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*to our patron, Saint Paul,
the Apostle to the nations,
who preached the Gospel in order
“to make known the richness of this glorious mystery
among the Gentiles—this mystery is Christ in you,
the hope of glory” (Col 1:27)*

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<i>Immaculate Conception</i>	908	8 Dec	8 Dec	9 Dec
2nd Sunday of Advent	13	4 Dec	9 Dec	8 Dec
3rd Sunday of Advent	24	11 Dec	16 Dec	15 Dec
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<i>Christmas</i>	43	25 Dec	25 Dec	25 Dec
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Lectionary Cycle	Page	2012 A	2013 B	2014 C
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<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	81	8 Jan	6 Jan	5 Jan
Baptism of the Lord	87	9 Jan	13 Jan	12 Jan
2nd Sunday Ordinary Time	101	15 Jan	20 Jan	19 Jan
3rd Sunday Ordinary Time	109	22 Jan	27 Jan	26 Jan
4th Sunday Ordinary Time	120	29 Jan	3 Feb	—
Presentation of the Lord	836	2 Feb	2 Feb	2 Feb
5th Sunday Ordinary Time	129	5 Feb	10 Feb	9 Feb
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2nd Sunday of Lent	195	4 Mar	24 Feb	16 Mar
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ADVENT SEASON



“Watch . . . Watch!” (cf. Mk 13:35, 37)

Now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace, and reconciliation: the great season of Advent . . .

Each year, as the Church recalls this mystery, she urges us to renew the memory of the great love God has shown us. This holy season teaches us that Christ’s coming was not only for the benefit of his contemporaries; his power has still to be communicated to us all. We shall share his power, if, through holy faith and the sacraments, we willingly accept the grace Christ earned for us and live by that grace and in obedience to Christ. . . . When we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace.

Saint Charles Borromeo

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 66 (65):4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Liturgy of the Word: for A cycle, see below; for B cycle, turn to p. 103; for C cycle, turn to p. 106.

A

2014, 2017, 2020, 2023, 2026, 2029, 2032

"I saw the Spirit come down ... and remain upon him," proclaims the Baptist in this Sunday's Gospel. Holy Spirit, I ask you to remain with me, too—I who am *called to be holy*, as Paul reminds me. I want to be a light to others, like the figure Isaiah described as God's servant, whom the early Christians identified with Jesus.

FIRST READING

Is 49:3, 5–6

*I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The LORD said to me: You are my servant,
Israel, through whom I show my glory.
Now the LORD has spoken
who formed me as his servant from the womb,
that Jacob may be brought back to him

and Israel gathered to him;
 and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD,
 and my God is now my strength!
 It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant,
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob,
 and restore the survivors of Israel;
 I will make you a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

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

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
 and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
 And he put a new song into my mouth,
 a hymn to our God. **R.**

Sacrifice or offering 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.**

"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.**

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

SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:1-3

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and
 Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to
 you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with

all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Jn 1:14a, 12a

Alleluia, alleluia. The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Jn 1:29–34

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’ I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.” John testified further, saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Liturgy of the Eucharist, p. 478; Prayer over the Offerings, p. 109.

B

2012, 2015, 2018, 2021, 2024, 2027, 2030

My personal call from the Lord may not have been as dramatic as the calls of Samuel, Andrew, Peter, and other prophets and apostles. But I *am* the Lord’s—I’m his temple, as Paul states in the second reading, and I’m called to do something for God. With Blessed John Henry Newman, I can declare: “I have my mission.”

FIRST READING

1 Sm 3:3b–10, 19

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

A reading from the first Book of Samuel

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 40:2, 4, 7–8, 8–9, 10

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

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God. **R.**

Sacrifice or offering 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.**

“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.

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

SECOND READING

1 Cor 6:13c–15a, 17–20

Your bodies are members of Christ.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Jn 1:41, 17b

Alleluia, alleluia. We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Jn 1:35–42

They saw where he was staying and they stayed with him.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi”—which translated means Teacher—, “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they

went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah”—which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas”—which is translated Peter.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Liturgy of the Eucharist, p. 478; Prayer over the Offerings, p. 109.

C

2013, 2016, 2019, 2022, 2025, 2028, 2031

This Sunday’s first and third readings focus on a common biblical theme: God’s marriage to his people. Jubilation fills the air, for the Lord is good. Reflecting on the second reading, I ask the Spirit to pour out his gifts on all of us, God’s people.

FIRST READING

Is 62:1–5

The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

For Zion’s sake I will not be silent,
for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet,
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn
and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
you shall be called by a new name
pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.

You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD,
a royal diadem held by your God.

No more shall people call you “Forsaken,”
or your land “Desolate,”
but you shall be called “My Delight,”
and your land “Espoused.”

For the LORD delights in you
 and makes your land his spouse.
 As a young man marries a virgin,
 your Builder shall marry you;
 and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
 so shall your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Sing to the LORD a new song;
 sing to the LORD, all you lands.
 Sing to the LORD; bless his name. **R.**
 Announce his salvation, day after day.
 Tell his glory among the nations;
 among all peoples, his wondrous deeds. **R.**
 Give to the LORD, you families of nations,
 give to the LORD glory and praise;
 give to the LORD the glory due his name! **R.**
 Worship the LORD in holy attire.
 Tremble before him, all the earth;
 say among the nations: The LORD is king.
 He governs the peoples with equity. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:4-11

*One and the same Spirit distributing them
 individually to each person as he wishes.*

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians
 Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit

the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Cf. 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia. God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Jn 2:1-11

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from—although the servers who had drawn the water knew—the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Liturgy of the Eucharist, p. 478; Prayer over the Offerings follows.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated
the work of our redemption is accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time I–VIII, pp. 535–540.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 23 (22):5

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Or:

1 Jn 4:16

We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

A formula of **Solemn Blessing**, pp. 562ff., or **Prayer over the People**, pp. 569ff.,
may replace the simple blessing.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 96 (95):1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendor,
strength and honor in his holy place.

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge
our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate
the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows. Then all recite together the formula
of general confession:

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

And, striking their breast, they say:

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;**

Then they continue:

**therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply: Amen.

Or:

The Priest invites the faithful to make the Penitential Act:

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge
our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate
the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

The Priest then says: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
The people reply: For we have sinned against you.
The Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
The people: And grant us your salvation.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply: Amen.

Or:

The Priest invites the faithful to make the Penitential Act:

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge
our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate
the sacred mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

The Priest, or a Deacon or another minister, then says the following or other invocations with Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy):

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. **Or:** Kyrie, eleison.

The people reply:
Lord, have mercy. **Or:** Kyrie, eleison.

The Priest:
You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Or:** Christe, eleison.

The people:
Christ, have mercy. **Or:** Christe, eleison.

The Priest:

You are seated at the right hand of the Father
to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. **Or:** Kyrie, eleison.

The people:

Lord, have mercy. **Or:** Kyrie, eleison.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply: Amen.

KYRIE

The Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy) invocations follow, unless they have just occurred in a formula of the Penitential Act.

V. Lord, have mercy. **R.** Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy. **R.** Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy. **R.** Lord, have mercy.

Or:

V. Kyrie, eleison. **R.** Kyrie, eleison.

V. Christe, eleison. **R.** Christe, eleison.

V. Kyrie, eleison. **R.** Kyrie, eleison.

GLORIA

As the Church assembled in the Spirit, we praise and pray to the Father and the Lamb.

Then, when it is prescribed, this hymn is either sung or said:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,**

we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

The priest invites us to pray silently for a moment and then, in our name, expresses the theme of the day's celebration and petitions God the Father through the mediation of Christ in the Holy Spirit.

When this hymn is concluded, the Priest, with hands joined, says:

Let us pray.

And all pray in silence with the Priest for a while.

Turn to the Collect in the Proper of the Day.

Then the Priest, with hands extended, says the Collect prayer, at the end of which the people acclaim:

Amen.