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First Reading

Leviticus 23:1. 4-11. 15-16. 27. 34-37: *You are to call these the most solemn festivals of the Lord.*

Response to the Psalm

Ring out your joy to God our strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Accept God's message for what it really is: God's message, and not some human thinking.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:54-58: *This is the carpenter's son, surely? Where did the man get his wisdom and these miraculous powers?*

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

SATURDAY

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

[MEMORIAL]

Saint Ignatius of Loyola: born in 1491. After life in the army, he converted to a deep spiritual life. He studied in Paris, and gathered companions around himself, who later became the Society of Jesus. They were effective in teaching and evangelising. He died in 1556.

Entrance Antiphon

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

First Reading

Leviticus 25:1. 8-17: *In the year of jubilee*

each of you is to return to his ancestral home.

Response to the Psalm

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Gospel Acclamation

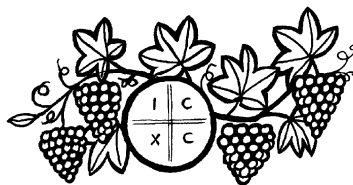
Blessed are those who, with a noble and generous heart, take the word of God to themselves and yield a harvest through their perseverance.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:1-12: *Herod sent and had John beheaded. John's disciples went off to tell Jesus.*

Communion Antiphon

Thus says the Lord: I have come to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish that it were kindled!



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.

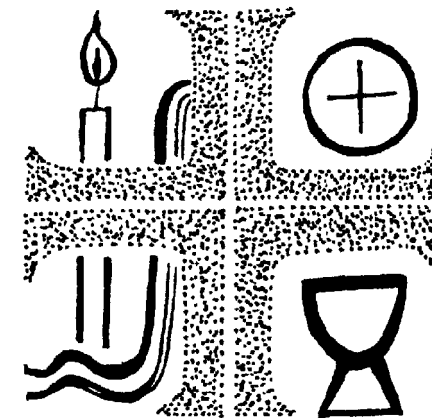


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WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

SEVENTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

26th—31st July 2021



THE SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

The first reading continues the story of Israel's journey from Egypt to the Promised Land; we hear of their escape through the Red Sea and the manna in the desert. The week culminates in their arrival at Sinai, the giving of the commandments, and the forging of the great Covenant.

In the Gospels (Matthew 12-13) we finish the narrative section and move into the 'parabolic discourse' - a great collection of Parables of the Kingdom: we begin with the parable of the Sower.

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

During Ordinary Time (Summer) we are asked to pray for these intentions: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (July)

Social Friendship: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

MONDAY

Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

[MEMORIAL]

Saints Joachim and Ann: an old tradition going back to the second century gives these as the names of the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Entrance Antiphon

Let us praise Joachim and Anne, to whom, in their generation, the Lord gave him who was a blessing for all the nations.

First Reading

Exodus 32:15-24. 30-34: *This people has committed a grave sin, making themselves a god of gold.*

Responsorial Psalm

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

Gospel Acclamation

Through the Good News God called us to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:31-35: *A mustard seed becomes a tree so that the birds of the air shelter in its branches.*

Communion Antiphon

They received blessings from the Lord and mercy from God their Saviour.

TUESDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

God in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading

Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5-9. 28: *The Lord would speak to Moses face to face.*

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation

The word of the Lord remains for ever: What is this word? It is the Good News that has been brought to you.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:36-43: *Just as the dandelion is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time.*

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

WEDNESDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

God in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35: *When they saw Moses, they would not venture near him.*

Response to the Psalm

You are holy, O Lord our God.

Gospel Acclamation

Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-46: *He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

THURSDAY

Saint Martha [MEMORIAL]

Saint Martha: the sister of Mary and Lazarus. She received the Lord into her house and provided for his needs with great care. At her request the Lord raised her brother from the dead.

Entrance Antiphon

Jesus entered a village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

First Reading

1 John 4:7-16: *As long as we love one another God will live in us.*

Response to the Psalm

I will bless the Lord at all times.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel Reading

John 11:19-27: *I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

Communion Antiphon

Martha said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into this world.

FRIDAY

Weekday or Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Saint Peter Chrysologus: Bishop of Ravenna in the early fifth century; he used short homilies as a way of instructing the faithful, as well as writing theological and dogmatic texts. He died in 450.

Entrance Antiphon

God in his holy place, God who unites