



Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

Open on
8 December 2015,
Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception

Close on
20 November 2016,
Solemnity of
Christ the King



See Luke 6:36:
Be merciful, just as [also]
your Father is merciful
[NAB].



Lectionary for Mass,
Year C – the year
for reading the
Gospel of Luke

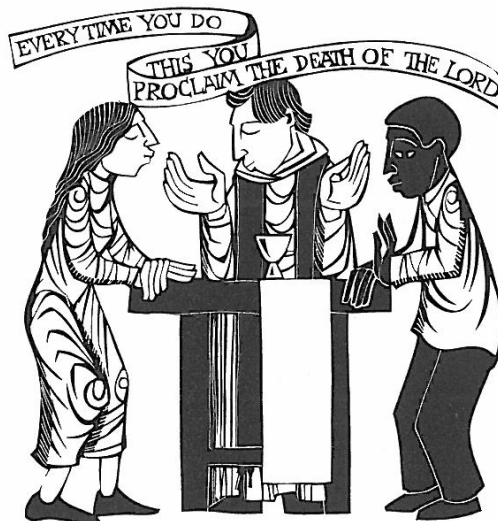
Sunday Prayer Shaping Life and Belief in the JUBILEE OF MERCY

◆ Ordinary Time in Year C ◆ Trinity, Body and Blood, and Sundays 10-13 – May-June 2016


The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy can be a new year for the Sundays and big Feastdays to enrich our lives. The *Lectionary for Mass Year C* presents us with the Gospel of Luke and the good news of mercy. Week by week and season by season, the Church will unfold – by means of readings, prayers, and liturgical music – the great mystery of Christ. Use these seasonal booklets as preparation for preaching and catechesis, as inspiration for prayer and reflection, as help for thinking of and doing mercy works.



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Concerning the Liturgical Time

◆ *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*

102. ...Within the cycle of a year, moreover, the Church unfolds the whole mystery of Christ ... Recalling thus the mysteries of redemption, the Church opens to the faithful the riches of the Lord's powers and merits, so that these are in some way made present in every age in order that the faithful may lay hold on them and be filled with grace.

◆ *Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*

II. The Cycle of the Year

17. Over the course of the year the Church celebrates the whole mystery of Christ, from the Incarnation to Pentecost Day and the days of waiting for the Advent of the Lord.

VI. Ordinary Time

43. Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remain in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather, the mystery of Christ himself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time.

◆ *Lectionary for Mass, Introduction*

5. Ordinary Time

a) THE ARRANGEMENT AND CHOICE OF TEXTS

103. Ordinary Time begins on the Monday after the Sunday following 6 January [Baptism of the Lord]; it lasts until the Tuesday before Lent inclusive. It begins again on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and finishes before evening prayer I of the First Sunday of Advent.

The Order of Readings provides readings for thirty-four Sundays and the weeks following them....

b) THE SUNDAY READINGS

105. On the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

the Gospel continues to center on the manifestation of the Lord which is celebrated on the Solemnity of the Epiphany....

Beginning on the Third Sunday, there is a semicontinuous reading of the Synoptic Gospels. This reading is arranged in such a way that as the Lord's life and preaching unfold the doctrine proper to each of these Gospels is presented.

This distribution also provides a certain coordination between the meaning of each Gospel and the progress of the liturgical year. Thus after Epiphany the readings are on the beginning of the Lord's preaching and they fit in well with Christ's baptism and the first events in which he manifests himself. The liturgical year leads quite naturally to a conclusion in the eschatological theme proper to the last Sundays, since the chapters of the Synoptics that precede the account of the Passion treat this eschatological theme rather extensively....

c) THE OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

106. These readings have been chosen to correspond to the Gospel passages in order to avoid an excessive diversity between the readings of different Masses and above all to bring out the unity between the Old and the New Testaments....

To the degree possible, the readings were chosen in such a way that they would be short and easy to grasp....

b) THE READINGS FROM THE APOSTLES

107. There is a semicontinuous reading of the Letters of Paul and James (the Letters of Peter and John being read during the Easter and Christmas seasons).

Because it is quite long and deals with such diverse issues, the First Letter to the Corinthians has been spread over the three years of the cycle at the beginning of Ordinary Time. It also was thought best to divide the Letter to the Hebrews into two parts; the first part is read in Year B and the second in Year C.

Only readings that are short and readily grasped by the people have been chosen.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
Year C
LM, no. 166C
22 May 2016



Scripture Readings

Lectionary for Mass

Proverbs 8:22-31 – Before the earth was made,
Wisdom was conceived.

Psalms 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 – (2a) O Lord, how
wonderful your name in all the earth!

**Romans 5:1-5 – To God, through Christ, in love
poured out through the Holy Spirit.**

Alleluia – cf. Revelation 1:8

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit;

to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

John 16:12-15 – Everything that the Father has is
mine; the Spirit will take from what is mine
and declare it to you.

USCCB link to Lectionary Texts:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/052216.cfm>

CDWDS, *Homiletic Directory*, Appendix

The mystery of the Trinity

- CCC, nos. 202, 232-257-260, 684, 732

The Trinity in the Church and her liturgy

- CCC, nos. 249, 813, **950**, 1077-1109, **2845**

The Trinity and prayer

- CCC, nos. 2655, **2664**-2665-2672

The family as an image of the Trinity

- CCC, no. **2205**



Wisdom playing before the Lord, Steve Erspamer.

Prayer and Meaning

Roman Missal, Third Edition

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he **has shown us his merciful love.**

Roman Missal, © 2010, ICEL.

◆ **Meaning for the Christian Life** ◆

Count the many ways that I have, that we have
been loved. Loved by family. Loved by friends.
Loved by mentors and colleagues. All of this
manifests the very first love by God for me, for us,
for all. This **merciful love** is covenantal.

Two songs that express this love are:

“**God Is Love**” by Fr. Clarence Rivers. The lyrics
for “God is Love” are a collection of scripture
verses and phrases from liturgical sources: the
chorus is from John 4:16, while verses are based
on:

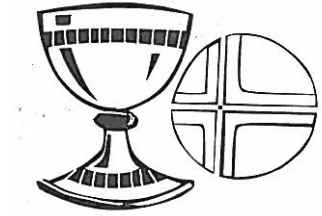
- The antiphon from *Ubi Caritas* (translated),
- John 13:35,
- Romans 13:8-9
- Galatians 6:2
- 1 Corinthians 10:16
- 1 Corinthians 10:17
- John 6:50

Here is a link to the text of the song:

<http://www.godsongs.net/2015/09/god-is-love-and-he-who-abides-in-love-abides-in-love-clarence-rivers.html>

“**Ubi Caritas**”. See the many settings of this
hymn designated for the gathering of gifts during
the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord’s
Supper following the washing of the feet.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
Year C
LM, no. 169C
29 May 2016



Scripture Readings	Prayer and Meaning
<p><i>Lectionary for Mass</i> Genesis 14:18-20 – Melchizedek brought out bread and wine. Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4 – (4b) You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 – For as often as you eat and drink, you proclaim the death of the Lord. Sequence – Lauda Zion <i>The sequence Laud, O Zion (Lauda Zion), or the shorter form beginning with the verse Lo! The angel’s food is given, may be sung optionally before the Alleluia.</i> Alleluia – John 6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. Luke 9:11b-17 – They all ate and were satisfied.</p> <p>USCCB link to Lectionary Texts: http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/052916.cfm</p> <p>CDWDS, Homiletic Directory, Appendix The Holy Eucharist • CCC, nos. 790, 1003, 1322-1324-1344-1393-1394-1395-1397-1414-1419 The Eucharist and the communion of believers • CCC, nos. 805, 950, 2181-2182, 2637, 2845</p> <p>The Eucharist as spiritual food • CCC, nos. 1212, 1275, 1436, 2837</p>	<p><i>Roman Missal, Third Edition</i></p> <p>Preface II of the Most Holy Eucharist The fruits of the Most Holy Eucharist</p> <p>It is truly right and just....to give you thanks....</p> <p>Nourishing your faithful by this sacred mystery, you make them holy, so that the human race, bounded by one world, may be enlightened by one faith and united by one bond of charity.</p> <p>And so, we approach the table of this wondrous Sacrament, so that, bathed in the sweetness of your grace, we may pass over to the heavenly realities here foreshadowed....</p> <p><i>Roman Missal, © 2010, ICEL.</i></p> <p>◆ Meaning for the Christian Life ◆</p> <p>What an image: bathed in grace. It is comforting. It is luxurious. It is intoxicating because it is sweet. In this immersion, in this bathing, we are made holy by God’s activity, by God’s choice.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">◆ ◆ ◆</p> <p><i>Eucharistic Processions: Some Guidance and Liturgical Catechesis</i></p> <p>This booklet, prepared by the Office for Worship and the Catechumenate, contains ritual books to consult, a study guide for Eucharistic processions, on torches and canopy, and ritual texts. This and other related documents are found at http://www.dio.org/worship/rites-to-use.html.</p>

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart
of Jesus
Year C
LM, no. 172C
Friday, 03 June 2016



Scripture Readings

Lectionary for Mass

Ezekiel 34:11-16 – I myself will pasture my sheep
and I myself will give them rest.

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 – (1) The Lord is my
shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Romans 5:5b-11 – God proves his love for us.

Alleluia – Matthew 11:29ab

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,
and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of
heart.

Luke 15:3-7 – **Rejoice with me because I have
found my lost sheep.**

USCCB link to Lectionary Texts:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/060316.cfm>



Psalm 23

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

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

This approved English translation is taken from pages 69-72 in the APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, *Manual of Indulgences: Norms and Grants*, translated into English from the fourth edition of *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum: Normae et Concessionones* (1999), © 2006, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. All rights reserved.

This approved translation is also available on the USCCB website at <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/litanies/litany-of-the-sacred-heart-of-jesus.cfm>



LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

God our Father of heaven
God the Son, Redeemer of the world
God, the Holy Spirit
Holy Trinity, one God

Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal Father
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit
 in the womb of the Virgin Mother
Heart of Jesus, one with the eternal Word
Heart of Jesus, infinite majesty
Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven
Heart of Jesus, aflame with love for us

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

have mercy on us
have mercy on us
have mercy on us
have mercy on us

have mercy on us

have mercy on us
have mercy on us
have mercy on us
have mercy on us
have mercy on us
have mercy on us

Heart of Jesus, source of justice and love	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, wellspring of all virtue	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, worthy of all praise,	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, king and center of all hearts	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, treasurehouse of wisdom and knowledge	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, in whom there dwells the fullness of God	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father is well pleased	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, from whose fullness we have all received	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, desire of the eternal hills	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, patient and full of mercy	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, generous to all who turn to you	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, atonement for our sins	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with insults	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, broken for our sins	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, obedient even to death	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, pierced by a lance	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, victim of our sins	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, salvation of all who trust in you	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, hope of all who die in you	have mercy on us
Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints	have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world	have mercy on us
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Jesus, gentle and humble of heart. Touch our hearts and make them like your own.

Let us pray.

Father,
 we rejoice in the gifts of love we have received
 from the heart of Jesus your Son.
 Open our hearts to share his life
 and continue to bless us with his love.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
 Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful in the Jubilee of Mercy

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS

HOMILY

SILENCE

- As the Priest stands, the leader of intercessions walks to the ambo so is in place for the invitation.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL / GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

INVITATION – by the Priest

Brothers and sisters,
we are always on the path of conversion,
always on pilgrimage to the Lord.

Let us be faithful
and let us pray.

INTERCESSIONS – by the Deacon or the leader of the intercessions with the people

Continue to save the Church
as she feeds the hungry
and gives drink to the thirsty,
we pray:

Continue to save the world
as peoples and nations and neighbors
shelter the homeless and clothe the naked,
we pray:

Continue to save the sick
and those who visit and care for them,
we pray:

Continue to save those who are shackled and bound and in prison,
we pray:

Continue to save those who mourn the dead
and bury the dead
and pray for the dead,
we pray:

Continue to save the poor
and the Church that struggles to be poor with them,
we pray:

Continue to save all the peoples who belong to the Lord,
we pray:

And continue to save us, your beloved,
gathered here in faithful prayer,
we pray:

- Stay at ambo and face the Priest
- Remain in the ambo until the “Amen” by the assembly. Then return to your place.

CONCLUDING PRAYER – by the Priest

Merciful God,
may our praying and working for others
keep us faithful to you
and grafted always to your Son
who is God with you for ever and ever.

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C LM, no. 90C 05 June 2016	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C LM, no. 93C 12 June 2016
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Scripture Readings	Scripture Readings
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Lectionary for Mass
 1 Kings 17:17-24 – See! **Your Son is alive.**
 Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 – (2a) I will praise you, **Lord, for you have rescued me.**
 Galatians 1:11-19 – God revealed his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him to the Gentiles.
 Alleluia – Luke 7:16
 A great prophet has risen in our midst, **God has visited his people.**
 Luke 7:11-17 – Young man, **I tell you, arise!**

USCCB link to Lectionary Texts:
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/060516.cfm>

CDWDS, Homiletic Directory, Appendix
 In raising the dead Christ announces his own Resurrection

- CCC, nos. 646, 994

Christian meaning of death associated with the Resurrection

- CCC, no. 1681

Elijah and the widow

- CCC, no. 2583

Christ frees creation from sin and death

- CCC, no. 2637



I tell you, arise. Steve Erspamer.

Lectionary for Mass
 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13 – **The Lord has forgiven your sin;** you shall not die.
 Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11 – (cf. 5c) **Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.**
 Galatians 2:16, 19-21 – I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me.
 Alleluia – 1 John 4:10b
God loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.
 Luke 7:36—8:3 – Her **many sins have been forgiven,** because she has shown great love.

USCCB link to Lectionary Texts:
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/061216.cfm>

CDWDS, Homiletic Directory, Appendix
 Only God forgives sin

- CCC, nos. 1441-1442

Justification

- CCC, nos. 1987-1995

Purification of heart

- CCC, nos. 2517-2519

David and Nathan

- CCC, nos. 1481, 1736, 2538



Showing great love, Steve Erspamer.

Catholic Relief Services Homily Resources – an excerpt

See the CRS links on page 2 above. Contact the Office for the Missions for additional resources.

JUNE 5, 2016

The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

With this Sunday, we resume the continuous reading of the Gospel according to Luke. Jesus, upon seeing a dead man being carried out of the town he is approaching, is moved with pity for his widowed mother. He reaches out and touches the litter carrying the man, calling upon him to get up. Although, according to Mosaic law, Jesus' touching the litter is ritually contaminating, he crosses over this zone of restriction to show his **heart and hands of mercy**. He brings life not only to the son but also to the mother who would have been abandoned. In many places in Africa, CRS has brought people back to life by providing much-needed care and medication for those affected by AIDS. Widows infected by their husbands have been able to once again work their small farms and care for their families. Many of them have in turn reached out to help other widows living with AIDS. CRS, through 134 health projects, brings healing and hope to 58 million people in 43 countries. We too can reach out with mercy to those in our own parishes and neighborhoods who are burying their dead. We can do this by walking with them and praying for their beloved family members, a corporal and spiritual work of mercy.

JUNE 12, 2016

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we use the long form, there are many works of mercy shown in the Gospel today. The woman known around town as a sinner shows mercy to Jesus by washing his feet with her tears and anointing them with perfumed oil, as she anticipates his death. Jesus shows mercy to Simon, the Pharisee, who was his host, by reminding him of his failures in traditional hospitality. Jesus shows mercy as he announces that the woman's sins have been forgiven by God. He shows mercy to the other guests by announcing this mercy to her publicly. And finally, he shows mercy to the 12 apostles who accompany him—as well as to Mary from Magdala and the other women—by uniting them all in this **divine mission and mystery of mercy**. The people who carry out the mission of mercy that is the work of CRS report not only on the works of mercy they do for others in the name of the Catholic Church in the United States but even more strikingly on how their lives have been touched by the people they are helping. This is truly the **mystery of mercy**. For us here at home, this can be our experience when we reach out to people in need through soup kitchens, food pantries, visiting their homes, restoring or building their houses, sitting and listening to their stories. Through these corporal and spiritual works of mercy, we can find ourselves being touched by the divine **mystery of mercy**—not what we were expecting at all.

<p>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C LM, no. 96C 19 June 2016</p>	<p>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C LM, no. 99C 26 June 2016</p>
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Scripture Readings	Scripture Readings
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Lectionary for Mass

Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1 – They shall look on him whom they have pierced.
 Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 – (2b) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
 Galatians 3:26-29 – All of you who were baptized have clothed yourselves with Christ.
 Alleluia – John 10:27
 My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
 Luke 9:18-24 – You are the Christ of God. The Son of Man must suffer greatly.

USCCB link to Lectionary Texts:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/061916.cfm>

CDWDS, Homiletic Directory, Appendix

Christ's redemptive death in the plan of salvation

- CCC, nos. 599-605

Take up the cross daily and follow Christ

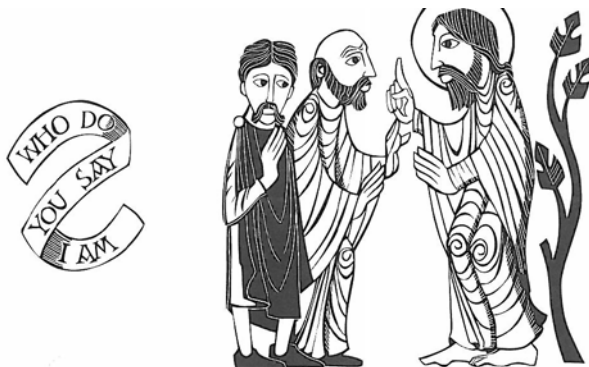
- CCC, no. 1435

Church is communion with Christ

- CCC, nos. 787-791

“Putting on” Christ, baptism and chastity

- CCC, nos. 1227, 1243, 1425, 2348



You are..., Steve Erspamer.

Lectionary for Mass

1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21 – Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant.
 Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 – (cf. 5a) **You are my inheritance, O Lord.**
 Galatians 5:1, 13-18 – You were called for freedom.
 Alleluia – 1 Samuel 3:9; John 6:68c
 Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.
 Luke 9:51-62 – He resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you go.

USCCB link to Lectionary Texts:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/062616.cfm>

CDWDS, Homiletic Directory, Appendix

Jesus' ascent to Jerusalem for his death and Resurrection

- CCC, no. 587

Master, what must I do...?

- CCC, nos. 2052-2055

The urgency of discipleship

- CCC, nos. 1036, 1816



Nowhere to lay his head, Steve Erspamer.

Praying in the Jubilee of Mercy**Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy**

Lord Jesus Christ,
 you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly
 Father,
 and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
 Show us your face and we will be saved.
 Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew
 from being enslaved by money;
 the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking
 happiness only in created things;
 made Peter weep after his betrayal,
 and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
 Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the
 words that you spoke to the Samaritan
 woman:
 “If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
 of the God who manifests his power above all by
 forgiveness and mercy:
 let the Church be your visible face in the world, its
 Lord risen and glorified.
 You willed that your ministers would also be
 clothed in weakness
 in order that they may feel compassion for those in
 ignorance and error:
 let everyone who approaches them feel sought
 after, loved, and forgiven by God.
 Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us
 with its anointing,
 so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace
 from the Lord,
 and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may
 bring good news to the poor,
 proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
 and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary,
 Mother of Mercy,
 you who live and reign with the Father and the
 Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
 Amen.

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**Works of Mercy**

Matthew 25:31-46

Corporal Works of Mercy

These are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs. The corporal (bodily) works of mercy are:

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Shelter the homeless
- Clothe the naked
- Visit the sick
- Visit the prisoners
- Bury the dead
- Give alms to the poor

Spiritual Works of Mercy

These are actions that help our neighbor in their spiritual needs. They include:

- Counseling the doubtful
- Instructing the ignorant
- Admonishing the sinner
- Comforting the sorrowful
- Forgiving injuries
- Bearing wrongs patiently
- Praying for the living and the dead

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, pages 508 and 529

Bulletin Shorts for Ordinary Time



FDLC Mystagogy on Mass Texts.

The Collect and the Prayer after Communion are rich sources for our Christian life. These reflections may be downloaded and printed for free. A link for the May-June Ordinary Time booklet

is: <http://www.dio.org/worship/mystagogy.html>



Trinity Sunday – 22 May 2016

The Trinity. In making Creole recipes, that is, authentic New Orleans food, every cook knows “the trinity” – celery, onions, green pepper. They are essential. They are the starting point. Properly prepared, they blend as one, yet retain distinctive flavors. So, too, God. Triune. Blended yet distinct [the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 202 states it this way: “only one true God...three persons indeed, but one essence, substance or nature entirely simple”].

- What must I do to “flavor” the world in which I live?
- How can I be like God and not see myself standing alone, acting alone, being alone?

Body and Blood of Christ – 29 May 2016

No one should be hungry. Start with 5000 hungry men; continue with untold numbers of women and children. Add a boy with only five small loaves and two sardines. Mix in Jesus with his blessing and his praying. Organize the ministers and the crowd for the meal. Eat. Gather up twelve baskets of leftovers. Now there is a Mercy Year recipe!

- How can I feed the hungry this week, this month?
- What can I gather up so nothing is wasted?
- How can I honor Christ present as Body and Blood?

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 05 June 2016

Raising the dead. There are two stories, three really, of someone coming back from death at the hand of another. Although I might not see myself bringing an unbreathing boy or dead man back among the living as Jesus or Elijah did, I can keep vigil with the dying and with those who mourn them. What great mercy work! The third story is more metaphorical. Paul, who first persecuted the young Church, then was knocked off his horse by the living Christ, spent three years in solitude listening and praying and taking guidance from God. Paul withdrew for a needed time and, refreshed by God, came back stronger to do God’s work.

- How will I carve out some time this week to listen to and be with God?
- Who is dying and needs my visit and my prayer?
- Who is grieving and needs my presence and my comfort?

Psalm 30, the proper one for today, sings of God’s rescue. Use this link to listen to one setting by Rory Cooney: http://www.giamusic.com/search_details.cfm?title_id=3091, (click <listen preview>).

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12 June 2016

Love and sin. These two seem an odd pairing, a doubtful duo. Yet love and sin are bound together in the Bible readings today. Great love leads to forgiveness. And forgiveness leads to greater love. Look to King David who had a husband killed so he could take the wife. Look to the Apostle Paul who was drawn away from persecuting others by the love of the Son. Look to the unnamed weeping woman who bathed and anointed feet. Because of sorrow. Because of forgiveness. Because of great love.

- Who has forgiven me? What happened next?
- Who needs my forgiveness?
- And how does my forgiveness mirror God’s forgiveness – of me, of others, and of all?

Father Clarence Rivers, a priest of Cincinnati, sings of this great love. Link to “God is Love” text: <http://www.godsongs.net/2015/09/god-is-love-and-he-who-abides-in-love-abides-in-love-clarence-rivers.html>. Link to tune: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXqfh5KxqYs>.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19 June 2016

But who do you say I am? This is perhaps a hard question. But it is the one that matters. With Peter (and the disciples), each of us wants to say: “You are the Messiah, the Christ of God!” We do say it because we are here, because we are Christian. We thirst for him.

But does not this Jubilee Year of Mercy shed renewed light on this answer and this name? Who is this Christ in this year? How has this Christ shown and done mercy work? And how do I make his biblical acting a pattern for my own life?

- Because Jesus is the Christ, how will I deny myself this day?
- Because Jesus is the Christ, what cross will I pick up?
- Because Jesus is the Christ, how will I help others follow him?

Here is a setting for Psalm 63, the proper one for today, by Michael Joncas, “My Soul Is Thirsting”: http://www.giamusic.com/search_details.cfm?title_id=2912, (click <listen preview>).

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26 June 2016

Called for freedom. No yoke of slavery for us. Even though people are shackled, suppressed, oppressed – and even though I may be, too – we are, I am called for freedom. Christ, in his Paschal Mystery, his death and rising, has set us free. Baptism makes us new and sets us free. The old and the new law – “love your neighbor as yourself” – set us free. Singing the song for the gathering of the gifts during the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper this past (and every) Holy Thursday – *Ubi Caritas* – sets us free.

- What yoke will I step out of to be free?
- Who can I help into freedom in this Mercy Year?
- Who will I love ... as myself?

Use this link to listen to a setting of *Ubi Caritas / God is Love* by Bob Hurd (for the top item in the list, click <listen>): <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/16191#tab:mp3s>. Or use this link for a setting by Laurence Rosania: <http://www.ocp.org/compositions/7265#tab:mp3s>.