

An Introduction to the *Lectionary for Mass*

Titles of Different but Related Books:

- **Bible** - all the Christian scriptures, arranged in "canonical" order (both OT & NT, from Genesis to Revelation)
- **Lectionary** - all the readings used at the Mass/Eucharist and other liturgies, arranged in order of the liturgical calendar
- **Missal** - all the texts needed for Mass, including instructions, prayers, readings, some music, etc.
 - Since Vatican II, the *Roman Missal* is usually published in two parts: the *Sacramentary* (all texts spoken by the priest, but not including the readings) and the *Lectionary for Mass* (all the readings proclaimed from the lectern or ambo).
- **Other Catholic Ritual Books:**
 - **Book of the Gospels** - special publications of Gospel readings from the Lectionary, esp. for use in liturgical processions
 - **Gradual** - music and lyrics for sung texts of the Mass, as well as tones for singing other liturgical texts
 - **Pontifical** - texts for ceremonies normally performed only by bishops and popes, such as ordinations and confirmations
 - **Ordos** - various publications containing the "Order of Service" (instructions, prayers, biblical readings) for specific rites and sacraments, such as Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Anointing of the Sick, Reconciliation/Penance, etc.
- **Common Lectionary / Revised Common Lectionary** - used by most mainline Protestant denominations today (Episcopalians, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists, etc.); very similar to the Roman Catholic *Lectionary for Mass*.

Historical Overview:

- **Roman Missal / *Missale Romanum*** (*various pre-Vatican II editions, based on the one of Pope Pius V from 1570*)
 - same readings were used year after year, on the same Sundays and feast days
 - most Masses had only two readings: one called "The Epistle" and the other "The Gospel"
 - readings were rarely from the OT, only on a few feasts, vigils, ember days, and within some liturgical octaves
 - most weekday Masses did not have proper readings, but used readings from the prior Sunday or a saint's day.
 - total biblical texts used for Sundays, vigils, and major feasts included only about 22% of the NT Gospels, 11% of the NT Epistles, and only 0.8% of the OT (not counting the Psalms).
- **Lectionary for Mass** (*revision mandated by the Second Vatican Council, 1963*)
 - Latin edition 1969; USA edition 1970; use began on the First Sunday of Advent: Nov. 30, 1970
 - three readings are now prescribed for Sundays & major feasts: 1) usually OT books, 2) NT Epistles, 3) NT Gospel
 - there is a much greater variety of readings: 3-year Sunday rotation: Cycles A/B/C; 2-year weekday cycle: Years I/II
 - total biblical texts used for Sundays, vigils, and major feasts now include about 58% of the NT Gospels, 25% of the NT Epistles, but still only 3.7% of the OT (aside from the Psalms).
- **Revised Lectionary for Mass** (*second post-Vatican II editions*)
 - Latin edition, 1981 - based on the Neo-Vulgate Bible translation
 - Canadian edition, 1992 - based on the NRSV translation (*inclusive language dispute*)
 - USA edition: Sundays 1998, Weekdays 2002 - based mostly on the NAB translation
 - Publication of the current USA edition is normally in four volumes:
 1. **Sundays and Major Feast Days** - Years/Cycles A, B, C
 2. **Weekdays, Year I** - odd-numbered years, incl. feasts of saints with "proper" readings
 3. **Weekdays, Year II** - even-numbered years, incl. feasts of saints with "proper" readings
 4. **Common of Saints, Rituals, Votives, Various Needs** - many more choices of readings than before
- **Differences between the Various Editions:**
 - [Overview of the Different Contents of the First and Second Editions of the Lectionary](#) (online)

Liturgical Calendar / Liturgical Seasons:

- **Advent** - a season of joyful/hopeful preparation, up to 4 weeks long; begins *four Sundays* before Christmas (Nov. 27 to Dec. 3)
 - **Dec. 17-24** - the last week before Christmas has readings from Matthew 1 and Luke 1 and special "O Antiphons"
- **CHRISTMAS** - not just *Christmas Day* itself (Dec. 25), but a continued celebration for two to three weeks *afterward*
 - **Christmas Season** - from the *Christmas Vigil* (Dec. 24 eve), to *Epiphany* (Jan. 6), to the *Baptism of the Lord* (mid-Jan.)
- **Ordinary Time (I)** - the period (varies between 4 and 9 weeks) from the end of the Christmas season to the beginning of Lent
 - called the "*Season of Epiphany*" by Anglicans and in some Protestant Churches
- **Lent** - a season of penitential preparation ("forty days"), from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday morning
 - **Holy Week** - the week before Easter, beginning Palm Sunday (a.k.a. Passion Sunday) and including the Easter Triduum
- **EASTER** - not just Easter Sunday itself (rule for movable date: *first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox*)
 - **Easter Triduum**- "three holy days" from Holy Thursday eve, to Good Friday, to the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday eve
 - **Easter Octave** - from Easter Sunday to the following Sunday (now called "Divine Mercy Sunday" by Roman Catholics)
 - **Easter Season** - a total of 50 days (7 full weeks) from Easter Sunday up to and including Pentecost Sunday
- **Ordinary Time (II)** - the rest of the year (up to 34 weeks total), after Pentecost Sunday and ending with the next Advent
 - called the "*Season of Pentecost*" by Anglicans and in some Protestant Churches

Liturgical Colors:

- **Advent** - *Purple*, except for *Rose* (optional) on the 3rd Sunday of Advent ("Gaudete Sunday")
- **Christmas** - *White or Gold* (not red and green!)
- **Lent** - *Purple*, except *Rose* (optional) on the 4th Sunday of Lent ("Laetare Sunday"), and *Red* on Passion/Palm Sunday
- **Easter Triduum** - *White or Gold* on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil; *Red* on Good Friday
- **Easter Season** - *White or Gold*, except for *Red* on Pentecost Sunday
- **Ordinary Time** - *Green*, except for special colors on particular feasts or occasions, as follows:
 - *White* - Solemnities of the Lord and the Saints; major local feasts; funeral liturgies (*Black* also allowed)
 - *Red* - feasts of the Apostles, Martyrs, or the Holy Spirit

Masses for Sundays and Major Feast Days: Three Readings - *really five!*

1. **First Reading** - from the *Old Testament*, except from Acts of the Apostles during Easter Season
2. **Responsorial Psalm** - mostly from the Book of Psalms; sometimes other biblical "Canticles"
3. **Second Reading** - mostly from the Letters of Paul, but sometimes other *NT Epistles* and the Book of Revelation
4. **Verse before the Gospel** - usually a direct biblical quotation, but sometimes adapted from a biblical text
5. **Gospel** - Year *A: Matthew*, Year *B: Mark* mostly; Year *C: Luke*; (where's *John*? used mostly in Lent & Easter)

Masses for Weekdays, Lesser Feasts, and Special Occasions: Two Readings - *really four!*

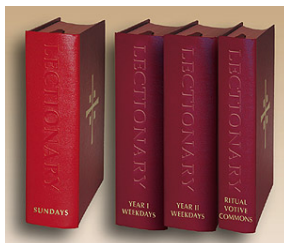
1. **First Reading** - semi-continuous readings; alternate between OT & NT; on a two-year cycle
2. **Responsorial Psalm** - mostly from the Book of Psalms, but sometimes other Canticles; also on a two-year cycle
3. **Verse before the Gospel** - first edition had mostly "common" texts; now specifically prescribed texts
4. **Gospel** - same each year; semi-continuous readings from Mark, Matthew, Luke, in that order

Readings for Special Masses and Liturgies:

- **Saints** - four categories, in decreasing order of importance: Solemnities, Feasts, Memorials, Optional Memorials
 - some saints have their own "Propers" - prayers and readings specifically selected for the particular saint
 - for other feast days, texts and prayers are recommended from various "Commons" - Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church, Blessed Virgin Mary, Martyrs, Pastors, Doctors of the Church, Virgins, and Holy Men & Women
- **Ritual Masses** - incl. Christian Initiation (of adults or children; baptism, confirmation, and first communion), Conferral of Holy Orders and other Ministries, Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying, Sacrament of Marriage, Religious Profession, Blessing of a Church or Altar, etc.
- **Masses for Various Occasions** - four subcategories:
 - for the *Holy Church* (incl. pope, pastoral meetings, unity of Christians, etc.),
 - for *Public Needs* (civil leaders, peace and justice, in time of war, etc.),
 - in *Various Public Circumstances* (new year, harvest, refugees, natural disasters, etc.),
 - and for *Various Needs* (promotion of charity, for the family, for a happy death, etc.)
- **Votive Masses** - Holy Trinity, Holy Cross, Holy Eucharist, Christ the High Priest, Holy Name of Jesus, Precious Blood, Sacred Heart, Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, All the Holy Apostles, Sts. Peter & Paul, St. Peter, St. Paul, One Holy Apostle, All Saints
- **Masses for the Dead** - incl. Funeral Liturgies and Memorial Masses, Funerals for Baptized Children, and Funerals for Children who Died before Baptism

Concluding Notes:

- On most Sundays, there is an intentional thematic connection between the *Gospel* & the *First Reading* (usually also the Resp. Psalm & Gospel Accl.); but the Second Reading is usually unrelated, since it follows a separate semi-continuous reading pattern.
- If one includes all the Masses for weekdays, rituals, votives, the propers and commons of saints, and special needs and occasions, the *Lectionary for Mass* now covers *much* of the NT (about 90% of the Gospels, 55% of the rest: Acts, Epistles, Revelation), but still very little of the OT (slightly over 13%), but this is understandable, given how much longer the OT is.
- For more information, see <http://catholic-resources.org/Lectionary/>



General Introduction to the Lectionary (Second Edition)
Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship (January 21, 1981)

Preamble

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First Part: The Word of God in the Celebration of Mass

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1. Adaptations and Translations
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Endnotes

Various Editions of the Roman Catholic *Lectionary for Mass*

Overview and Abbreviations, in chronological order of publication:

- **OLM69** = *Ordo Lectionum Missae, editio typica*. Vatican City: Typis Polyglottis Vaticanis, 1969.
- **USCC69** = *Lectionary for Mass*. Washington, DC: United States Catholic Conference, 1969.
- **USCC70** = *Lectionary for Mass: List of Readings and Charts for the Liturgy of the Word*. Washington, DC: United States Catholic Conference, 1969; 2nd edition 1970.
- **USL70** = *Lectionary for Mass: English Translation Approved by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and Confirmed by the Apostolic See*. New York: Catholic Book Publishing, 1970; Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1970.
- **OLM81** = *Ordo Lectionum Missae, editio typica altera*. Vatican City: Typis Polyglottis Vaticanis, 1981.
- **USL98** = *Lectionary for Mass: For Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America: Second Typical Edition*. [various publishers], 1998. – Volume I (*Sundays, Solemnities, Feasts of the Lord and the Saints*).
- **USL02** = *Lectionary for Mass: For Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America: Second Typical Edition*. [various publishers], 2002. – Volumes II-IV:
 - Volume II: *Proper of Seasons for Weekdays, Year I; Proper of Saints; Common of Saints;*
 - Volume III: *Proper of Seasons for Weekdays, Year II; Proper of Saints; Common of Saints;*
 - Volume IV: *Common of Saints; Ritual Masses; Masses for Various Needs; Votive Masses; and Masses for the Dead.*
- **USL98-02** = an abbreviation sometimes used to refer to all four of the above volumes together..

Further Explanations:

The **Latin Ordos** (OLM69 and OLM81) do not contain the full biblical texts of all the readings, but only print the biblical references, a brief phrase to be used as a header, and the *incipit* (the opening words) for each reading. They also explicitly print the prescribed texts for the Psalm Responses and the Alleluia Verses (or "Verses before the Gospel" during Lent). The USCC publications have most of this information in English translation, but they unfortunately do not include the *incipits*. The full Lectionaries published for use in the United States (USL70 and USL98) contain the biblical texts of all the readings.

OLM69 was officially promulgated by the Vatican "Congregation for Divine Worship" on May 25, 1969. It prescribes all the readings for all Masses celebrated throughout the liturgical year: Sundays, Weekdays, Saints Days, Rituals, Votives, Special Needs and Occasions, etc. It includes the full text (in Latin) for the Psalm Responses and Alleluia Verses, but for the First Readings, Second Readings, and Gospels, it includes only the biblical references, a summary phrase, and the incipit (first words) of each reading, but not the complete text. For the Responsorial Psalms, it clearly indicates which verses are to be included in which strophe. All biblical references are given according to the Vulgate edition of the Bible, with parenthetical remarks if the versification of the Hebrew or Greek Bibles is different from the Vulgate. Nevertheless, there is sometimes ambiguity about exactly where a reading should end, or which words or phrases are to be included, due to minor variations in the wording and versification of the Bible in the various ancient languages and modern editions.

USCC69 and **USCC70** are essentially English-language equivalents of OLM69, with translations of the Psalm Responses, Alleluia Verses, and Summary Phrases prepared and copyrighted by the International Committee on English in the Liturgy. Like OLM69, they do not contain the full texts of the readings, but were intended as guides for publishers preparing complete Lectionaries using various English translations of the Bible. The first edition was published by the USCC in 1969 and a second edition in 1970, "with revisions indicated by Congregation for Divine Worship 7/24/70." This evidently refers to the "Instruction on Particular Calendars....," which was promulgated not on July 24, but on June 24, 1970 (see *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* 62 [1970] 651-663).

USL70 contains the full text of all readings, "with the New American Version of sacred scripture from the original languages made by members of the Catholic Biblical Association and sponsored by the Bishop's Committee of the Division of Religious Education (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine," or what is more commonly known as the New American Bible (NAB). The Catholic Book Publishing Company (CBP) was not the only publisher that immediately produced a complete edition of the Lectionary for use in the United States (Benzinger in New York did so using the Jerusalem Bible translation). But the CBP edition is probably the one most widely used in parishes throughout the USA, and thus was the one used in compiling the following charts.

OLM81 is the official second edition of the "Order of Readings for Mass" in Latin, promulgated on January 21, 1981. It corrected most of the typographical errors of the OLM69, as noted below, but also incorporated many other changes and additions to the Lectionary. OLM81 and the revised Lectionaries based upon it are sometimes referred to as "second generation" liturgical texts.

USL98 and **USL02** were published rather long after OLM81, and four years apart, due to many delays in the preparations and approvals needed for the English language editions for use in the United States. USL98-02 follows most of the prescriptions of OLM81, with only a few discrepancies.

Calendar of Lectionary Cycles and Movable Liturgical Feasts (1969 – 2050)

NOTE: In 2008 and 2011, **Easter Sunday** was *almost* as early and *almost* as late as possible, respectively. It can be as *early* as March 22 (as it last was in 1818, but will not be again until 2285) and as *late* as April 25 (in 1886, 1943, and 2038). Even falling as early as March 23 is rare (as it was in 1913 and 2008, but will not be again until 2160).

Year	Sunday Cycle	Weekday Cycle	Weeks of O.T. before Lent*	Ash Wednesday	Easter Sunday	Pentecost Sunday	Week of O.T. after Pentecost*	First Sunday of Advent	Christmas Weekday
2008	A	II	4	Feb 6	March 23	May 11	6	Nov 30	Thursday
2009	B	I	7	Feb 25	April 12	May 31	9	Nov 29	Friday
2010	C	II	6	Feb 17	April 4	May 23	8	Nov 28	Saturday
2011	A	I	9	March 9	April 24	June 12	11	Nov 27	Sunday
2012	B	II	7	Feb 22	April 8	May 27	8	Dec 2	Tuesday
2013	C	I	5	Feb 13	March 31	May 19	7	Dec 1	Wednesday
2014	A	II	8	March 5	April 20	June 8	10	Nov 30	Thursday
2015	B	I	6	Feb 18	April 5	May 24	8	Nov 29	Friday
2016	C	II	5	Feb 10	March 27	May 15	7	Nov 27	Sunday
2017	A	I	8	March 1	April 16	June 4	9	Dec 3	Monday
2018	B	II	6	Feb 14	April 1	May 20	7	Dec 2	Tuesday
2019	C	I	8	March 6	April 21	June 9	10	Dec 1	Wednesday
2020	A	II	7	Feb 26	April 12	May 31	9	Nov 29	Friday
2021	B	I	6	Feb 27	April 4	May 23	8	Nov 28	Saturday
2022	C	II	8	March 2	April 17	June 5	10	Nov 27	Sunday
2023	A	I	7	Feb 22	April 9	May 28	8	Dec 3	Monday
2024	B	II	6	Feb 14	March 31	May 19	7	Dec 1	Wednesday
2025	C	I	8	March 5	April 20	June 8	10	Nov 30	Thursday
2026	A	II	6	Feb 18	April 5	May 24	8	Nov 29	Friday
2027	B	I	5	Feb 10	March 28	May 16	7	Nov 28	Saturday
2028	C	II	8	March 1	April 16	June 4	9	Dec 3	Monday
2029	A	I	6	Feb 14	April 1	May 20	7	Dec 2	Tuesday
2030	B	II	8	March 6	April 21	June 9	10	Dec 1	Wednesday
2031	C	I	7	Feb 26	April 13	June 1	9	Nov 30	Thursday
2032	A	II	5	Feb 11	March 28	May 16	7	Nov 28	Saturday
2033	B	I	8	March 2	April 17	June 5	10	Nov 27	Sunday
2034	C	II	7	Feb 22	April 9	May 28	8	Dec 3	Monday
2035	A	I	5	Feb 7	March 25	May 13	6	Dec 2	Tuesday
2036	B	II	7	Feb 27	April 13	June 1	9	Nov 30	Thursday
2037	C	I	6	Feb 18	April 5	May 24	8	Nov 29	Friday
2038	A	II	9	March 10	April 25	June 13	11	Nov 28	Saturday
2039	B	I	7	Feb 23	April 10	May 29	9	Nov 27	Sunday
2040	C	II	6	Feb 15	April 1	May 20	7	Dec 2	Tuesday
2041	A	I	8	March 6	April 21	June 9	10	Dec 1	Wednesday
2042	B	II	6	Feb 19	April 6	May 25	8	Nov 30	Thursday
2043	C	I	5	Feb 11	March 29	May 17	7	Nov 29	Friday
2044	A	II	8	March 2	April 17	June 5	10	Nov 27	Sunday
2045	B	I	7	Feb 22	April 9	May 28	8	Dec 3	Monday
2046	C	II	5	Feb 7	March 25	May 13	6	Dec 2	Tuesday
2047	A	I	7	Feb 29	April 14	June 2	9	Dec 1	Wednesday
2048	B	II	6	Feb 19	April 5	May 24	8	Nov 29	Friday
2049	C	I	8	Mar 3	April 18	June 6	10	Nov 28	Saturday
2050	A	II	7	Feb 23	April 10	May 29	9	Nov 27	Sunday

* Note: Since the length of the Advent Season varies (*between three and four weeks, depending on which weekday Christmas falls*), but in order to ensure that the readings for the 34th Week in Ordinary Time are read at the very end of each liturgical year, one entire week of Ordinary Time is often (*but not always*) omitted after the Season of Easter. Thus, for example, if the weekdays just before Lent belong to the 5th week of O.T., then after Pentecost we continue with the 6th week of O.T. in some years, but skip to the 7th week of O.T. in most years.

Liturgical Introductions for Scripture Readings

A reading from the **Book of** Genesis (or Exodus, Joshua, Proverbs, Job, etc., *for most OT books*).

A reading from the **first** (or second) **Book of** Samuel (or Kings, Chronicles, Maccabees).

A reading from the **Book of the prophet** Isaiah (or Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, etc., *for all prophets*).

A reading from the **Song of Songs**. (the only OT text *not* “*from the Book of...*”)

A reading from the **Acts of the Apostles**.

A reading from the **Letter of Paul to the** Romans (or Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians).

A reading from the **first** (or second) **Letter of Paul to the** Corinthians (or Thessalonians).

A reading from the **first** (or second) **Letter of Paul to** Timothy.

A reading from the **Letter of Paul to** Titus (or Philemon).

A reading from the **Letter TO the Hebrews**. (*not* “...of Paul to the Hebrews”)

A reading from the **Letter OF** James (or Jude).

A reading from the **first** (or second, or third) **Letter of** Peter (or John).

A reading from the **Book of Revelation**. (*not plural* “Revelations”)

A reading from the holy Gospel **according to** Matthew (or Mark, Luke, John).

Conclusions for Liturgical Readings:

After the 1st and 2nd readings: “The Word of the Lord” (*not* “This is the Word...”)

After the Gospel readings: “The Gospel of the Lord” *or* “The Good News of Our Salvation”

Alternate Introductions for Scripture Readings: (with “Saint”)

A reading from the **Letter of Saint Paul to the** Romans (or Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians).

A reading from the **first** (or second) **Letter of Saint Paul to the** Corinthians (or Thessalonians).

A reading from the **first** (or second) **Letter of Saint Paul to** Timothy.

A reading from the **Letter of Saint Paul to** Titus (or Philemon).

A reading from the **Letter of Saint** James (or Jude).*

A reading from the **first** (or second, or third) **Letter of Saint** Peter (or John).

A reading from the holy Gospel **according to** Saint Matthew (or Mark, Luke, John).*

***Note:** The *Lectionary for Mass* (1998/2002) is inconsistent with the use of the title “Saint” before names.

- The title “Saint” is explicitly added before the names of *most* of the **Apostles** (Paul, Peter, John, Jude), but curiously not before the names of the four **Evangelists**. The Spanish translation of the Roman Missal has “San Mateo,” “San Marcus,” etc.
- The usage is inconsistent for **James**: Readings 695.1, 716.7, 740.13, and 792.13 have “Saint James,” but readings 883.9, 883.10, 888.3, 898.3, 903.2, 923.2, 934.4, and 939.3 (all in the section of “Masses for Various Needs and Occasions”) merely say “A reading from the Letter of James.”
- Although **Paul** is called “Saint,” **Timothy** and **Titus** are not; the Lectionary says, “A reading of the first Letter of St. Paul to Timothy,” rather than “...Saint Paul to Saint Timothy” (or Titus).

Lectionary Readings for Sundays and Major Feasts in the Special Liturgical Seasons

#-Year	Sunday or Feast	First Reading	Gospel
1-A	1st Sunday of Advent	Isa 2:1-5	Matt 24:37-44
4-A	2nd Sunday of Advent	Isa 11:1-10	Matt 3:1-12
7-A	3rd Sunday of Advent	Isa 35:1-6a, 10	Matt 11:2-11
10-A	4th Sunday of Advent	Isa 7:10-14	Matt 1:18-24
2-B	1st Sunday of Advent	Isa 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7	Mark 13:33-37
5-B	2nd Sunday of Advent	Isa 40:1-5, 9-11	Mark 1:1-8
8-B	3rd Sunday of Advent	Isa 61:1-2a, 10-11	John 1:6-8, 19-28
11-B	4th Sunday of Advent	2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	Luke 1:26-38
3-C	1st Sunday of Advent	Jer 33:14-16	Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
6-C	2nd Sunday of Advent	Bar 5:1-9	Luke 3:1-6
9-C	3rd Sunday of Advent	Zeph 3:14-18a	Luke 3:10-18
12-C	4th Sunday of Advent	Mic 5:1-4a	Luke 1:39-45
13-ABC	Christmas: Vigil Mass	Isa 62:1-5	Matt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
14-ABC	Christmas: Mass at Midnight	Isa 9:1-6	Luke 2:1-14
15-ABC	Christmas: Mass at Dawn	Isa 62:11-12	Luke 2:15-20
16-ABC	Christmas: Mass during the Day	Isa 52:7-10	John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
17-A	Sunday in Octave of Christmas: Holy Family	Sir 3:3-7, 14-17a (ABC)	Matt 2:13-15, 19-23
17-B	Sunday in Octave of Christmas: Holy Family	Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3 (opt. B)	Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
17-C	Sunday in Octave of Christmas: Holy Family	1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 (opt. C)	Luke 2:41-52
18-ABC	Jan. 1: Mary, Mother of God	Num 6:22-27	Luke 2:16-21
19-ABC	[2nd Sunday after Christmas]	Sir 24:1-4, 12-16	John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
20-ABC	The Epiphany of the Lord	Isa 60:1-6	Matt 2:1-12
21-A	Sunday after Epiphany: Baptism of the Lord	Isa 42:1-4, 6-7 (ABC)	Matt 3:13-17
21-B	Sunday after Epiphany: Baptism of the Lord	Isa 55:1-11 (opt. B)	Mark 1:7-11
21-C	Sunday after Epiphany: Baptism of the Lord	Isa 40:1-5, 9-11 (opt. C)	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
#-Year	Sunday or Feast	First Reading	Gospel
22-A	1st Sunday of Lent	Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7	Matt 4:1-11
25-A	2nd Sunday of Lent	Gen 12:1-4a	Matt 17:1-9
28-A	3rd Sunday of Lent	Exod 17:3-7	John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
31-A	4th Sunday of Lent	1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a	John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
34-A	5th Sunday of Lent	Ezek 37:12-14	John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
23-B	1st Sunday of Lent	Gen 9:8-15	Mark 1:12-15
26-B	2nd Sunday of Lent	Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18	Mark 9:2-10
29-B	3rd Sunday of Lent	Exod 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17	John 2:13-25
32-B	4th Sunday of Lent	2Chr 36:14-16, 19-23	John 3:14-21
35-B	5th Sunday of Lent	Jer 31:31-34	John 12:20-33
24-C	1st Sunday of Lent	Deut 26:4-10	Luke 4:1-13
27-C	2nd Sunday of Lent	Gen 15:5-12, 17-18	Luke 9:28b-36
30-C	3rd Sunday of Lent	Exod 3:1-8a, 13-15	Luke 13:1-9
33-C	4th Sunday of Lent	Josh 5:9a, 10-12	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
36-C	5th Sunday of Lent	Isa 43:16-21	John 8:1-11
37-A	Palm Sunday: Procession with Palms	x	Matt 21:1-11
38-A	Palm Sunday Mass	Isa 50:4-7	Matt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
37-B	Palm Sunday: Procession with Palms	x	Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16
38-B	Palm Sunday Mass	Isa 50:4-7	Mark 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
37-C	Palm Sunday: Procession with Palms	x	Luke 19:28-40
38-C	Palm Sunday Mass	Isa 50:4-7	Luke 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Lectionary Readings for Sundays and Major Feasts in the Special Liturgical Seasons (*cont.*)

#-Year	Sunday or Feast	First Reading	Gospel
39-ABC	Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper	Exod 12:1-8, 11-14	John 13:1-15
40-ABC	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion	Isa 52:13—53:12	John 18:1—19:42
41-ABC	Easter Vigil	(7 options: Gen, Exod, Isa, Bar, Ezek)	A: Matt 28:1-10
41-ABC	Easter Vigil	(7 options: Gen, Exod, Isa, Bar, Ezek)	B: Mark 16:1-7
41-ABC	Easter Vigil	(7 options: Gen, Exod, Isa, Bar, Ezek)	C: Luke 24:1-12
42-ABC	Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord	Acts 10:34a, 37-43	John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:13-35
43-A	2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:42-47	John 20:19-31
46-A	3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14, 22-33	Luke 24:13-35
49-A	4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	John 10:1-10
52-A	5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 6:1-7	John 14:1-12
55-A	6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17	John 14:15-21
58-A	The Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11	Matt 28:16-20
59-A	7th Sunday of Easter (note)	Acts 1:12-14	John 17:1-11a
44-B	2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:32-35	John 20:19-31
47-B	3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19	Luke 24:35-48
50-B	4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:8-12	John 10:11-18
53-B	5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:26-31	John 15:1-8
56-B	6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48	John 15:9-17
58-B	Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11	Mark 16:15-20
60-B	7th Sunday of Easter (note)	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26	John 17:11b-19
45-C	2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:12-16	John 20:19-31
48-C	3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41	John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
51-C	4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 13:14, 43-52	John 10:27-30
54-C	5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 14:21-27	John 13:31-33a, 34-35
57-C	6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29	John 14:23-29
58-C	Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11	Luke 24:46-53
61-C	7th Sunday of Easter (note)	Acts 7:55-60	John 17:20-26
62-ABC	Pentecost Sunday: Vigil Mass	(4 options from Gen, Exod, Ezek, Joel)	John 7:37-39
63-A	Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-11	John 20:19-23
63-B	Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-11	opt: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15
63-C	Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-11	opt: John 14:15-16, 23b-26
#-Year	Sunday or Feast	First Reading	Gospel
164-A	Sunday after Pentecost: Holy Trinity	Exod 34:4b-6, 8-9	John 3:16-18
165-B	Sunday after Pentecost: Holy Trinity	Deut 4:32-34, 39-40	Matt 28:16-20
166-C	Sunday after Pentecost: Holy Trinity	Prov 8:22-31	John 16:12-15
167-A	Sunday after Trinity: Body & Blood of Christ	Deut 8:2-3, 14b-16a	John 6:51-58
168-B	Sunday after Trinity: Body & Blood of Christ	Exod 24:3-8	Mark 14:12-16, 22-26
169-C	Sunday after Trinity: Body & Blood of Christ	Gen 14:18-20	Luke 9:11b-17
170-A	Fri after 2 nd Sun after Pentecost: Sacred Heart	Deut 7:6-11	Matt 11:25-30
171-B	Fri after 2 nd Sun after Pentecost: Sacred Heart	Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9	John 19:31-37
172-C	Fri after 2 nd Sun after Pentecost: Sacred Heart	Ezek 34:11-16	Luke 15:3-7

Lectionary for Mass – Readings from the NT Epistles

Second Readings for Sundays during Ordinary Time (*semi-continuous readings from most of the NT Epistles*):

Sunday	Year A	Year B	Year C
2	1 Cor 1:1-3	1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20	1 Cor 12:4-11
3	1 Cor 1:10-13, 17	1 Cor 7:29-31	1 Cor 12:12-30 <i>or</i> 12:12-14, 27
4	1 Cor 1:26-31	1 Cor 7:32-35	1 Cor 12:31—13:13 <i>or</i> 13:4-13
5	1 Cor 2:1-5	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23	1 Cor 15:1-11 <i>or</i> 15:3-8, 11
6	1 Cor 2:6-10	1 Cor 10:31—11:1	1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
7	1 Cor 3:16-23	2 Cor 1:18-22	1 Cor 15:45-49
8	1 Cor 4:1-5	2 Cor 3:1b-6	1 Cor 15:54-58
9	Rom 3:21-25, 28	2 Cor 4:6-11	Gal 1:1-2, 6-10
10	Rom 4:18-25	2 Cor 4:13—5:1	Gal 1:11-19
11	Rom 5:6-11	2 Cor 5:6-10	Gal 2:16, 19-21
12	Rom 5:12-15	2 Cor 5:14-17	Gal 3:26-29
13	Rom 6:3-4, 8-11	2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15	Gal 5:1, 13-18
14	Rom 8:9, 11-13	2 Cor 12:7-10	Gal 6:14-18
15	Rom 8:18-23	Eph 1:3-14 <i>or</i> 1:3-10	Col 1:15-20
16	Rom 8:26-27	Eph 2:13-18	Col 1:24-28
17	Rom 8:28-30	Eph 4:1-6	Col 2:12-14
18	Rom 8:35, 37-39	Eph 4:17, 20-24	Col 3:1-5, 9-11
19	Rom 9:1-5	Eph 4:30—5:2	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 <i>or</i> 11:1-2, 8-12
20	Rom 11:13-15, 29-32	Eph 5:15-20	Heb 12:1-4
21	Rom 11:33-36	Eph 5:21-32 <i>or</i> 5:2a, 25-32	Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
22	Rom 12:1-2	James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27	Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
23	Rom 13:8-10	James 2:1-5	Phlm 9-10, 12-17
24	Rom 14:7-9	James 2:14-18	1 Tim 1:12-17
25	Phil 1:20c-24, 27a	James 3:16—4:3	1 Tim 2:1-8
26	Phil 2:1-11 <i>or</i> 2:1-5	James 5:1-6	1 Tim 6:11-16
27	Phil 4:6-9	Heb 2:9-11	2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14
28	Phil 4:12-14, 19-20	Heb 4:12-13	2 Tim 2:8-13
29	1 Thess 1:1-5b	Heb 4:14-16	2 Tim 3:14—4:2
30	1 Thess 1:5c-10	Heb 5:1-6	2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18
31	1 Thess 2:7b-9, 13	Heb 7:23-28	2 Thess 1:11—2:2
32	1 Thess 4:13-18 <i>or</i> 4:13-14	Heb 9:24-28	2 Thess 2:16—3:5
33	1 Thess 5:1-6	Heb 10:11-14, 18	2 Thess 3:7-12
34	1 Cor 15:20-26, 28	Rev 1:5-8	Col 1:12-20

First Readings for Sundays during the Easter Season (*selections from the Acts of the Apostles*):

Sunday or Feast	Year A	Year B	Year C
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	Acts 10:34a, 37-43	<i>same as Year A</i>	<i>same as Year A</i>
<i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	Acts 2:42-47	Acts 4:32-35	Acts 5:12-16
<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	Acts 2:14, 22-33	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Acts 4:8-12	Acts 13:14, 43-52
<i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	Acts 6:1-7	Acts 9:26-31	Acts 14:21-27
<i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	Acts 1:1-11	<i>same as Year A</i>	<i>same as Year A</i>
<i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	Acts 1:12-14	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26	Acts 7:55-60
<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	Acts 2:1-11	<i>same as Year A</i>	<i>same as Year A</i>

Second Readings during Liturgical Seasons (*selected readings from various NT Epistles*):

Sunday or Feast	Year A	Year B	Year C
1 st Sunday of Advent	Rom 13:11-14	1 Cor 1:3-9	1 Thess 3:12—4:2
2 nd Sunday of Advent	Rom 15:4-9	2 Pet 3:8-14	Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
3 rd Sunday of Advent	Jas 5:7-10	1 Thess 5:16-24	Phil 4:4-7
4 th Sunday of Advent	Rom 1:1-7	Rom 16:25-27	Heb 10:5-10
Christmas: Vigil Mass	Acts 13:16-17, 22-25	same as Year A	same as Year A
Christmas: Mass at Midnight	Titus 2:11-14	same as Year A	same as Year A
Christmas: Mass at Dawn	Titus 3:4-7	same as Year A	same as Year A
Christmas: Mass during the Day	Heb 1:1-6	same as Year A	same as Year A
Sunday within the Octave of Christmas: Holy Family	Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17	opt.: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19	opt.: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
January 1: Octave of Christmas Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Gal 4:4-7	same as Year A	same as Year A
Second Sunday after Christmas (if Epiphany is not transferred)	Eph 1:3-6, 15-18	same as Year A	same as Year A
January 6: The Epiphany of the Lord	Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6	same as Year A	same as Year A
Sunday after January 6: The Baptism of the Lord	Acts 10:34-38	opt.: 1 John 5:1-9	opt.: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
1 st Sunday of Lent	Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19	1 Pet 3:18-22	Rom 10:8-13
2 nd Sunday of Lent	2 Tim 1:8b-10	Rom 8:31b-34	Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1
3 rd Sunday of Lent	Rom 5:1-2, 5-8	1 Cor 1:22-25	1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
4 th Sunday of Lent	Eph 5:8-14	Eph 2:4-10	2 Cor 5:17-21
5 th Sunday of Lent	Rom 8:8-11	Heb 5:7-9	Phil 3:8-14
Palm Sunday	Phil 2:6-11	same as Year A	same as Year A
Holy Thursday	1 Cor 11:23-26	same as Year A	same as Year A
Good Friday	Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9	same as Year A	same as Year A
Easter Vigil	Rom 6:3-11	same as Year A	same as Year A
Easter Sunday	Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8	same as Year A	same as Year A
2 nd Sunday of Easter	1 Pet 1:3-9	1 John 5:1-6	Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
3 rd Sunday of Easter	1 Pet 1:17-21	1 John 2:1-5a	Rev 5:11-14
4 th Sunday of Easter	1 Pet 2:20b-25	1 John 3:1-2	Rev 7:9, 14b-17
5 th Sunday of Easter	1 Pet 2:4-9	1 John 3:18-24	Rev 21:1-5a
6 th Sunday of Easter	1 Pet 3:15-18	1 John 4:7-10	Rev 21:10-14, 22-23
Ascension of the Lord	Eph 1:17-23	opt.: Eph 4:1-13 or 1-7, 11-13	opt.: Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23
7 th Sunday of Easter (if not Ascension)	1 Pet 4:13-16	1 John 4:11-16	Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
Vigil of Pentecost	Rom 8:22-27	same as Year A	same as Year A
Pentecost Sunday	1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13	opt.: Gal 5:16-25	opt.: Rom 8:8-17
Sunday after Pentecost: Most Holy Trinity	2 Cor 13:11-13	Rom 8:14-17	Rom 5:1-5
Sunday after Trinity Sunday: Body and Blood of Christ	1 Cor 10:16-17	Heb 9:11-15	1 Cor 11:23-26
Friday after the 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost: Sacred Heart of Jesus	1 John 4:7-16	Eph 3:8-12, 14-19	Rom 5:5b-11

Note: The second readings are *semi-continuous* during the Easter Season, but *thematically chosen* in the other liturgical seasons.

Lectionary Readings for Sundays in Ordinary Time

Year A: Matthew (2017, 2020, 2023, 2026, etc.)

2020	Wk	First Reading	Gospel Reading
1/12	[1]	Isa 42:1-4, 6-7	Matt 3:13-17
1/19	2	Isa 49: 3, 5-6	John 1:29-34
1/26	3	Isa 8:23b—9:3	Matt 4:12-23 <i>or</i> 12-17
[2/2]	4	Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13	Matt 5:1-12a
2/9	5	Isa 58:7-10	Matt 5:13-16
2/16	6	Sir 15:15-20	Matt 5:17-37 <i>or</i> shorter
2/23	7	Lev 19:1-2, 17-18	Matt 5:38-48
X	8	Isa 49:14-15	Matt 6:24-34
[Pent.]	9	Deut 11:18, 26-28	Matt 7:21-27
[Trin.]	10	Hos 6:3-6	Matt 9:9-13
[Body]	11	Exod 19:2-6a	Matt 9:36—10:8
6/21	12	Jer 20:10-13	Matt 10:26-33
6/28	13	2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a	Matt 10:37-42
7/5	14	Zech 9:9-10	Matt 11:25-30
7/12	15	Isa 55:10-11	Matt 13:1-23 <i>or</i> 1-9
7/19	16	Wis 12:13, 16-19	Matt 13:24-43 <i>or</i> 24-30
7/26	17	1 Kings 3:5, 7-12	Matt 13:44-52 <i>or</i> 44-46
8/2	18	Isa 55:1-3	Matt 14:13-21
8/9	19	1 Kings 19:9, 11-13	Matt 14:22-33
8/16	20	Isa 56:1, 6-7	Matt 15:21-28
8/23	21	Isa 22:15, 19-23	Matt 16:13-20
8/30	22	Jer 20:7-9	Matt 16:21-27
9/6	23	Ezek 33:7-9	Matt 18:15-20
9/13	24	Sir 27:30—28:7	Matt 18:21-35
9/20	25	Isa 55:6-9	Matt 20:1-16a
9/27	26	Ezek 18:25-28	Matt 21:28-32
10/4	27	Isa 5:1-7	Matt 21:33-43
10/11	28	Isa 25:6-10	Matt 22:1-14 <i>or</i> 1-10
10/18	29	Isa 45:1, 4-6	Matt 22:15-21
10/25	30	Exod 22:20-26	Matt 22:34-40
[11/1]	31	Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10	Matt 23:1-12
11/8	32	Wis 6:12-16	Matt 25:1-13
11/15	33	Prov 31:10-31 (sel.)	Matt 25:14-30 <i>or</i> 14f, 19f
11/22	[34]	Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17	Matt 25:31-46

Year B: Mark (2018, 2021, 2024, 2027, etc.)

2021	Wk	First Reading	Gospel Reading
1/10	[1]	Isa 42:1-4, 6-7	Mark 1:7-11
1/17	2	1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19	John 1:35-42
1/24	3	Jon 3:1-5, 10	Mark 1:14-20
1/31	4	Deut 18:15-20	Mark 1:21-28
2/7	5	Job 7:1-4, 6-7	Mark 1:29-39
2/14	6	Lev 13:1-2, 44-46	Mark 1:40-45
X	8	Isa 43:18-25 (sel.)	Mark 2:1-12
[Pent.]	9	Hos 2:16b,17b,21-22	Mark 2:18-22
[Trin.]	10	Deut 5:12-15	Mark 2:23—3:6
[Body]	11	Gen 3:9-15	Mark 3:20-35
6/13	12	Ezek 17:22-24	Mark 4:26-34
6/20	13	Job 38:1, 8-11	Mark 4:35-41
6/27	14	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24	Mark 5:21-43
7/4	15	Ezek 2:2-5	Mark 6:1-6
7/11	16	Amos 7:12-15	Mark 6:7-13
7/18	17	Jer 23:1-6	Mark 6:30-34
7/25	18	2 Kings 4:42-44	John 6:1-15
8/1	19	Exod 16:2-4, 12-15	John 6:24-35
8/8	20	1 Kings 19:4-8	John 6:41-51
[8/15]	21	Prov 9:1-6	John 6:51-58
8/22	22	Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b	John 6:60-69
8/29	23	Deut 4:1-2, 6-8	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
9/5	24	Isa 35:4-7a	Mark 7:31-37
9/12	25	Isa 50:4-9a	Mark 8:27-35
9/19	26	Wis 2:12, 17-20	Mark 9:30-37
9/26	27	Num 11:25-29	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
10/3	28	Gen 2:18-24	Mark 10:2-16 <i>or</i> 2-12
10/10	29	Wis 7:7-11	Mark 10:17-30 <i>or</i> 17-27
10/17	30	Isa 53:10-11	Mark 10:35-45 <i>or</i> 42-45
10/24	31	Jer 31:7-9	Mark 10:46-52
10/31	32	Deut 6:2-6	Mark 12:28b-34
11/7	33	1 Kings 17:10-16	Mark 12:38-44
11/14	33	Dan 12:1-3	Mark 13:24-32
11/21	[34]	Dan 7:13-14	John 18:33b-37

Year C: Luke (2019, 2022, 2025, 2028, etc.)

2022	Wk	First Reading	Gospel Reading
1/9	[1]	Isa 42:1-4, 6-7	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
1/16	2	Isa 62:1-5	John 2:1-12
1/23	3	Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10	Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
1/30	4	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19	Luke 4:21-30
2/6	5	Isa 6:1-2a, 3-8	Luke 5:1-11
2/13	6	Jer 17:5-8	Luke 6:17, 20-26
2/20	7	1 Sam 26:2-23 (sel.)	Luke 6:27-38
2/27	8	Sir 27:4-7	Luke 6:39-45
X	9	1 Kings 8:41-43	Luke 7:1-10
[Pent.]	10	1 Kings 17:17-24	Luke 7:11-17
[Trin.]	11	2 Sam 12:7-10, 13	Luke 7:36—8:3 <i>or</i> 7:36-50
[Body]	12	Zech 12:10-11; 13:1	Luke 9:18-24
6/26	13	1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21	Luke 9:51-62
7/3	14	Isa 66:10-14c	Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
7/10	15	Deut 30:10-14	Luke 10:25-37
7/17	16	Gen 18:1-10a	Luke 10:38-42
7/24	17	Gen 18:20-32	Luke 11:1-13
7/31	18	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23	Luke 12:13-21
8/7	19	Wis 18:6-9	Luke 12:32-48 <i>or</i> 35-40
8/14	20	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10	Luke 12:49-53
8/21	21	Isa 66:18-21	Luke 13:22-30
8/28	22	Sir 3:17-29 (sel.)	Luke 14:1, 7-14
9/4	23	Wis 9:13-18b	Luke 14:25-33
9/11	24	Exod 32:7-11, 13-14	Luke 15:1-32 <i>or</i> 1-10
9/18	25	Amos 8:4-7	Luke 16:1-13 <i>or</i> 10-13
9/25	26	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	Luke 16:19-31
10/2	27	Habb 1:2-3; 2:2-4	Luke 17:5-10
10/9	28	2 Kings 5:14-17	Luke 17:11-19
10/16	29	Exod 17:8-13	Luke 18:1-8
10/23	30	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
10/30	31	Wis 11:22—12:1	Luke 19:1-10
11/6	32	2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14	Luke 20:27-38 <i>or</i> 27,34-38
11/13	33	Mal 3:19-20a	Luke 21:5-19
11/20	[34]	2 Sam 5:1-3	Luke 23:35-43

Notes:

The First Readings from the OT were chosen to fit with the themes of the Gospel readings, and thus come from different OT books, with almost no continuity between weeks. The Second Readings from the NT Epistles follow a different, semi-continuous reading schedule, and thus are usually unrelated to the theme of the First Reading and Gospel. The 1st Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The 34th Sunday is the Solemnity of Christ the King. **Other Sundays** may be supplanted by certain Solemnities or Feasts.

An Overview of the First Readings for Weekday Masses

The First Readings prescribed for Weekday Masses in the special liturgical seasons *are the same each year*:

- **Season of Advent:** selections from various OT books, esp. the prophet Isaiah;
- **Christmas Season:** continuous reading of entire First Letter of John (Dec. 27 to Jan. 12; interrupted only for Feast of Mary, Mother of God [Jan. 1], and Feast of Epiphany of the Lord)
- **Season of Lent:** selections from a wide variety of OT books, with no connected pattern;
- **Easter Season:** semi-continuous readings from the Acts of the Apostles

The First Readings prescribed for Weekday Masses in **Ordinary Time** *follow a two-year cycle*, with semi-continuous readings from various books of the OT and NT. The following chart lists the biblical books and chapters from which the readings are taken for the weeks indicated. Note that most readings include only a small number of verses, not the entire chapters listed; verse numbers are not specified in this chart to provide a simpler overview of the overall patterns.

Week in OT	First Readings - Year I	First Readings - Year II	Week in OT	First Readings - Year I	First Readings - Year II
Week 1	Heb 1, 2, 3, 4	1 Sam 1, 3, 4, 8, 9	Week 18	Num 11, 12, 13, 14, 20; Deut 4, 6	Jer 28, 30, 31; Nah 2, 3; Hab 1, 2
Week 2	Heb 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	1 Sam 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24; 2 Sam 1	Week 19	Deut 10, 31, 34; Josh 3, 24	Ezek 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 12, 16, 18
Week 3	Heb 9, 10, 11	2 Sam 5, 6, 7, 11, 12	Week 20	Judg 2, 6, 9, 11; Ruth 1, 2, 4	Ezek 24, 28, 34, 36, 37, 43
Week 4	Heb 11, 12, 13	2 Sam 15, 16, 18, 19, 24; 1 Kgs 2, 3; Sir 47	Week 21	1 Thess 1, 2, 3, 4	2 Thess 1, 2, 3; 1 Cor 1
Week 5	Gen 1, 2, 3	1 Kgs 8, 10, 11, 12, 13	Week 22	1 Thess 4, 5; Col 1	1 Cor 2, 3, 4
Week 6	Gen 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11; Heb 11	Jas 1, 2, 3	Week 23	Col 1, 2, 3; 1 Tim 1	1 Cor 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
Week 7	Sir 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 17	Jas 3, 4, 5	Week 24	1 Tim 2, 3, 4, 6	1 Cor 11, 12, 13, 15
Week 8	Sir 17, 35, 36, 42, 44, 51	1 Pet 1, 2, 4; Jude	Week 25	Ezra 1, 6, 9; Hag 1, 2; Zech 2	Prov 3, 21, 30; Eccl 1, 3, 11, 12
Week 9	Tob 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12	2 Pet 1, 3; 2 Tim 1, 2, 3, 4	Week 26	Zech 8; Neh 2, 8; Bar 1, 4	Job 1, 3, 9, 19, 38, 40, 42
Week 10	2 Cor 1, 3, 4, 5	1 Kgs 17, 18, 19	Week 27	Jonah 1, 2, 3, 4; Mal 3; Joel 1, 2, 4	Gal 1, 2, 3
Week 11	2 Cor 6, 8, 9, 11, 12	1 Kgs 21; 2 Kgs 2, 11; Sir 48; 2 Chr 24	Week 28	Rom 1, 2, 3, 4	Gal 4, 5; Eph 1
Week 12	Gen 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18	2 Kgs 17, 19, 22, 24, 25; Lam 2	Week 29	Rom 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Eph 2, 3, 4
Week 13	Gen 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27	Amos 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9	Week 30	Rom 8, 9, 11	Eph 4, 5, 6; Phil 1
Week 14	Gen 28, 32, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 49, 50	Hos 2, 8, 10, 11, 14; Isa 6	Week 31	Rom 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16	Phil 2, 3, 4
Week 15	Exod 1, 2, 3, 11, 12	Isa 1, 7, 10, 26, 38; Mic 2	Week 32	Wis 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 13, 18, 19	Titus 1, 2, 3; Phlm; 2 John; 3 John
Week 16	Exod 14, 16, 19, 20, 24	Mic 6, 7; Jer 1, 2, 3, 7	Week 33	1 Macc 1, 2, 4, 6; 2 Macc 6, 7	Rev 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11
Week 17	Exod 32, 33, 34, 40; Lev 23, 25	Jer 13, 14, 15, 18, 26	Week 34	Dan 1, 2, 5, 6, 7	Rev 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

Notes:

- 1) The chart above provides additional information through some special features:
 - light blue backgrounds indicate readings from the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible;
 - light green backgrounds indicate readings from the Deuterocanonical Books of the OT;
 - plain white backgrounds indicate readings from the New Testament books and epistles;
 - chapter numbers in **bold** indicate that all or most (at least 80%) of the chapter is included in the readings;
 - chapter numbers not bolded indicate that only part of the chapter is included (sometimes only a few verses).
- 2) This chart *summarizes* the readings prescribed for each week, rather than listing the six weekday Masses separately (in some weeks, fewer chapters are listed since several Masses that week may have short selections from the same biblical chapter; in other weeks, more than six chapters are listed because some Mass readings may include verses from two or more biblical chapters).
- 3) The introductory sections of all published Weekday Lectionaries include a similar table showing the "Order of the First Reading for Weekdays in Ordinary Time." That table can give the false impression, however, that the weekday readings include the entire biblical books listed for the two-year cycle. In contrast, the chart above more clearly shows how many chapters are not included in the prescribed readings for weekday Masses. (For example, selections from only 14 of the 40 chapters of Exodus, from only 7 of the 25 chapters of 2 Kings, and from only 2 of the 15 chapters of 2 Maccabees are included; in contrast, almost the entire Letter to the Ephesians and the entire Epistle of James are included).

Lectionary for Mass (2002 USA Lectionary) – Weekdays Readings in the Season of “Ordinary Time” (Year I)

Lec.#	Day	First Reading: Year I	Responsorial Psalm	Alleluia	Gospel: Years I & II
305	Wk 1 - Mon	Heb 1:1-6	Ps 97:1+2b, 6+7c, 9	Mark 1:15	Mark 1:14-20
306	Wk 1 - Tues	Heb 2:5-12	Ps 8:2ab+5, 6-7, 8-9	See 1 Thess 2:13	Mark 1:21-28
307	Wk 1 - Wed	Heb 2:14-18	Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9	John 10:27	Mark 1:29-39
308	Wk 1 - Thurs	Heb 3:7-14	Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11	See Matt 4:23	Mark 1:40-45
309	Wk 1 - Fri	Heb 4:1-5, 11	Ps 78:3+4bc, 6c-7, 8	Luke 7:16	Mark 2:1-12
310	Wk 1 - Sat	Heb 4:12-16	Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15	Luke 4:18	Mark 2:13-17
311	Wk 2 - Mon	Heb 5:1-10	Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4	Heb 4:12	Mark 2:18-22
312	Wk 2 - Tues	Heb 6:10-20	Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9+10c	See Eph 1:17-18	Mark 2:23-28
313	Wk 2 - Wed	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17	Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4	See Matt 4:23	Mark 3:1-6
314	Wk 2 - Thurs	Heb 7:25—8:6	Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17	See 2 Tim 1:10	Mark 3:7-12
315	Wk 2 - Fri	Heb 8:6-13	Ps 85:8+10, 11-12, 13-14	2 Cor 5:19	Mark 3:13-19
316	Wk 2 - Sat	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14	Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9	See Acts 16:14b	Mark 3:20-21
317	Wk 3 - Mon	Heb 9:15, 24-28	Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6	See 2 Tim 1:10	Mark 3:22-30
318	Wk 3 - Tues	Heb 10:1-10	Ps 40:2+4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11	See Matt 11:25	Mark 3:31-35
319	Wk 3 - Wed	Heb 10:11-18	Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4	[no ref.]	Mark 4:1-20
320	Wk 3 - Thurs	Heb 10:19-25	Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6	Ps 119:105	Mark 4:21-25
321	Wk 3 - Fri	Heb 10:32-39	Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40	See Matt 11:25	Mark 4:26-34
322	Wk 3 - Sat	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19	Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75	John 3:16	Mark 4:35-41
323	Wk 4 - Mon	Heb 11:32-40	Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24	Luke 7:16	Mark 5:1-20
324	Wk 4 - Tues	Heb 12:1-4	Ps 22:26b-27, 28+30, 31-32	Matt 8:17	Mark 5:21-43
325	Wk 4 - Wed	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15	Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a	John 10:27	Mark 6:1-6
326	Wk 4 - Thurs	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24	Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11	Mark 1:15	Mark 6:7-13
327	Wk 4 - Fri	Heb 13:1-8	Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc	See Luke 8:15	Mark 6:14-29
328	Wk 4 - Sat	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21	Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6	John 10:27	Mark 6:30-34
329	Wk 5 - Mon	Gen 1:1-19	Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10+12, 24+35c	See Matt 4:23	Mark 6:53-56
330	Wk 5 - Tues	Gen 1:20—2:4a	Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9	Ps 119:36, 29b	Mark 7:1-13
331	Wk 5 - Wed	Gen 2:4b-9, 15-17	Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30	See John 17:17b, 17a	Mark 7:14-23
332	Wk 5 - Thurs	Gen 2:18-25	Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5	James 1:21bc	Mark 7:24-30
333	Wk 5 - Fri	Gen 3:1-8	Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7	See Acts 16:14b	Mark 7:31-37
334	Wk 5 - Sat	Gen 3:9-24	Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13	Matt 4:4b	Mark 8:1-10
335	Wk 6 - Mon	Gen 4:1-15, 25	Ps 50:1+8, 16bc-17, 20-21	John 14:6	Mark 8:11-13
336	Wk 6 - Tues	Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10	Ps 29:1a+2, 3ac-4, 3b+9c-10	John 14:23	Mark 8:14-21
337	Wk 6 - Wed	Gen 8:6-13, 20-22	Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19	See Eph 1:17-18	Mark 8:22-26
338	Wk 6 - Thurs	Gen 9:1-13	Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29+22-23	See John 6:63c, 68c	Mark 8:27-33
339	Wk 6 - Fri	Gen 11:1-9	Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15	John 15:15b	Mark 8:34—9:1
340	Wk 6 - Sat	Heb 11:1-7	Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11	See Mark 9:6	Mark 9:2-13
341	Wk 7 - Mon	Sir 1:1-10	Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5	See 2 Tim 1:10	Mark 9:14-29
342	Wk 7 - Tues	Sir 2:1-11	Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40	Gal 6:14	Mark 9:30-37
343	Wk 7 - Wed	Sir 4:11-19	Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175	John 14:6	Mark 9:38-40
344	Wk 7 - Thurs	Sir 5:1-8	Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6	See 1 Thess 2:13	Mark 9:41-50
345	Wk 7 - Fri	Sir 6:5-17	Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35	See John 17:17b, 17a	Mark 10:1-12
346	Wk 7 - Sat	Sir 17:1-15	Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18a	See Matt 11:25	Mark 10:13-16
347	Wk 8 - Mon	Sir 17:20-24	Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7	2 Cor 8:9	Mark 10:17-27
348	Wk 8 - Tues	Sir 35:1-12	Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14+23	See Matt 11:25	Mark 10:28-31
349	Wk 8 - Wed	Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17	Ps 79:8, 9, 11+13	Mark 10:45	Mark 10:32-45
350	Wk 8 - Thurs	Sir 42:15-25	Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9	John 8:12	Mark 10:46-52
351	Wk 8 - Fri	Sir 44:1, 9-13	Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a+9b	See John 15:16	Mark 11:11-26
352	Wk 8 - Sat	Sir 51:12cd-20	Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11	See Col 3:16a, 17c	Mark 11:27-33
353	Wk 9 - Mon	Tob 1:3; 2:1a-8	Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6	See Rev 1:5ab	Mark 12:1-12
354	Wk 9 - Tues	Tob 2:9-14	Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9	See Eph 1:17-18	Mark 12:13-17
355	Wk 9 - Wed	Tob 3:1-11a, 16-17a	Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6+7bc, 8-9	John 11:25a, 26	Mark 12:18-27
356	Wk 9 - Thurs	Tob 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a	Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5	See 2 Tim 1:10	Mark 12:28-34
357	Wk 9 - Fri	Tob 11:5-17	Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10	John 14:23	Mark 12:35-37
358	Wk 9 - Sat	Tob 12:1, 5-15, 20	Tob 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8	Matt 5:3	Mark 12:38-44

Lectionary for Mass (2002 USA Lectionary) – Weekdays Readings in the Season of “Ordinary Time” (Year II)

Lec.#	Day	First Reading: Year II	Responsorial Psalm	Alleluia	Gospel: Years I & II
305	Wk 1 - Mon	1 Sam 1:1-8	Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19	Mark 1:15	Mark 1:14-20
306	Wk 1 - Tues	1 Sam 1:9-20	1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd	See 1 Thess 2:13	Mark 1:21-28
307	Wk 1 - Wed	1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20	Ps 40:2+5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10	John 10:27	Mark 1:29-39
308	Wk 1 - Thurs	1 Sam 4:1-11	Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25	See Matt 4:23	Mark 1:40-45
309	Wk 1 - Fri	1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22a	Ps 89:16-17, 18-19	Luke 7:16	Mark 2:1-12
310	Wk 1 - Sat	1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1	Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7	Luke 4:18	Mark 2:13-17
311	Wk 2 - Mon	1 Sam 15:16-23	Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21+23	Heb 4:12	Mark 2:18-22
312	Wk 2 - Tues	1 Sam 16:1-13	Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28	See Eph 1:17-18	Mark 2:23-28
313	Wk 2 - Wed	1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51	Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10	See Matt 4:23	Mark 3:1-6
314	Wk 2 - Thurs	1 Sam 18:6-9; 19:1-7	Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13	See 2 Tim 1:10	Mark 3:7-12
315	Wk 2 - Fri	1 Sam 24:3-21	Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6+11	2 Cor 5:19	Mark 3:13-19
316	Wk 2 - Sat	2 Sam 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27	Ps 80:2-3, 5-7	See Acts 16:14b	Mark 3:20-21
317	Wk 3 - Mon	2 Sam 5:1-7, 10	Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26	See 2 Tim 1:10	Mark 3:22-30
318	Wk 3 - Tues	2 Sam 6:12b-15, 17-19	Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10	See Matt 11:25	Mark 3:31-35
319	Wk 3 - Wed	2 Sam 7:4-17	Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30	[no ref.]	Mark 4:1-20
320	Wk 3 - Thurs	2 Sam 7:18-19, 24-29	Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14	Ps 119:105	Mark 4:21-25
321	Wk 3 - Fri	2 Sam 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17	Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11	See Matt 11:25	Mark 4:26-34
322	Wk 3 - Sat	2 Sam 12:1-7a, 10-17	Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17	John 3:16	Mark 4:35-41
323	Wk 4 - Mon	2 Sam 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13	Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7	Luke 7:16	Mark 5:1-20
324	Wk 4 - Tues	2 Sam 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3	Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Matt 8:17	Mark 5:21-43
325	Wk 4 - Wed	2 Sam 24:2, 9-17	Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7	John 10:27	Mark 6:1-6
326	Wk 4 - Thurs	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12	1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd	Mark 1:15	Mark 6:7-13
327	Wk 4 - Fri	Sir 47:2-11	Ps 18:31, 47+50, 51	See Luke 8:15	Mark 6:14-29
328	Wk 4 - Sat	1 Kgs 3:4-13	Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14	John 10:27	Mark 6:30-34
329	Wk 5 - Mon	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13	Ps 132:6-7, 8-10	See Matt 4:23	Mark 6:53-56
330	Wk 5 - Tues	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30	Ps 84:3, 4, 5+10, 11	Ps 119:36, 29b	Mark 7:1-13
331	Wk 5 - Wed	1 Kgs 10:1-10	Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40	See John 17:17b, 17a	Mark 7:14-23
332	Wk 5 - Thurs	1 Kgs 11:4-13	Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37+40	James 1:21bc	Mark 7:24-30
333	Wk 5 - Fri	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19	Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15	See Acts 16:14b	Mark 7:31-37
334	Wk 5 - Sat	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34	Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22	Matt 4:4b	Mark 8:1-10
335	Wk 6 - Mon	Jas 1:1-11	Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76	John 14:6	Mark 8:11-13
336	Wk 6 - Tues	Jas 1:12-18	Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19	John 14:23	Mark 8:14-21
337	Wk 6 - Wed	Jas 1:19-27	Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5	See Eph 1:17-18	Mark 8:22-26
338	Wk 6 - Thurs	Jas 2:1-9	Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7	See John 6:63c, 68c	Mark 8:27-33
339	Wk 6 - Fri	Jas 2:14-24, 26	Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6	John 15:15b	Mark 8:34—9:1
340	Wk 6 - Sat	Jas 3:1-10	Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8	See Mark 9:6	Mark 9:2-13
341	Wk 7 - Mon	Jas 3:13-18	Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15	See 2 Tim 1:10	Mark 9:14-29
342	Wk 7 - Tues	Jas 4:1-10	Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23	Gal 6:14	Mark 9:30-37
343	Wk 7 - Wed	Jas 4:13-17	Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11	John 14:6	Mark 9:38-40
344	Wk 7 - Thurs	Jas 5:1-6	Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20	See 1 Thess 2:13	Mark 9:41-50
345	Wk 7 - Fri	Jas 5:9-12	Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12	See John 17:17b, 17a	Mark 10:1-12
346	Wk 7 - Sat	Jas 5:13-20	Ps 141:1-2, 3+8	See Matt 11:25	Mark 10:13-16
347	Wk 8 - Mon	1 Pet 1:3-9	Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9,+10c	2 Cor 8:9	Mark 10:17-27
348	Wk 8 - Tues	1 Pet 1:10-16	Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4	See Matt 11:25	Mark 10:28-31
349	Wk 8 - Wed	1 Pet 1:18-25	Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20	Mark 10:45	Mark 10:32-45
350	Wk 8 - Thurs	1 Pet 2:2-5, 9-12	Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5	John 8:12	Mark 10:46-52
351	Wk 8 - Fri	1 Pet 4:7-13	Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13	See John 15:16	Mark 11:11-26
352	Wk 8 - Sat	Jude 17, 20b-25	Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6	See Col 3:16a, 17c	Mark 11:27-33
353	Wk 9 - Mon	2 Pet 1:2-7	Ps 91:1-2, 14-15ab, 15c-16	See Rev 1:5ab	Mark 12:1-12
354	Wk 9 - Tues	2 Pet 3:12-15a, 17-18	Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14+16	See Eph 1:17-18	Mark 12:13-17
355	Wk 9 - Wed	2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12	Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef	John 11:25a, 26	Mark 12:18-27
356	Wk 9 - Thurs	2 Tim 2:8-15	Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10+14	See 2 Tim 1:10	Mark 12:28-34
357	Wk 9 - Fri	2 Tim 3:10-17	Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168	John 14:23	Mark 12:35-37
358	Wk 9 - Sat	2 Tim 4:1-8	Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22	Matt 5:3	Mark 12:38-44

**Scripture Readings for Sundays and Major Feasts
in the Seasons of Advent and Christmas**
from the Roman Catholic *Lectionary for Mass* (1998 USA edition)

SEASON of ADVENT

	<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Gospel Reading</i>
Year A			
First Sunday	Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:37-44
Second Sunday	Isaiah 11:1-10	Romans 15:4-9	Matthew 3:1-12
Third Sunday	Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
Fourth Sunday	Isaiah 7:10-14	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-24
Year B			
First Sunday	Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:33-37
Second Sunday	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11	2 Peter 3:8-14	Mark 1:1-8
Third Sunday	Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
Fourth Sunday	2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
Year C			
First Sunday	Jeremiah 33:14-16	1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2	Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
Second Sunday	Baruch 5:1-9	Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11	Luke 3:1-6
Third Sunday	Zephaniah 3:14-18a	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:10-18
Fourth Sunday	Micah 5:1-4a	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45

SEASON of CHRISTMAS

	<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Gospel Reading</i>
<i>Years A, B, C</i>			
Christmas Vigil	Isaiah 62:1-5	Acts 13:16-17, 22-25	Matthew 1:1-25 (or 1:18-25)
Christmas Midnight	Isaiah 9:1-6	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14
Christmas Dawn	Isaiah 62:11-12	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:15-20
Christmas Day	Isaiah 52:7-10	Hebrews 1:1-6	John 1:1-18 (or 1:1-5, 9-14)
Holy Family Sunday			
<i>Year A</i>	Sirach 3:2-6,12-14	Colossians 3:12-21 (or 3:12-17)	Matt 2:13-15, 19-23
<i>Year B (optional)</i>	Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3	Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19	Luke 2:22-40 (or 2:22, 39-40)
<i>Year C (optional)</i>	1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28	1 John 3:1-2, 21-24	Luke 2:41-52
Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)			
	Numbers 6:22-27	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:16-21
Epiphany of the Lord (Sunday after Jan. 1)			
	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6	Matthew 2:1-12
Baptism of the Lord			
<i>Year A</i>	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7	Acts 10:34-38	Matthew 3:13-17
<i>Year B (optional)</i>	Isaiah 55:1-11	1 John 5:1-9	Mark 1:7-11
<i>Year C (optional)</i>	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11	Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Scripture Readings for Weekdays in the Seasons of Advent and Christmas

Weekday	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Gospel Reading
Week 1 – Mon	Isaiah 2:1-5	Ps 122:1-9	Matt 8:5-11
Week 1 – Tues	Isaiah 11:1-10	Ps 72:1, 7-8, 12-13, 17	Luke 10:21-24
Week 1 – Wed	Isaiah 25:6-10	Ps 23:1-6	Matt 15:29-37
Week 1 – Thurs	Isaiah 26:1-6	Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27	Matt 7:21, 24-27
Week 1 – Fri	Isaiah 29:17-24	Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14	Matt 9:27-31
Week 1 – Sat	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26	Ps 147:1-6	Matt 9:35–10:1, 6-8
Week 2 – Mon	Isaiah 35:1-10	Ps 85:9-14	Luke 5:17-26
Week 2 – Tues	Isaiah 40:1-11	Ps 96:1-3, 10-13	Matt 18:12-14
Week 2 – Wed	Isaiah 40:25-31	Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10	Matt 11:28-30
Week 2 – Thurs	Isaiah 41:13-20	Ps 145:1, 9-13	Matt 11:11-15
Week 2 – Fri	Isaiah 48:17-19	Ps 1:1-6	Matt 11:16-19
Week 2 – Sat	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11	Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19	Matt 17:10-13
Week 3 – Mon	Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17	Ps 25:4-9	Matt 21:23-27
Week 3 – Tues	Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13	Ps 34:2-3, 6-8, 17-19, 23	Matt 21:28-32
Week 3 – Wed	Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-25	Ps 85:9-14	Luke 7:18-23
Week 3 – Thurs	Isaiah 54:1-10	Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13	Luke 7:24-30
Week 3 – Fri	Isaiah 56:1-3, 6-8	Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8	John 5:33-36
Dec. 17	Genesis 49:2, 8-10	Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17	Matt 1:1-17
Dec. 18	Jeremiah 23:5-8	Ps 72:1, 12-13, 18-19	Matt 1:18-24
Dec. 19	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25	Ps 71:3-6, 16-17	Luke 1:5-25
Dec. 20	Isaiah 7:10-14	Ps 24:1-6	Luke 1:26-38
Dec. 21	Cant 2:8-14 <i>or</i> Zeph 3:14-18	Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21	Luke 1:39-45
Dec. 22	1 Samuel 1:24-28	1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8	Luke 1:46-56
Dec. 23	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24	Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14	Luke 1:57-66
Dec. 24 – morning Mass	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11, 16	Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29	Luke 1:67-79
Dec. 26 – St. Stephen	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59	Ps 31:3f, 6-8, 17, 21	Matt 10:17-22
Dec. 27 – St. John	1 John 1:1-4	Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12	John 20:2-8
Dec. 28 – Holy Innocents	1 John 1:5–2:2	Ps 124:2-5, 7-8	Matt 2:13-18
Dec. 29	1 John 2:3-11	Ps 96:1-6	Luke 2:22-35
Dec. 30	1 John 2:12-17	Ps 96:7-10	Luke 2:36-40
Dec. 31	1 John 2:18-21	Ps 96:1-2, 11-13	John 1:1-18
Jan. 1 – Mary, Mother of God	Num 6:22-27 <i>and</i> Gal 4:4-7	Ps 67:2-8	Luke 2:16-21
Jan. 2	1 John 2:22-28	Ps 98:1-4	John 1:19-28
Jan. 3	1 John 2:29–3:6	Ps 98:1, 3-6	John 1:29-34
Jan. 4	1 John 3:7-10	Ps 98:1, 7-9	John 1:35-42
Jan. 5	1 John 3:11-21	Ps 100:1-5	John 1:43-51
Jan. 6 – <i>if before Epiphany</i>	1 John 5:5-13	Ps 147:12-15, 19-20	Mark 1:7-11
Jan. 7 – <i>if before Epiphany</i>	1 John 5:14-21	Ps 149:1-6, 9	John 2:1-12
Epiphany (trad. Jan. 6)	Isa 60:1-6 <i>and</i> Eph 3:2-3, 5-6	Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13	Matt 2:1-12
Mon after Epiphany (Jan. 7)	1 John 3:22–4:6	Ps 2:7-8, 10-11	Matt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues after Epiphany (Jan. 8)	1 John 4:7-10	Ps 72:1-4, 7-8	Mark 6:34-44
Wed after Epiphany (Jan. 9)	1 John 4:11-18	Ps 72:1-2, 10-13	Mark 6:45-52
Thurs after Epiphany (Jan. 10)	1 John 4:19–5:4	Ps 72:1-2, 14-17	Luke 4:14-22
Fri after Epiphany (Jan. 11)	1 John 5:5-13	Ps 147:12-15, 19-20	Luke 5:12-16
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