
LECTIONARY READINGS: YEAR B

Ash Wednesday, February 17

Joel 2:12-18

Psalms 51:3-4, 6ab, 12-13, 14, 17

2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Rend your hearts, not your garments.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Be reconciled to God. Behold, now is the acceptable time.

Your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

First Sunday of Lent, February 21

Genesis 9:8-15

Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood.

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now.

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him.

Second Sunday of Lent, February 28

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

God did not spare his own Son.

This is my beloved Son.

Third Sunday of Lent, March 7

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

(or First Scrutiny -- Year A, Lectionary 28)

The law was given through Moses.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to many, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

(or Second Scrutiny—Year A, Lectionary 31)

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Though dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been saved.

God sent his Son so that the world might be saved through him.

Solemnity of Joseph, Husband of the Virgin Mary, Friday, March 19

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

OR

Luke 2:41-51a

The Lord God will give him the throne of David, his father.

The son of David will live for ever.

Abraham believed, hoping against hope.

Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.

Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 21

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

(or Third Scrutiny—Year A, Lectionary 34)

I will make a new covenant and remember their sin no more.

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation.

If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord – Thursday, March 25

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10

Psalms 40: 7-11

Hebrews 10:4-10

Luke 1:26-38

The virgin shall bear a son and shall name him Emmanuel.

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

As it is written of me in the scrolls...I come to do your will, O God.

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

HOLY WEEK READINGS

Psalm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 28

Mark 11:1-10

OR John 12:12-16

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Christ humbled himself. Because of this God greatly exalted him.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Monday of Holy Week, March 29

Isaiah 42:1-7

Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14

John 12:1-11

He will not cry out, nor make his voice heard in the street.

(First oracle of the servant of the Lord.)

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Let her keep this for the day of my burial.

Tuesday of Holy Week, March 30

Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17

John 13:21-33, 36-38

I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Second oracle of the servant of the Lord.)

I will sing of your salvation.

One of you will betray me; the cock will not crow before you deny me three times.

Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 69:9-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34

Matthew 26:14-25

My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

(Third oracle of the servant of the Lord.)

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the son of man is betrayed.

Thursday of Holy Week, April 1

Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

Psalm 89:21-22, 25, 27

Revelation 1:5-8

Luke 4:16-21

The following are readings for Chrism Mass

The Lord anointed me and sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, and to give them oil of gladness.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Christ has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because of which he has anointed me.

READINGS FOR THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Thursday of the Lord's Supper: At the Evening Mass, April 1

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-15

The law regarding the Passover meal.

Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord.

Jesus loved them to the end.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord [Good Friday], April 2

Isaiah 54:13 -- 53:12	He himself was wounded for our sins. (Fourth oracle of the servant of the Lord.)
Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. Jesus learned obedience and became the source of salvation for all who obey him.
John 18:1 - 19:42	The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday of the Resurrection: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, April 3

Genesis 1:1 -- 2:2 <i>or</i> 1:1, 26-31a Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 OR Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22	God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
Genesis 22:1-18 <i>or</i> Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Psalm 16:5, 8-9, 11	The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith. You are my inheritance, O Lord.
Exodus 14:15 -- 15:1 Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18	The Israelites marched on dry land through the midst of the sea. Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.
Isaiah 54:5-14 Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13	With enduring love, the Lord your redeemer takes pity on you. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
Isaiah 55:1-11	Come to me that you may have life. I will renew with you an everlasting covenant.
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6	You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
Baruch 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4 Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11	Walk toward the splendor of the Lord. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28 Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 OR Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 OR Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19	I shall sprinkle clean water upon you and I shall give you a new heart. Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23	Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Mark 16:1-7	Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, has been raised

Sunday of the Resurrection: At the Mass During the Day, April 4

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23	We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (OR Alleluia)
Colossians 3:1-4 OR 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 Sequence John 20:1-9 OR Luke 24:13-35 OR Mark 16:1-7	Seek what is above, where Christ is. Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough <i>Victimae paschali laudes</i> He had to rise from the dead. Stay with us for it is almost evening (<i>at afternoon or evening Mass</i>) Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified, has been raised (<i>from Easter Vigil</i>)

THE EASTER SEASON & THE PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGIA

Since the distinctive spirit and power of the period of post-baptismal catechesis or mystagogy derive from the new, personal experience of the sacraments and of the community, its main setting is the so-called Masses for Neophytes, that is, the Sunday Masses of the Easter Season. Besides being occasions for the newly baptized to gather with the community and share in the mysteries, these celebrations include particularly suitable readings from the Lectionary... (RCIA 247).

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Second Sunday of Easter, April 11

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

They were of one heart and mind.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (OR Alleluia)
Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.
Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst.

Third Sunday of Easter, April 18

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
1 John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead.
Lord, let your face shine on us. (OR Alleluia)
Jesus Christ is expiation not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.
Thus it was written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 25

Acts 4:8-12
Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

There is no salvation through anyone else.
The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.
(OR Alleluia)
We shall see God as he really is.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2

Acts 9:26-31
Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

Barnabas reported to the Apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way.
I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (OR Alleluia)
This is his commandment: that we may believe and love.
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9

Acts 10:25-26-34-35, 44-48
Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also.
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (OR Alleluia)
God is love.
No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

The Ascension of the Lord, May 13 or 17

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Ephesians 1:17-23
OR Ephesians 4:1-3 OR Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

As the apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up.
God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
(OR Alleluia)
God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens.
To the extent of the full stature of Christ

Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17

Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26

Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
1 John 4:11-16
John 17:11b-19

(in those dioceses where the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday)
It is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us become with us a witness to the resurrection.
The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (OR Alleluia)
Whoever remains in love, remains in God and God in him.
That they may be one just as we are one!



Pentecost (Vigil), Saturday Evening, May 22

Genesis 11:1-9
or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b
or Ezekiel 37:1-14
or Joel 3:1-5

It was called Babel because there the Lord confused the speech of all the world.
The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.
Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.
I will pour out my spirit upon the servants and handmaids.

Psalms 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)

Romans 8:22-27

The Spirit intercedes with inexpressible groanings.

John 7:37-39

Rivers of living water will flow.

[Pentecost – Extended Vigil]

[optional]

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Psalms 33:10-15

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. [cf. Lect #339]

Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b

The Lord came down upon Mount Sinai before all the people.

Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
OR Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Glory and praise forever! [cf. Lect #164]
Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Dry bones of Israel, I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.

Psalms 107:2-9

Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting. (OR Alleluia)
[cf Lect #423, Year II]

Joel 3:1-5

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Pentecost (Day), May 23

Acts 2:1-11

They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak.

Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
OR Galatians 5:16-25

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
The fruit of the Spirit.

Sequence

Veni, Sancte Spiritus

John 20:19-23
OR John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

As the Father sent me, so I send you; Receive the Holy Spirit.
The Spirit of truth will guide you to all the truth.

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