

Communion Antiphon

And behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

FRIDAY Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 44:1.9-13: *Our ancestors were generous men, and their name lives on for all generations.*

Response to the Psalm

The Lord takes delight in his people.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Reading

Mark 11:11-26: *My house will be called a house of prayer for all people. Have faith in God.*

Communion Antiphon

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

SATURDAY

Weekday or Saint Paul the Sixth, Pope or Saturday Mass of Our Lady

Born Giovanni Battista Montini in 1897 in the north of Italy, he became a priest in 1920 and worked for the Holy See until becoming Archbishop of Milan. In 1963 he was elected Pope and continued the Second Vatican Council, promoting the renewal of ecclesial life. He died in 1978.

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[BVM: Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever.]

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 51:12-20: *Glory be to him who has given me wisdom.*

Response to the Psalm

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

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

Mark 11:27-33: *What authority have you for acting like this?*

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[BVM: Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father.]

MARIAN ANTHEM

R Egina caëli * laetäre, alle-lú-ia : Qui- a quem me-
ru- ísti portäre, 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

EIGHTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

24th—29th May 2021

THIS SHEET IS SINGLE USE ONLY.

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

The book of Ecclesiasticus was written by Yeshua ben Eleazar ben Sira in about 180 B.C. It is his "thoughts and exhortations", which seek to display the Wisdom which comes from God, and is so often different from the 'wisdom' of the world. This week we hear discourses about how to repent and how to offer sacrifice. In the Gospels Jesus teaches about the possession of property and the reward for those who give up everything for him.

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 (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

Mary, Mother of the Church

This celebration was instituted in 2018 and the added to the General Roman (Universal) Calendar. The Decree states: *This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God.*

Entrance Antiphon

The disciples devoted themselves with one accord to prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

First Reading

Genesis 3:9-15:20: *The mother of all those who live.*

or Acts 1:12-14: *They joined in continuous prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus.*

Responsorial Psalm

Of you are told glorious things, O city of God!

Gospel Acclamation

O happy Virgin, who bore the Lord; O blessed Mother of the Church, who nurture in us the Spirit of your Son Jesus Christ!

Gospel Reading

John 19:25-34: *This is your son. This is your mother.*

Communion Antiphon

A wedding was held in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; then Jesus performed the first of his signs and manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

TUESDAY

Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saint Bede the Venerable: Bede was born in 673, and was educated by the Benedictines; he eventually joined the monastery there, and began a life of great erudition, producing many writings: he particularly worked on the interpretation of the Scriptures and the History of the Church in Britain. He died in the year 735.

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First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 35:1-12: *A man offers communion sacrifices by following the commandments.*

Responsorial Psalm

I will show God's salvation to the upright.

Gospel Acclamation

You will shine in the world like bright stars because you are offering it the word of life.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:28-31: *You will be repaid a hundred times over, not without persecutions, now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.*

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WEDNESDAY

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Saint Philip Neri: renowned for his prayerfulness and sense of fun and humour, Philip was born in Florence in 1515; he arrived in Rome, and after a mystical experience in the catacombs, gathered a community of friends to look after the sick, which eventually became the Oratory. He died in 1595.

Entrance Antiphon

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

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 36:1.4-5.10-17: *Let the nations know that there is no God but you, Lord.*

Response to the Psalm

Have mercy on us, Lord, and look on us.

Gospel Acclamation

When anyone obeys what Christ has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:32-45: *Now we are going up to Jerusalem and the Son of Man is about to be handed over.*

Communion Antiphon

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

THURSDAY

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, according to the order of Melchizedek. In him the Father has been well pleased from before all time. As Mediator between God and human beings, fulfilling his Father's will, he sacrificed himself once on the altar of the Cross as a saving Victim for the whole world. Thus, instituting the pattern of an everlasting sacrifice, with a brother's kindness he chose, from among the children of Adam, men to augment the priesthood, so that, from the sacrifice continually renewed in the Church, streams of divine power might flow, whereby a new heaven and a new earth might be made, and throughout the whole universe there would be perfected what no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor has entered into the human heart.

Entrance Antiphon

Christ, Mediator of the New Covenant, has an eternal priesthood because he remains for ever.

The Gloria is recited

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34: *I will make a new covenant with them; I will remember their sins no more.*
or Hebrews 10:11-18: *He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.*

Responsorial Psalm

You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Acclamation

Since he was Son, he learned obedience through those things which he suffered, and having been made perfect, he has become for all who obey him the author of eternal salvation.

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:22-25: *This is my body. This is my blood.*