

**March 2, 2022: Ash Wednesday**

**First Reading**

**Joel 2:12-18**

Even now, says the LORD,  
return to Me with your whole heart,  
with fasting, and weeping, and mourning;  
Rend your hearts, not your garments,  
and return to the LORD, your God.  
For gracious and merciful is He,  
slow to anger, rich in kindness,  
and relenting in punishment.  
Perhaps he will again relent  
and leave behind him a blessing,  
Offerings and libations  
for the LORD, your God.

Blow the trumpet in Zion!  
proclaim a fast,  
call an assembly;  
Gather the people,  
notify the congregation;  
Assemble the elders,  
gather the children  
and the infants at the breast;  
Let the bridegroom quit his room  
and the bride her chamber.  
Between the porch and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep,  
And say, "Spare, O LORD, your people,  
and make not your heritage a reproach,  
with the nations ruling over them!  
Why should they say among the peoples,  
'Where is their God?'"

Then the LORD was stirred to concern for His land  
and took pity on His people.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17**

**R. (see 3a) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**  
Have mercy on me, O God, in Your goodness;  
in the greatness of Your compassion wipe out  
my offense.  
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt  
and of my sin cleanse me.

**R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**  
For I acknowledge my offense,  
and my sin is before me always:  
"Against You only have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in Your sight."  
**R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**  
A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
Cast me not out from Your presence,  
and Your Holy Spirit take not from me.

**R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**  
Give me back the joy of Your salvation,  
and a willing spirit sustain in me.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

**R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

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**Second Reading****2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2**

Brothers and sisters: We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

For He says:

*In an acceptable time I heard you,  
and on the day of salvation I helped you.*

Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

**Gospel Reading****Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18**

Jesus said to His disciples:

“Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father Who sees in secret will repay you.

“When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father Who sees in secret will repay you.

“When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father Who is hidden. And your Father Who sees what is hidden will repay you.”

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**March 6, 2022: The 1st Sunday of Lent****First Reading****Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

Moses spoke to the people, saying:

“The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God,  
‘My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and He heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with His strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, He gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which You, O LORD, have given me.’  
And having set them before the LORD, your God, you shall bow down in His presence.”

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15.**

**R. (cf. 15b) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
say to the LORD, “My refuge and fortress,  
my God in Whom I trust.”

**R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

No evil shall befall you,  
nor shall affliction come near your tent,  
For to His angels He has given command about you,  
that they guard you in all your ways.

**R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

Upon their hands they shall bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
You shall tread upon the asp and the viper;  
you shall trample down the lion and the dragon.

**R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him;  
I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name.  
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;  
I will be with him in distress;  
I will deliver him and glorify him.

**R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

**Second Reading****Romans 10:8-13**

Brothers and sisters:

What does Scripture say?

*The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart*

—that is, the word of faith that we preach—  
for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

For the Scripture says,

*No one who believes in him will be put to shame.*

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon Him. For “everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved.”

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**Gospel Reading****Luke 4:1-13**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over He was hungry.

The devil said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

Jesus answered him,

"It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*"

Then he took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant.

The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me."

Jesus said to him in reply,

"It is written

*You shall worship the Lord, your God,  
and him alone shall you serve.*"

Then he led Him to Jerusalem, made Him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to Him,

"If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here, for it is written:

*He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,*

and:

*With their hands they will support you,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.*"

Jesus said to him in reply,

"It also says,

*You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*"

When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him for a time.

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**March 13, 2022: The 2nd Sunday of Lent****First Reading****Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," He added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, Who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

He then said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."

"O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?"

He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

Abram brought Him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces.

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14****R. (1a) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;  
of whom should I be afraid?

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call;  
have pity on me, and answer me.

Of You my heart speaks; You my glance seeks.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

Your presence, O LORD, I seek.

Hide not Your face from me;  
do not in anger repel your servant.

You are my helper: cast me not off.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;

be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

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**Second Reading****Philippians 3:17—4:1**

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ.

Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their “shame.”

Their minds are occupied with earthly things.

But our citizenship is in Heaven, and from it we also await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with His glorified body by the power that enables Him also to bring all things into subjection to Himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

**OR:**

**Philippians 3:20—4:1**

Brothers and sisters:

Our citizenship is in Heaven, and from it we also await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with His glorified body by the power that enables Him also to bring all things into subjection to Himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.

**Gospel Reading****Luke 9:28b-36**

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While He was praying His face changed in appearance and His clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with Him, Moses and Elijah,

who appeared in glory and spoke of His exodus that He was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him.

As they were about to part from Him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a Voice that said, “This is My chosen Son; listen to Him.”

After the Voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

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**March 19, 2022: Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary****First Reading****2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16**

The LORD spoke to Nathan and said:

“Go, tell My servant David, ‘When your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. It is he who shall build a house for my name. And I will make his royal throne firm forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to Me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before Me; your throne shall stand firm forever.’”

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29****R. (37) The son of David will live for ever.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever;  
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim Your faithfulness,

For You have said, “My kindness is established forever”;

in Heaven You have confirmed Your faithfulness.

**R. The son of David will live for ever.**

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to David My servant:

Forever will I confirm your posterity  
and establish your throne for all generations.”

**R. The son of David will live for ever.**

“He shall say of me, ‘You are my father,  
my God, the Rock, my savior.’

Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,  
and my covenant with him stands firm.”

**R. The son of David will live for ever.****Second Reading****Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22**

Brothers and sisters:

It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants that he would inherit the world, but through the righteousness that comes from faith. For this reason, it depends on faith, so that it may be a gift, and the promise may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not to those who only adhere to the law but to those who follow the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us, as it is written, I have made you father of many nations. He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into being what does not exist. He believed, hoping against hope, that he would become the father of many nations, according to what was said, Thus shall your descendants be. That is why it was credited to him as righteousness.

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**March 19, 2022: Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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**Gospel Reading****Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a**

Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus Who is called the Christ.

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with Child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this Child has been conceived in her. She will bear a Son and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

**OR:****Luke 2:41-51a**

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when He was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but His parents did not know it. Thinking that He was in the caravan,

they journeyed for a day and looked for Him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for Him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers,

listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard Him were astounded at His understanding and His answers. When His parents saw Him, they were astonished, and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for You with great anxiety." And He said to them, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" But they did not understand what He said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.

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**March 20, 2022: The 3rd Sunday of Lent****First Reading****Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15**

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed.

So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned."

When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

He answered, "Here I am."

God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers," he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob."

Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is His Name?' what am I to tell them?"

God replied, "I am who am."

Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you."

God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.

"This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11****R. (8a) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless His holy Name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all His benefits.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

He pardons all your iniquities,  
heals all your ills,  
He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

The LORD secures justice  
and the rights of all the oppressed.  
He has made known His ways to Moses,  
and His deeds to the children of Israel.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so surpassing is His kindness toward those who fear Him.

**R. The Lord is kind and merciful.**

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**Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert.

These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did.

Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come.

Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

**Gospel Reading**

**Luke 13:1-9**

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices.

Jesus said to them in reply, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!

Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!”

And He told them this parable:

“There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?’ He said to him in reply, ‘Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.’”

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**March 20, 2022: The 3rd Sunday of Lent (Scrutinies)****First Reading****Exodus 17:3-7**

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**

**R. (8) If today you hear His Voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into His Presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to Him.

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

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD Who made us.  
For He is our God,  
and we are the people He shepherds, the flock He guides.

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

Oh, that today you would hear His voice:  
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
Where your fathers tempted Me;  
they tested Me though they had seen My works."

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

**Second Reading****Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

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**Gospel Reading**

**John 4:5-42**

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from His journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How can You, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her,

"If you knew the gift of God and Who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, 'you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water."

The woman said to Him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to Him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you

have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I can see that You are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but You people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the One called the Christ; when He comes, He will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am He, the One speaking with you."

At that moment His disciples returned, and were amazed that He was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are You looking for?" or "Why are You talking with her?"

The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a Man Who told me everything I have done. Could He possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to Him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged Him, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought Him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the One Who sent Me and to finish His work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and

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gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to Him, they invited Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in Him because of His word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

**OR:****John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42**

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from His journey, sat down there at the well.

It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and Who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, 'you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water."

The woman said to Him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.

"I can see that You are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and truth."

The woman said to Him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the One called the Christ; when He comes, He will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am He, the One Who is speaking with you."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in Him. When the Samaritans came to Him, they invited Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in Him because of His word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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**March 25, 2022: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord****First Reading****Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10**

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the Lord, your God; let it be deep as the nether world, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the Lord!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us!"

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11**

**R. (8a and 9a) Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.**

Sacrifice or oblation you wished not,  
but ears open to obedience you gave me.  
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;  
then said I, "Behold I come."

**R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.**

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,  
To do your will, O my God, is my delight,  
and your law is within my heart!"

**R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.**

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;  
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O Lord, know.

**R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.**

Your justice I kept not hid within my heart;  
your faithfulness and your salvation I have spoken of;  
I have made no secret of your kindness and your truth  
in the vast assembly.

**R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do Your will.**

**Second Reading****Hebrews 10:4-10**

Brothers and sisters: It is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats take away sins. For this reason, when Christ came into the world, He said:

"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,  
but a body you prepared for me;  
in holocausts and sin offerings you took no  
delight.

Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll,  
behold, I come to do your will, O God.'"

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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**March 25, 2022: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**  
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**Gospel Reading**

**Luke 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of David His father, and He will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the Child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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**March 27, 2022: The 4th Sunday of Lent****First Reading****Joshua 5:9a, 10-12**

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you."

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7****R. (9a) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;

His praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the LORD;

the lowly will hear me and be glad.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Glorify the LORD with me,

let us together extol His Name.

I sought the LORD, and He answered me

and delivered me from all my fears.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Look to Him that you may be radiant with joy,

and your faces may not blush with shame.

When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,

and from all his distress He saved him.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.****Second Reading****2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Brothers and sisters:

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

And all this is from God, Who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us.

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin Who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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**March 27, 2022: The 4th Sunday of Lent**

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**Gospel Reading****Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So to them Jesus addressed this parable:

"A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.'

So the father divided the property between them.

After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation.

When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine.

And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him,

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'"

So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion.

He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.

His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.'

But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger

and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.'

Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing.

He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends.

But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.'

He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

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**March 27, 2022: The 4th Sunday of Lent (Scrutinies)****First Reading****1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6**

**R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures He gives me repose;  
beside restful waters He leads me;  
He refreshes my soul.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

He guides me in right paths  
for His Name's sake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for You are at my side  
With Your rod and Your staff  
that give me courage.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
for years to come.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

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**March 27, 2022: The 4th Sunday of Lent (Scrutinies)  
(continued)****Second Reading****Ephesians 5:8-14**

Brothers and sisters:

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore, it says:

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will give you light.”

**Gospel Reading****John 9:1-41**

As Jesus passed by He saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the One Who sent Me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When He had said this, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and

beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.” So they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” He replied, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.” And they said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I don’t know.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because He does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful Man do such signs?” And there was a division among them.

So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about Him, since He opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight.

They asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?” His parents answered and said, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged Him as the Christ, He would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; question him.”

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner.”

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He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again?

Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that Man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this One is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where He is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this Man were not from God, He would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?"

Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, He found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, the One speaking with you is He." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped Him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard this and said to Him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you

would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

**OR:**

**John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38**

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