

# SUNDAY MASS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**FIRST READING:** Numbers 11:25-29.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 19.

## RESPONSE:

The precepts of the Lord are right; they gladden the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul.  
The decrees of the Lord are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple. **R**
2. The fear of the Lord is pure, abiding forever.  
The judgements of the Lord are true; they are, all of them, just. **R**
3. So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect their own errors? From hidden faults acquit me. **R**
4. From presumption restrain your servant; may it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **R**

**SECOND READING:** James 5:1-6.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. Your word, O Lord, is truth; sanctify us in the truth. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Just as he encountered Mary Magdalene with the question, "Why are you weeping?", Jesus continues to come to those who mourn the death of loved ones.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

# Live the Word

### Mon 30 Sep St Jerome, Pr D

Job 1:6-22; Psalm 17; Luke 9:46-50

"The Scriptures are shallow enough for a babe to come and drink without fear of drowning and deep enough for a theologian to swim in without ever touching the bottom." – St Jerome

### Tue 1 Oct St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, VD

Job 3:1-3.11-17.20-23; Psalm 88; Luke 9:51-56

"The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness." – St Thérèse

### Wed 2 Oct Guardian Angels

Exodus 23:20-23; Psalm 91; Matthew 18:1-5.10

"The most glorious moment you will ever experience in your life is when you look back and see how God was protecting you all this time." – Shannon L. Alder

### Thu 3 Oct Liturgy of the Day

Job 19:21-27; Psalm 27; Luke 10:1-12

Jesus doesn't call us to do the bare minimum in our faith life. No, he calls us to stretch ourselves (in prayer, sacraments, parish and service) and to live our lives in a way that witnesses to the Good News.

### Fri 4 Oct St Francis of Assisi

Job 38:1.12-21; 40:3-5; Psalm 139; Luke 10:13-16

"A man (sic) who works with his hands is a labourer. A man who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman. A man who works with his hands, his head, and his heart is an artist." – St Francis of Assisi

### Sat 5 Oct (St Faustina, V)

Job 42:1-3.5-6.12-17; Psalm 119; Luke 10:17-24

'Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.' "At the very heart of this prayer is the heart of Jesus because God is love, and when love touches suffering, the suffering turns love into mercy." – James Finley

### Sun 6 Oct 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 128; Mark 10:2-16

Throughout our lives we are given signs, little "mustard seeds" – like the self-sacrificing love of a parent, the majesty of the universe or the warmth of good friends – in which we are given a glimpse of God's infinite love.

**KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial) Pr=Priest; D=Doctor; V=Virgin; D=Doctor**

# Catholic Link

## YEAR OF PRAYER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B  
Divine Office: Week II • 29 September 2024

# Teresa of Ávila

There has been an amazing revival of interest in St Teresa of Ávila in our time, not only among Catholics but all seeking

a more contemplative or mindful way of living in our frenetic world. St Teresa is a great teacher of prayer, St Alphonsus being one of her most ardent learners.

Teresa was born on 28 March 1515 at Ávila. Her mother died when she was 13 years old. She entered Carmel at the age of 21. A couple of years later she began to suffer from poor health, which she describes herself:

After this fit, which lasted for four days, I was in such a state that only the Lord can know what intolerable sufferings I experienced. My tongue was bitten to pieces; nothing had passed my lips; and because of this and my great weakness, my throat was choking me so that I could not even take water.

The experience of poor health was to be an important part of Teresa's ongoing conversion to the Lord. She realised that even her prayer for good health was a cause of her wrongdoing:

But still I believed that I should serve God much better if I recovered my health. That is the mistake that we make: we do not believe ourselves entirely in the Lord's hands, yet he knows what is good for us.

Complete submission to God is one of the common characteristics of greatness in all the saints. They learn to surrender themselves to God's providence, whether through illness, doubts, persecution, martyrdom, or even the ordinary circumstances of daily life.

But achieving surrender is a process, and life-long. At first, says Teresa, we find ourselves

stumbling over our own efforts. As we get used to it, much less effort is required until we achieve a total letting go. Prayer of surrender

is pure gift from God now, letting the Holy Spirit pray within us and through us.

Teresa died on 4 October 1582. She was beatified in 1614, canonized in 1622 (along with Ignatius of Loyola and Francis Xavier), and was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970. Her feast day is October 15.

One of Teresa's most popular sayings is in the form of a brief poem, known as her "Bookmark", because it was found in her prayer book after her

death. It serves as an encouraging meditation.

Let nothing disturb you.  
Let nothing dismay you.  
All things are passing.  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains everything.  
Whoever has God lacks nothing.  
God alone suffices.

## Blessing by Teresa

May there be peace within.  
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.  
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.  
May you use those gifts that you have received,  
and pass on the love that has been given to you.  
May you be content knowing that you are a child of God.  
Let this presence settle into your bones,  
and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.

