

Entrance Antiphon

Christ loved us and washed us clean of our sins by his Blood, and made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 25:13-21: *A dead man called Jesus whom Paul alleged to be alive.*

Response to the Psalm

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Gospel Reading

John 21:15-19: *Feed my lambs, feed my sheep.*

Communion Antiphon

When the spirit of truth comes, he will teach you all truth, says the Lord, alleluia.

SATURDAY

Easter Weekday or Saint Rita of Cascia

Despite an early desire to enter religious life, Rita was married at the age of 18; after the violent death of her abusive husband, and the death of her children, she joined the Augustinian monastery in Cascia (Italy) at the age of 36. Rita lived as a wife, mother, widow, and nun, buried her family, helped bring peace to her city - and never lost her faith in God, or her desire to be with Him.

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The disciples devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with the women, and Mary the Mother of Jesus, and his brethren, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 28:16-20. 30-31: *Paul stayed in Rome, proclaiming the kingdom of God.*

Response to the Psalm

The upright shall see your face, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Gospel Reading

John 21:20-25: *This disciple is the one who has writ-*

ten these things down, and we know that his testimony is true.

Communion Antiphon

The Holy Spirit will glorify me, for he will take from what is mine and declare it to you, says the Lord, alleluia.



COMMON MASS TEXTS

THE CONFITEOR: **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.**

MARIAN ANTHEM

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R Egína caéli * laetáre, alle-lú-ia : Qui- a quem me-
ru- ísti portáre, alle-lú-ia : Resurréxit, sic-ut dixit, alle-
lú-ia : Ora pro nó-bis Dé-um, alle-lú- ia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia! For he whom thou didst merit to bear, alleluia! Has risen as he said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia!



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WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

17th—22nd May 2021

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PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT IN CHURCH AFTER MASS

Please sanitise your hands on entering Church, and remember social distancing, remaining at least two metres away from each other person at all times. Masks or face coverings are mandatory (for all who are not exempt). There will be no singing at Mass and certain other elements are omitted or abbreviated, in order to minimise the amount of time spent inside.

Please pay attention to the guidance of stewards, especially on entering Church, and for the distribution of Holy Communion (which may happen either at the usual moment in the Mass or as you leave Church.)

Communion is given silently in the hand only, with the communicant standing, and avoiding any physical contact. Please wait in your place until invited to move forward for Holy Communion by the Stewards, always being aware of social distancing and remaining at least two metres away from the person in front of you. When you approach the priest or minister, do so with arms at "full stretch" so that there is a good distance between you. Your hands, palms upwards, one of top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible.

THE SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

"During the Easter Season, there is a semi-continuous reading of the Gospel of John, but with texts that have a paschal character in order to complete the reading from John during Lent. This paschal reading is made up in large part of the Lord's discourse and prayer at the Last Supper. The first reading is a semi-continuous reading from the Acts of the Apostles." (GIL 101)

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray especially for: new members of the Church; vocations; the right use of the media; the Church; human work.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (May)

The World of Finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

MONDAY

Easter Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

You will receive the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon you, and you will be my witnesses, even to the ends of the earth, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 19:1-8: *Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?*

Response to the Psalm

Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God.

Gospel Acclamation

I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I leave the world to go to the Father.

Gospel Reading

John 16:29-33: *Be brave: I have conquered the world.*

Communion Antiphon

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come to you again, and your heart will rejoice, alleluia.

TUESDAY

Easter Weekday or Saint John the First, Pope and Martyr

John comes from a strange and dark period of history at the beginning of the sixth century: the Roman Empire in the West was in ruins, and was ruled by Theodoric the Goth; meanwhile the glory of Rome lived on in Constantinople. There, the Emperor (Justin) began a ruthless persecution of the Arians: Theodoric, who was himself an Arian, sent the Pope to restrain the Emperor, but was furious when John returned - accusing him of plotting. He had him imprisoned at Ravenna for the rest of his life. John is therefore honoured as a martyr.

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The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 20:17-27: *I am finishing my race and carrying*

out the mission the Lord Jesus gave me.

Response to the Psalm

Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God.

Gospel Acclamation

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I go, but I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11: *Father, glorify your Son.*

Communion Antiphon

As the Father loves me, so I also love you; remain in my love, alleluia.

WEDNESDAY

Easter Weekday or Saint Dunstan, Bishop

Dunstan was born near Glastonbury in 909, and died in Canterbury on this day in 988. He studied secular arts and literature before becoming a monk, then abbot, at Glastonbury. He was the principal agent in the restoration of English monasticism after the Viking devastations. In rapid succession, he became bishop of Worcester, bishop of London, and Archbishop of Canterbury. A man of many talents, he was renowned as a painter, musician, and worker in metals, besides being a counsellor of kings and a zealous reforming bishop.

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 20:28-38: *I commend you to God, who has power to build you up and to give you your inheritance.*

Response to the Psalm

Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Go, make disciples of all the nations: I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.

Gospel Reading

John 17:11-19: *May they be one like us.*

Communion Antiphon

When the Paraclete comes, whom I will send you, the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father,

he will bear witness to me, and you will also bear witness, says the Lord, alleluia.

THURSDAY

Easter Weekday or Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Born near Siena (Italy) in 1380, Bernardine became a Franciscan and was ordained priest in 1404; he gained a reputation as a great preacher, and propagated devotion to the holy name of Jesus. He died in 1444.

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With boldness let us approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace as a timely help, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11: *Now you must bear witness in Rome.*

Response to the Psalm

Preserve me, Lord, I take refuge in you.

Gospel Acclamation

I will send you the Spirit of Truth, says the Lord: he will lead you to the complete truth.

Gospel Reading

John 17:20-26: *May they be completely one.*

Communion Antiphon

I tell you the truth, it is for your good that I go; for if I do not go away, the Paraclete will not come to you, says the Lord, alleluia.

FRIDAY

Easter Weekday or Saint Christopher of Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Born to a farm family, and worked as a shepherd in his youth. He was ordained priest, and helped to found schools, a newspaper, catechism centres for children and adults, carpentry shops, and an electric plant. Arrested and shot without trial on 21 May 1927 while en route to celebrate Mass, his final words were "I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serves toward the peace of our divided Mexico."