FRIDAY Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

Turn to me and have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am alone and poor. See my lowliness and suffering and take away all my sins, my God.

First Reading

Tobit 11:5-17: He had scourged me and has had pity on me, and now I see my son.

Response to the Psalm

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Your words gladden the heart, O Lord, they give light to the eyes.

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:35-37: How can they maintain that the Christ is the son of David?

Communion Antiphon

To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

SATURDAY

Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Saint Boniface: born in Devon about 675, Boniface was killed in the Netherlands in 754. After years as monk and teacher, he went to evangelise the Germanic peoples. Ordained bishop, he founded monasteries and established dioceses, presided at Synods, and liaised with kings.

Entrance Antiphon

Turn to me and have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am alone and poor. See my lowliness and suffering and take away all my sins, my God.

First Reading

Tobit 12:1. 5-15. 20: I am about to return to him who sent me. Give thanks to God.

Response to the Psalm

Blessed be God who lives for ever.

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

Mark 12:38-44: This poor widow had put more in than all of them.

Communion Antiphon

To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

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

NINTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME 31st May—5th June 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.)

THE SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

This week we read through the story of Tobit, a deuterocanonical book which is more a parable than history. It is a domestic tale which seeks to highlight the virtues and values of courage and fidelity, as well as emphasising family life and the benevolence of God (through his angel Raphael). It is important to follow the whole story as presented this week, especially so that one can appreciate the happy ending on Saturday.

In the Gospel (Mark 11 - 12) we see the tension building between Jesus and the officials in Jerusalem: he is challenged and questioned by the scribes, chief priests, elders and Saduccees; he also teaches in the Temple.

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 (June)

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

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Entrance Antiphon

Come and hear, all who fear God; I will tell what the Lord did for my soul.

The **Gloria** is sung or recited.

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18: The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst.

or Romans 12:9-16: If any of the saints are in need you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care.

Response to the Psalm

Great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation

Blessed is the Virgin Mary who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-56: Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Communion Antiphon

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.



TUESDAY Saint Justin, Martyr

Saint Justin: born in Samaria in 110, on becoming a Christian wrote two great works in defence of Christianity - the "Apology" and the "Dialogue with Trypho". These works give us information on the earliest Christian communities. Around the year 165, Justin was arrested and condemned to death.

Entrance Antiphon

Turn to me and have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am alone and poor. See my lowliness and suffering and take away all my sins, my God.

First Reading

Tobit 2:9-14: Tobit did not complain against

God at being struck blind.

Responsorial Psalm

With a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

The word of God is something alive and active; it can judge secret emotions and thoughts.

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:13-17: Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar—and to God what belongs to God.

Communion Antiphon

To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

WEDNESDAY

Weekday or Saint Peter and Saint Marcellinus, Martyrs

Saints Marcellinus and Peter: in the persecution of Diocletian (around the year 300) these two men were martyred: Peter, in prison, invited the priest Marcellinus to baptise his gaoler, whom he had converted; the authorities heard of this, and had the two men executed.

Entrance Antiphon

Turn to me and have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am alone and poor. See my lowliness and suffering and take away all my sins, my God.

<u>First Reading</u>

Tobit 3:1-11. 16-17: The prayer of each of them found favour before the glory of God.

Response to the Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Gospel Acclamation

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Gospel Reading

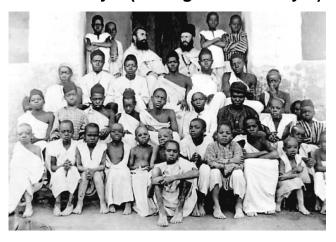
Luke 12:18-27: He is God, not of the dead, but of the living.

Communion Antiphon

To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

THURSDAY

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs (The Ugandan Martyrs)



Saint Charles Lwanga: Mwanga, ruler of Uganda in 1885-1887, began a persecution of Christians of all denominations; among those who were executed were Charles and 21 companions, pages at the court, for being Christians and for refusing to acquiesce in the impure desires of Mwanga.

Entrance Antiphon

Turn to me and have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am alone and poor. See my lowliness and suffering and take away all my sins, my God.

First Reading

Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1. 9-14; 8:4-9: The Lord brought you to me so that Sarah might be assigned to you as your wife.

Response to the Psalm

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28-34: This is the first commandment. The second is like it.

Communion Antiphon

To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.