the cloud covered the meeting tent,  
and the glory of the LORD filled the Dwelling.

Moses could not enter the meeting tent,  
because the cloud settled down upon it  
and the glory of the LORD filled the Dwelling.

Whenever the cloud rose from the Dwelling,  
the children of Israel would set out on their journey.

But if the cloud did not lift, they would not go forward;  
only when it lifted did they go forward.  
In the daytime the cloud of the LORD was seen over the Dwelling;  
whereas at night, fire was seen in the cloud  
by the whole house of Israel  
in all the stages of their journey.

## Responsorial Psalm

84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11

R. (2) How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, mighty God!  
My soul yearns and pines  
for the courts of the LORD.

My heart and my flesh  
cry out for the living God.

R. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, mighty God!

Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest  
in which she puts her young—

Your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my king and my God!

R. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, mighty God!

Blessed they who dwell in your house!  
continually they praise you.

Blessed the men whose strength you are!

They go from strength to strength.

R. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, mighty God!

I had rather one day in your courts  
than a thousand elsewhere;

I had rather lie at the threshold of the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

R. How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, mighty God!

Alleluia

Jn 8:12

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

whoever follows me will have the light of life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel

**Jn 11:19-27**

Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother [Lazarus, who had died].

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,

she went to meet him;

but Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus,

“Lord, if you had been here,

my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,

God will give you.”

Jesus said to her,

“Your brother will rise.”

Martha said to him,

“I know he will rise,

in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus told her,

“I am the resurrection and the life;

whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,

and anyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord.

I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

OR:

**Lk 10:38-42**

Jesus entered a village

where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him.

She had a sister named Mary

who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.

Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said,

“Lord, do you not care

that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?  
Tell her to help me.”  
The Lord said to her in reply,  
“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.  
There is need of only one thing.  
Mary has chosen the better part  
and it will not be taken from her.”

## Friday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 405  
Reading I

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37

The LORD said to Moses,  
“These are the festivals of the LORD which you shall celebrate  
at their proper time with a sacred assembly.  
The Passover of the LORD falls on the fourteenth day of the first month,  
at the evening twilight.  
The fifteenth day of this month is the LORD’s feast of Unleavened Bread.  
For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.  
On the first of these days you shall hold a sacred assembly  
and do no sort of work.  
On each of the seven days you shall offer an oblation to the LORD.  
Then on the seventh day you shall again hold a sacred assembly  
and do no sort of work.”

The LORD said to Moses, “Speak to the children of Israel and tell them:  
When you come into the land which I am giving you,  
and reap your harvest,  
you shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest  
to the priest, who shall wave the sheaf before the LORD  
that it may be acceptable for you.  
On the day after the sabbath the priest shall do this.

“Beginning with the day after the sabbath,  
the day on which you bring the wave-offering sheaf,  
you shall count seven full weeks,  
and then on the day after the seventh week, the fiftieth day,  
you shall present the new cereal offering to the LORD.

“The tenth of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement,  
when you shall hold a sacred assembly and mortify yourselves  
and offer an oblation to the LORD.

“The fifteenth day of this seventh month is the LORD’s feast of Booths,  
which shall continue for seven days.

On the first day there shall be a sacred assembly,  
and you shall do no sort of work.

For seven days you shall offer an oblation to the LORD,  
and on the eighth day you shall again hold a sacred assembly  
and offer an oblation to the LORD.

On that solemn closing you shall do no sort of work.

“These, therefore, are the festivals of the LORD  
on which you shall proclaim a sacred assembly,  
and offer as an oblation to the LORD burnt offerings and cereal offerings,  
sacrifices and libations, as prescribed for each day.”

## Responsorial Psalm

81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab

R. (2a) Sing with joy to God our help.  
Take up a melody, and sound the timbrel,  
the pleasant harp and the lyre.

Blow the trumpet at the new moon,  
at the full moon, on our solemn feast.

R. Sing with joy to God our help.

For it is a statute in Israel,  
an ordinance of the God of Jacob,  
Who made it a decree for Joseph  
when he came forth from the land of Egypt.

R. Sing with joy to God our help.  
There shall be no strange god among you  
nor shall you worship any alien god.

I, the LORD, am your God  
who led you forth from the land of Egypt.

R. Sing with joy to God our help.

Alleluia

1 Pt 1:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord remains forever;

This is the word that has been proclaimed to you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 13:54-58

Jesus came to his native place and taught the people in their synagogue.

They were astonished and said,

“Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds?

Is he not the carpenter’s son?

Is not his mother named Mary

and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas?

Are not his sisters all with us?

Where did this man get all this?”

And they took offense at him.

But Jesus said to them,

“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place  
and in his own house.”

And he did not work many mighty deeds there  
because of their lack of faith.

## Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Lectionary: 406

Reading I

Lv 25:1, 8-17

The LORD said to Moses on Mount Sinai,  
“Seven weeks of years shall you count—seven times seven years—  
so that the seven cycles amount to forty-nine years.  
Then, on the tenth day of the seventh month, let the trumpet resound;  
on this, the Day of Atonement, the trumpet blast shall re-echo  
throughout your land.  
This fiftieth year you shall make sacred  
by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants.  
It shall be a jubilee for you,  
when every one of you shall return to his own property,  
every one to his own family estate.  
In this fiftieth year, your year of jubilee,  
you shall not sow, nor shall you reap the aftergrowth  
or pick the grapes from the untrimmed vines.  
Since this is the jubilee, which shall be sacred for you,  
you may not eat of its produce,  
except as taken directly from the field.

“In this year of jubilee, then,  
every one of you shall return to his own property.  
Therefore, when you sell any land to your neighbor  
or buy any from him, do not deal unfairly.  
On the basis of the number of years since the last jubilee  
shall you purchase the land from your neighbor;  
and so also, on the basis of the number of years for crops,  
shall he sell it to you.  
When the years are many, the price shall be so much the more;  
when the years are few, the price shall be so much the less.  
For it is really the number of crops that he sells you.  
Do not deal unfairly, then; but stand in fear of your God.  
I, the LORD, am your God.”

## Responsorial Psalm

67:2-3, 5, 7-8

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!

The earth has yielded its fruits;  
God, our God, has blessed us.

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

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

Alleluia

**Mt 5:10**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness  
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

**Mt 14:1-12**

Herod the tetrarch heard of the reputation of Jesus  
and said to his servants, "This man is John the Baptist.  
He has been raised from the dead;  
that is why mighty powers are at work in him."

Now Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison  
on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip,  
for John had said to him,

"It is not lawful for you to have her."

Although he wanted to kill him, he feared the people,  
for they regarded him as a prophet.

But at a birthday celebration for Herod,  
the daughter of Herodias performed a dance before the guests  
and delighted Herod so much

that he swore to give her whatever she might ask for.

Prompted by her mother, she said,

“Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.”  
The king was distressed,  
but because of his oaths and the guests who were present,  
he ordered that it be given, and he had John beheaded in the prison.  
His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl,  
who took it to her mother.  
His disciples came and took away the corpse  
and buried him; and they went and told Jesus.

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 113  
Reading I

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron.  
The Israelites said to them,  
“Would that we had died at the LORD’s hand in the land of Egypt,  
as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread!  
But you had to lead us into this desert  
to make the whole community die of famine!”

Then the LORD said to Moses,  
“I will now rain down bread from heaven for you.  
Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion;  
thus will I test them,  
to see whether they follow my instructions or not.

“I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites.  
Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh,  
and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread,  
so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God.”

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp.  
In the morning a dew lay all about the camp,  
and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert

were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground.  
On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, “What is this?”  
for they did not know what it was.  
But Moses told them,  
“This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54**

R. (24b) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.  
What we have heard and know,  
and what our fathers have declared to us,  
we will declare to the generation to come  
the glorious deeds of the LORD and his strength  
and the wonders that he wrought.

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.  
He commanded the skies above  
and opened the doors of heaven;  
he rained manna upon them for food  
and gave them heavenly bread.

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.  
Man ate the bread of angels,  
food he sent them in abundance.  
And he brought them to his holy land,  
to the mountains his right hand had won.

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

## Reading II

**Eph 4:17, 20-24**

Brothers and sisters:  
I declare and testify in the Lord  
that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do,  
in the futility of their minds;  
that is not how you learned Christ,  
assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him,  
as truth is in Jesus,  
that you should put away the old self of your former way of life,  
corrupted through deceitful desires,

and be renewed in the spirit of your minds,  
and put on the new self,  
created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

Alleluia

Mt 4:4b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
One does not live on bread alone,  
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
Gospel

Jn 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there,  
they themselves got into boats  
and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus.  
And when they found him across the sea they said to him,  
"Rabbi, when did you get here?"  
Jesus answered them and said,  
"Amen, amen, I say to you,  
you are looking for me not because you saw signs  
but because you ate the loaves and were filled.  
Do not work for food that perishes  
but for the food that endures for eternal life,  
which the Son of Man will give you.  
For on him the Father, God, has set his seal."  
So they said to him,  
"What can we do to accomplish the works of God?"  
Jesus answered and said to them,  
"This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."  
So they said to him,  
"What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?  
What can you do?  
Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written:  
*He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*"  
So Jesus said to them,  
"Amen, amen, I say to you,

it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven;  
my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.  
For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world.”  
So they said to him,  
“Sir, give us this bread always.”  
Jesus said to them,  
“I am the bread of life;  
whoever comes to me will never hunger,  
and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”