Responsorial Psalm

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Open my eyes, O Lord, that I may consider the wonders of your law.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-40: You must love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself.

Communion Antiphon

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

SATURDAY

Weekday or Saint Pius the Tenth, Pope or Saturday Mass of Our Lady

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Saint Pius X: born in Riese (Italy) into a poor family in 1835, he was ordained and worked as parish priest for 17 years before being made spiritual director at the seminary, then bishop of Mantua, patriarch of Venice, and finally Pope in 1903. He sought to renew Christian life, by emphasising charity and the Eucharist; he worked to avoid war in 1914, but died shortly after its outbreak.

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

[BVM Happy are you, holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise, for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God, through whom we have been saved and redeemed.]

First Reading

Ruth 2:1-3. 8-11; 4:13-17: The Lord has not left the dead man without next of kin to perpetuate his name. This was the father of David's father, Jesse.

Response to the Psalm

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Bend my heart to your will, O Lord, and teach me your law.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 23:1-12: They do not practise what they preach.

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

[BVM: The Lord has looked on his lowly handmaid; behold, henceforth all, generations will call me blessed.]

SOME COMMON MASS TEXTS

PENITENTIAL RITE

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.

THE 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

TWENTIETH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME 16th-21st August 2021



THE SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

We end our look at the early history of Israel in the time when the people were ruled by "Judges" such as Gideon, Jotham and Jephtha. Also from this period we hear the touching tale of Ruth and her fidelity.

The Gospel (Matthew 19-23) presents a variety of Jesus' teachings: he talks of material possessions, and we hear parables about the invitation to be part of the Kingdom of God. We begin to see a debate with the Pharisees.

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.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (August)

The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

MONDAY

Weekday or Saint Stephen of Hungary

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Saint Stephen of Hungary: crowned as King in the year 1000, Stephen was just, peaceful and religious, and dedicated to spreading Christianity in his realm. He established dioceses and strengthened the life of the Church; he died in 1038.

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading

Judges 2:11-19: The Lord appointed judges but they would not listen to them

Response to the Psalm

O Lord, remember me out of the love you have for your people.

Gospel Acclamation

Train me, Lord, to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 19:16-22: If you wish to be perfect, sell what you own and you will have treasure in heaven.

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

TUESDAY Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading

Judges 6:11-24: Gideon, you will rescue Israel: do I not send you myself?

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord speaks peace to his people.

<u>Gospel Acclamation</u>

Teach me your paths, my God; make me walk in your truth.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 19:23-30: It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

WEDNESDAY Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading

Judges 9:6-15: You said, 'A king must rule over us' - although the Lord your God himself is your king.

Response to the Psalm

O Lord, your strength gives joy to the king.

Gospel Acclamation

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your decrees.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16: Why be envious because I am generous.

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

THURSDAY

Weekday or Saint John Eudes, Priest

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Saint John Eudes: born in 1601, John became a priest and a Missioner, travelling to many parishes in his native France. He propagated devotion to the Sacred Heart, and founded a congregation to promote the formation of priests; he also founded the Congregation of Our Lady of the Refuge, to rescue women and girls trying to escape from a life of prostitution. He died in 1680.

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading

Judges 11:29-39: I will offer up the first person to meet me from the door of my house as a holocaust to the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Make me grasp the way of your precepts, and I will muse on your wonders.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14: Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.



FRIDAY Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

[MEMORIAL]

Saint Bernard: born near Citeaux in 1090, Bernard joined the monastery there in 1111; his presence revitalised the Cistercian house, and he became abbot of nearby Clairvaux; much in demand for his advice, he worked to overcome divisions in the Church.

Entrance Antiphon

Filled by the Lord with a spirit of understanding, blessed Bernard ministered streams of clear teaching to the people of God.

First Reading

Ruth 1:1. 3-6. 14-16. 22: Naomi came back with Ruth the Moabitess and came to Bethlehem.