

**The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time****First Reading****Isaiah 66:10-14c**

Thus says the LORD:

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her,  
all you who love her; exult, exult with her,  
all you who were mourning over her!

Oh, that you may suck fully of the milk of her  
comfort, that you may nurse with delight at her  
abundant breasts!

For thus says the LORD:

Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing  
torrent.

As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms,  
and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her  
child, so will I comfort you; in Jerusalem you shall  
find your comfort.

When you see this, your heart shall rejoice and your  
bodies flourish like the grass; the LORD's power shall  
be known to His servants.

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20****R. (1) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,  
sing praise to the glory of his name;  
proclaim his glorious praise.

Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to You,  
sing praise to Your Name!"

Come and see the works of God,

His tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

He has changed the sea into dry land;

through the river they passed on foot;  
therefore let us rejoice in Him.

He rules by His might forever.

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare  
what He has done for me.

Blessed be God Who refused me not  
my prayer or His kindness!

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.****Second Reading****Galatians 6:14-18**

Brothers and sisters:

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, through which the world has been  
crucified to me, and I to the world.

For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor  
does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace  
and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the  
Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make troubles for me;  
for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit,  
brothers and sisters. Amen.

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**Gospel Reading**

**Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom He sent ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.' Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the Kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town."

The seventy-two returned rejoicing, and said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of Your Name."

Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in Heaven."

**OR:**

**Luke 10:1-9**

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom He sent ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

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**The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time****First Sunday****Deuteronomy 30:10-14**

Moses said to the people:

"If only you would heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep His commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul.

"For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, 'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?'

No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37**

**R. (cf. 33) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

I pray to you, O LORD,  
for the time of your favor, O God!  
In your great kindness answer me  
with your constant help.

Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness:  
in your great mercy turn toward me.

**R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

I am afflicted and in pain;  
let your saving help, O God, protect me.  
I will praise the name of God in song,  
and I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad;  
you who seek God, may your hearts revive!

For the LORD hears the poor,  
and his own who are in bonds he spurns not."

**R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

For God will save Zion

and rebuild the cities of Judah.

The descendants of his servants shall inherit it,  
and those who love his name shall inhabit it.

**R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

**OR:**

**Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11**

**R.(9a) Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The law of the LORD is perfect,  
refreshing the soul;

the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,  
giving wisdom to the simple.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;

the command of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eye.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring forever;

the ordinances of the LORD are true,  
all of them just.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

They are more precious than gold,  
than a heap of purest gold;

sweeter also than syrup  
or honey from the comb.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

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**Second Reading**

**Colossians 1:15-20**

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in Him were created all things in Heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile all things for Him, making peace by the blood of His Cross through Him, whether those on earth or those in Heaven.

**Gospel Reading**

**Luke 10:25-37**

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?"

He said in reply, "'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.'"

He replied to him, "'You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.'"

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.'

Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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**The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time****First Reading****Genesis 18:1-10a**

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre, as he sat in the entrance of his tent, while the day was growing hot. Looking up, Abraham saw three men standing nearby.

When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said: "Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree. Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way." The men replied, "Very well, do as you have said."

Abraham hastened into the tent and told Sarah, "Quick, three measures of fine flour! Knead it and make rolls."

He ran to the herd, picked out a tender, choice steer, and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it. Then Abraham got some curds and milk, as well as the steer that had been prepared, and set these before the three men; and he waited on them under the tree while they ate.

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?"

He replied, "There in the tent."

One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son."

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5**

**R. (1a) He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

One who walks blamelessly and does justice;  
who thinks the truth in his heart  
and slanders not with his tongue.

**R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who harms not his fellow man,  
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;  
by whom the reprobate is despised,  
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

**R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who lends not his money at usury  
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.

One who does these things  
shall never be disturbed.

**R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

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**Second Reading**

**Col 1:24-28**

Brothers and sisters:

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of His body, which is the church, of which I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested to his holy ones, to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is He Whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

**Gospel Reading**

**Luke 10:38-42**

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed Him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at His feet listening to Him speak.

Martha, burdened with much serving, came to Him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?"

Tell her to help me."

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.

There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

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**The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time****First Reading****Genesis 18:20-32**

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out."

While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?"

The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?"

He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there."

But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?"

He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty."

Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?"

He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there."

Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?"

The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty."

But he still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?"

He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

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**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8****R.(3a) Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,  
for You have heard the words of my mouth;  
in the presence of the angels I will sing Your praise;  
I will worship at Your holy temple  
and give thanks to Your Name.

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me.**

Because of Your kindness and Your truth;  
for You have made great above all things  
Your Name and Your promise.

When I called You answered me;

You built up strength within me.

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me.**

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly He sees,  
and the proud He knows from afar.  
Though I walk amid distress, You preserve me;  
against the anger of my enemies You raise Your hand.

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

Your right hand saves me.

The LORD will complete what He has done for me;  
Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;  
forsake not the work of Your hands.

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.****Second Reading****Colossians 2:12-14**

Brothers and sisters:

You were buried with Him in baptism,  
in which you were also raised with Him  
through faith in the power of God, who raised Him  
from the dead. And even when you were dead in  
transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh,  
He brought you to life along with Him, having forgiven  
us all our transgressions;  
obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims,  
which was opposed to us, He also removed it from  
our midst, nailing it to the cross.

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**Gospel Reading****Luke 11:1-13**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him,

"Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."

He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be Your Name, Your Kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

And He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.'

I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in Heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

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**The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time****First Reading****Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth,  
vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and yet to another who has not labored over it, he must leave property. This also is vanity and a great misfortune. For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest. This also is vanity.

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17**

**R. (1) If today you hear His Voice, harden not your hearts.**

You turn man back to dust,  
saying, "Return, O children of men."  
For a thousand years in your sight  
are as yesterday, now that it is past,  
or as a watch of the night.

**R. If today you hear His Voice, harden not your hearts.**

You make an end of them in their sleep;  
the next morning they are like the changing grass,  
Which at dawn springs up anew,  
but by evening wilts and fades.

**R. If today you hear His Voice, harden not your hearts.**

Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Return, O LORD! How long?  
Have pity on your servants!

**R. If today you hear His Voice, harden not your hearts.**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,  
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.  
And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be  
ours;  
prosper the work of our hands for us!  
Prosper the work of our hands!

**R. If today you hear His Voice, harden not your hearts.**

**Second Reading****Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

Brothers and sisters:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think  
of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you  
have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
When Christ your life appears, then you too will  
appear with Him in glory.

Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly:  
immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the  
greed that is idolatry. Stop lying to one another, since  
you have taken off the old self with its practices and  
have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for  
knowledge, in the image of its creator.  
Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and  
uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but  
Christ is all and in all.

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**Gospel Reading****Luke 12:13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me."

He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed Me as Your judge and arbitrator?"

Then He said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Then He told them a parable.

"There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?'

And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!"'

But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

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