

# Resources for the Eucharistic Revival

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—Saint John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 6

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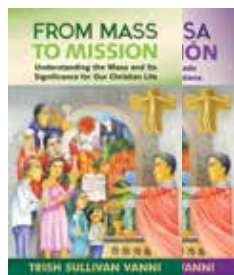
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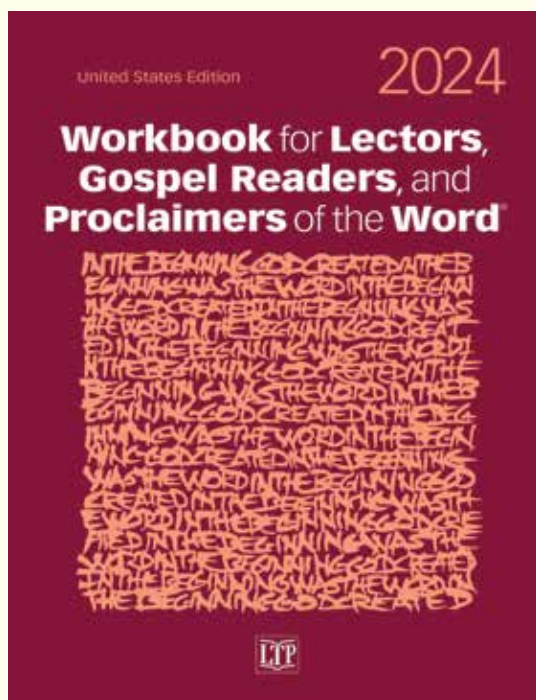
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## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

LECTIONARY #689

READING I Genesis 3:9–15, 20

A reading from the Book of Genesis

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the Lord God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?"

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself."

Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then,

from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!"

The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me— she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it."

The Lord God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?"

The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it."

Then the Lord God said to the serpent:

"Because you have done this, you shall be **banned** from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life.

**READING I** Today's first reading from Genesis highlights the consequences for the initial act of disobedience in the Garden of Eden. In particular, the focus rests on Eve's relationship with the serpent and with all of creation. First, the curse upon the serpent involves a shift in its relationship with Eve wherein hostility is the predominant feature. Not only is there now enmity between the two, but the hostilities will also continue between their offspring for the rest of time. This is our struggle against sin. This conflict is

brought to a resolution in the persons of Mary and in her divine son, Jesus.

The second relationship highlighted in this reading is that of Eve with the rest of creation. Until this point in the narrative, Eve did not have a personal name but was referred to only as "woman." Now she is named Eve, and the meaning for the chosen name is provided: "because she became the mother of all the living." In Hebrew, there is a close connection between the name "Eve" and the verb "to live," which is the basis for the explanation behind Eve's name in the reading. Therefore, we see that

in the midst of the tragic fallout of disobedience, there is an element of hope resting in the life-giving quality of Eve. This life-giving quality continues in Mary and leads us to reflect on what we celebrate today.

Through her immaculate conception, Mary is singularly prepared for responding to God's call to be Jesus' mother. Because God saved her, from the moment of her conception, from the stain of original sin, Mary is able to say yes to the fullness of life God is entrusting to her in the person of Jesus. In her "yes" to God's plan found in today's Gospel reading, she not only gave

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As you prepare, imagine Mary as she is often depicted in art, standing on a serpent.

Adam changes from calling her "woman" to calling her "Eve." Eve's names are important.

For meditation and context:

Ephesians - ee-FEE-eh-ni-oo

Read long verses slowly to aid comprehension.

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel."

The man called his wife Eve, because she became the mother of all the living.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 (1a)

R. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his right arm.

The Lord has made his salvation known to the right of the nations; he has revealed his justice.

He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.

Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

READING II Ephesians 1:3–6, 11–12

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him.

In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. »

birth to Jesus but also to the potential of a new, restored life for every member of the human family through Jesus Christ. Through her immaculate conception, Mary's preserved state of grace is divinely granted in anticipation of the salvific actions of her son, Jesus. Although we honor Mary for her important role in cooperating with God's plan of salvation, we must always be focused on the paschal mystery of Christ, through which the enemy of sin and death was conquered so that our relationship with God might be restored.

**READING II** In this reading from Ephesians, Paul emphasizes what God has done for his people, namely, blessed us. And what does this blessing consist of? It consists of being chosen by God. By highlighting that it is God who chooses us, and not vice versa, Paul recognizes that it is always God who takes the initiative in the salvific plan. In choosing us, God invites believers to respond to and participate in his plan of salvation.

God not only invites us to participate, but he also prepares us to do so: we choose us "to be holy and without blemish before

him" and lovingly adopts us through Jesus Christ. In this instance, we can read "holy" as "set apart" and not "virtuous," as we might initially think. In doing so, the stress falls again on God's action, setting us apart to stand before him without guilt or stain. Paul notes that this new relationship with God through Jesus Christ allows us to live solely and completely praising God's glory. Mary's life reflects the reality that we experience now through our baptism. While we are called to stand before God "without blemish," Mary was able to stand without stain before God's messenger by the grace

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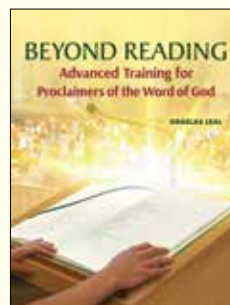
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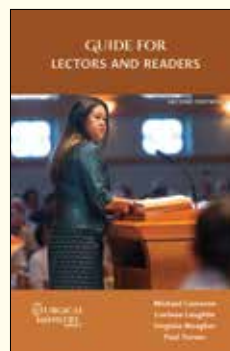
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# Daily Prayer 2024



Advent Weekday  
**Monday, December 4, 2023**

✦ Come and save us, Lord our God.

Psalm 72 page 376

**Reading** Matthew 8:5-11  
 When Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, suffering dreadfully." He said to him, "I will come and cure him." The centurion said in reply, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man subject to authority, with soldiers subject to me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come here,' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I say to you, many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the Kingdom of heaven."

**Reflection**  
 The centurion is a model of faith because of his complete humility, especially his willingness to surrender his power and might, trusting in the Lord. When Jesus reassures this man that he will come to his house to cure his servant, the centurion's response is "Lord, I am not worthy." Moreover, the centurion recognizes that even his personal authority is far surpassed by that of the Lord. And Jesus was "amazed." Would he be amazed by our faith? Would he see in us the attitude of humility? Would he see in our hearts the desire to surrender our need to control

the things of life to listen carefully to the will of God?

**Prayers** others may be added  
 Confident in God's great love, we offer our prayers.  
 R. Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
 • That the Church may exhibit the humility and faith of the centurion who sought out the Lord in his need, we pray: R.  
 • That all nations may know true and lasting peace, we pray: R.  
 • That all catechumens may be strengthened in their faith journey as they seek the Lord, we pray: R.  
 • That all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit may hope in the Lord, who raises those who are sick to new life, we pray: R.  
 • That those who have died may join all the angels and saints around the banquet table in heaven, we pray: R.  
 Let us offer together the prayer that Jesus taught us.  
**Our Father** . . .  
 God of day and God of darkness, despite our sins and failings, you never cease to raise us up and draw us to yourself.  
 Help us to make our hearts and our homes worthy of your presence and temples of your glory.  
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
 ✦ Come and save us, Lord our God.

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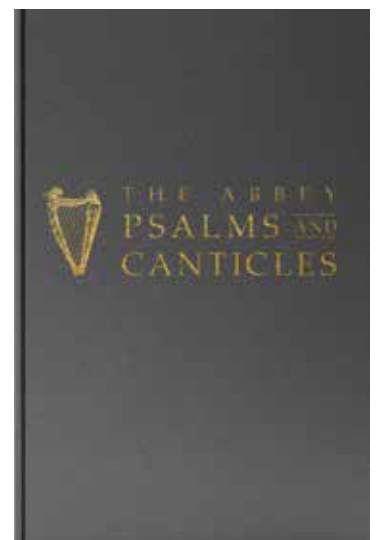
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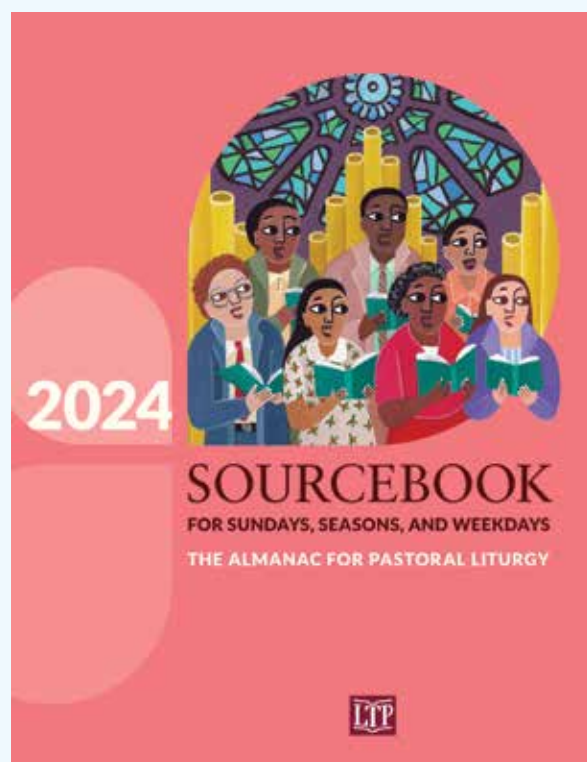
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### 3 First Sunday of Advent

#### Scripture Insights

This First Sunday of Advent opens with a selection from the Book of Isaiah. More specifically, within these verses, we hear the plea of community members shortly after their return from exile. The rousing words of an earlier prophet who had proclaimed incredible words of hope must have seemed like false promises to the Jews, whose homeland was far from what they had envisioned it would be. In a verse that is not part of the lectionary reading, God is asked: "Why have our enemies trampled your sanctuary?" (Is 63:18).

The brief selection from Mark reminds us that we are indeed in the season of Advent. We are told to be watchful and alert while we await the coming of Christ. Although Mark's message was first addressed to Christians of the first century, we too are invited to actively await the kingdom of God.

#### Preaching Points

##### Parish Masses

- Isaiah does not mince words: "Rejoice": to rip, rupture, sever. Tear apart the heavens, God. Remove anything that keeps distance between God and God's people. What powerful imagery to convey the urgency with which we need God's love to be close and ever closer to us. Who is calling out to us, begging us to love them with the same urgency? Who demands we remember our covenantal promises of our baptism, to carry God's unconditional love to the ends of the earth?

- In St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, we are reminded that God is faithful. We have heard this line so many times, perhaps we take for granted what it means. In the midst of life's constant change, our God is unchanging. But we have the gifts we need to communicate God's unconditional love in and through the constant changes of life, through every season, and through each manifestation of God's image and likeness. Where have we fallen short here? What gifts do we need to hone to better trust in God's faithfulness and acknowledge our own need for conversion?

- Even the closest followers of Jesus could not keep this command to be watchful. Think ahead to the agony in the garden—in this most crucial hour, the disciples are found sleeping. We too are in a crucial hour: a time of cultural and socio-political shifts, a time when there are children of God brutalized, abandoned, neglected; a time when equity and equality demand that privileged people relinquish control and stature. Are we asleep? Are we apathetic to the call? Do we assume that someone else will prepare for the second coming on our behalf, or are we actively engaged in discerning what role God is asking us to play in the meantime?

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

- Usually we must be alert because someone or something depends on our being watchful. We are a people who wait in joyful hope for Jesus Christ's return, while working to live the way he taught us to live, so that when our master returns he will not find us sleeping. Today the Church begins a new liturgical year and a new season—Advent.

- We don't know how long we have to prepare for Christ to come again. Like the servants who don't know when their master will come back home, we might never see Jesus come back in our lifetimes. It may be many, many years from now but we must continue to work. That is why we must be alert, be watchful.

- We cannot be distracted by things that take us away from the work God has given us to do. We have to be constantly on the lookout for things we can do to help build the kingdom. Most importantly, we know that God, who has given us this important work to do, loves us, trusts us, and gives us all the support we need to complete our tasks. Waiting and working for God's kingdom is hard work.

#### Missal Options

- The prayers are from the First Sunday of Advent.
- Consider singing a setting of form III of the PA. Use throughout Advent. Consider an arrangement that might be set to a familiar Advent hymn melody.
- The Gloria is not sung (or said); the creed is prayed.
- Use an Advent collect to conclude the UP.
- P-I of Advent is said or sung through December 16.
- You might use EP-III and the SB #1 for Advent.

#### Music Preparation

Develop an Advent repertoire. Avoid varying music too much. Choose hymns that speak of being ready for the end times, (especially for the first two Sundays in Advent) and living each moment now in joyful hope (see UNLY, 39).

#### Music Suggestions

- Call to Worship: "Wait for the Lord" by Taizé (GIA)
- Gathering: "Awake, O Sleeper: Advent Gathering Rite" by Francis Patrick O'Brien (GIA)
- Preparation: "Mazmala" by Gerard Cichanski (OCP)
- Communion: "Bread of Life" by Bernadette Farrell (OCP)
- Sending: "O Come, Divine Messiah" (traditional; various publishers)

#### Mass Texts

**Introduction to Mass**  
Though we stray, God the Redeemer always wants us to journey back to the divine way. We do sin, but God continuously works to mold us in divine mercy. As Advent begins, may we turn our hearts and minds once again to our loving Father, so that when Christmas comes, we might see God's face and know God saves us. Let us stay alert and keep watch on our Advent journey.

#### Tropes for Penitential Act, Form III

Lord Jesus, to you we lift up our soul: Lord, have mercy. Christ Jesus, you rend the heavens and come to us: Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you will not let us be put to shame: Lord, have mercy.

#### Dismissal for Children's Liturgy of the Word

My dear children, you will hear Jesus tell his disciples to watch and stay alert. In this season of Advent, we too pay attention for when the Lord will come. As you listen to God's Word today, think about those ways you can see God already present among you and how you prepare your hearts for Christmas. Go in peace.

#### Dismissal of Catechumens

My dear catechumens, this community supports you as you turn closer and closer to God. We journey with you as together we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and look forward to when you will celebrate the Eucharist with us. For now, as God holds you in the divine loving arms and continues to mold you, may you know you are the work of God's hands and our in our prayers. Go in peace.

#### Dismissal of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Dear ministers, we are mindful of our brothers and sisters who cannot join us because of illness or infirmity, and so we send you to them bearing the life-giving Body of Christ. Remind them that he has not hidden his face from them and that they are one with us in praising our God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go in Christ's peace.

#### Universal Prayer

"To you, [we] lift up [our] soul, O . . . God. In you, [we] have trusted; let [us] not be put to shame." Hear the prayers we place before you, "and let none who hope in you be put to shame." [EA]

1. For the Church, that we may be alert to our need for God's mercy, we pray:
2. For the world, that all peoples may be affirmed in their inherent dignity, we pray:
3. For those who have drifted away from God and struggle to know his love, that they may find their way home, we pray:
4. For our Church community, our inquirers, and our catechumens, that we may strengthen each other in our Advent journey, we pray:
5. For those who have died, that they may see God's face, we pray:

Lord of all creation, you fill the universe with signs and wonders of your presence. Throughout this season of Advent, help us to be vigilant in finding our way on your path of redemption. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Other Rites and Customs

- Don't forget to bless the Advent wreath! Decide whether to bless the wreath in community as a special Advent Liturgy of the Hours, the Saturday anticipatory Mass, or the first morning Mass on Sunday. Only bless your wreath once; simply light the candles before all other blessings. The blessing is found in the *Book of Blessings*, and if done during Mass, should take place after the UP (see BB, ch. 47).

- Encourage families to display and pray with an Advent wreath in their own homes. A wreath blessing service for the family can be found in CHBP (p. 73) or on the USCCB's website. Send parishioners home with a copy!

- Advent is a good time to introduce a new weekly prayer ritual for your community such as the Liturgy of the Hours, exposition and benediction, or Taizé prayer, as Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for Christ's coming in all areas of our life. Communicate these extra prayer opportunities to your congregation.

- Schedule an Advent reconciliation service (form II) to take place at some point over the next four weeks. Be sure to use the new ritual translation.

#### Liturgy and Life

Jesus wants the disciples to be ready to greet the Son of God whenever he returns. But Jesus also knows full well the limits of the human body. We are not created to be awake at all hours of the day and night. Rest matters. Good sleep fuels us so we can be attentive to the coming of Christ and the needs of our neighbors. Many lack this basic need. Worries about how to pay mounting bills or a child's mental health struggles are just some of the realities that may keep us wide awake at 3:00 in the morning. Next time you see someone sleepy-eyed in a pew nearby, offer to watch their kids for an hour so they can rest and recharge.

**Taking Place This Week . . .**  
*Consider what can be done liturgically, catechetically, and ministerially to respond to these important needs.*

- St. Nicholas Day (12/6)
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (12/7)
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Psalter: Week 1

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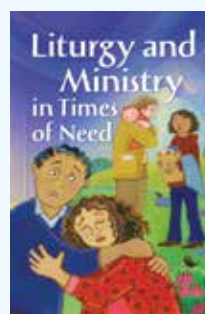
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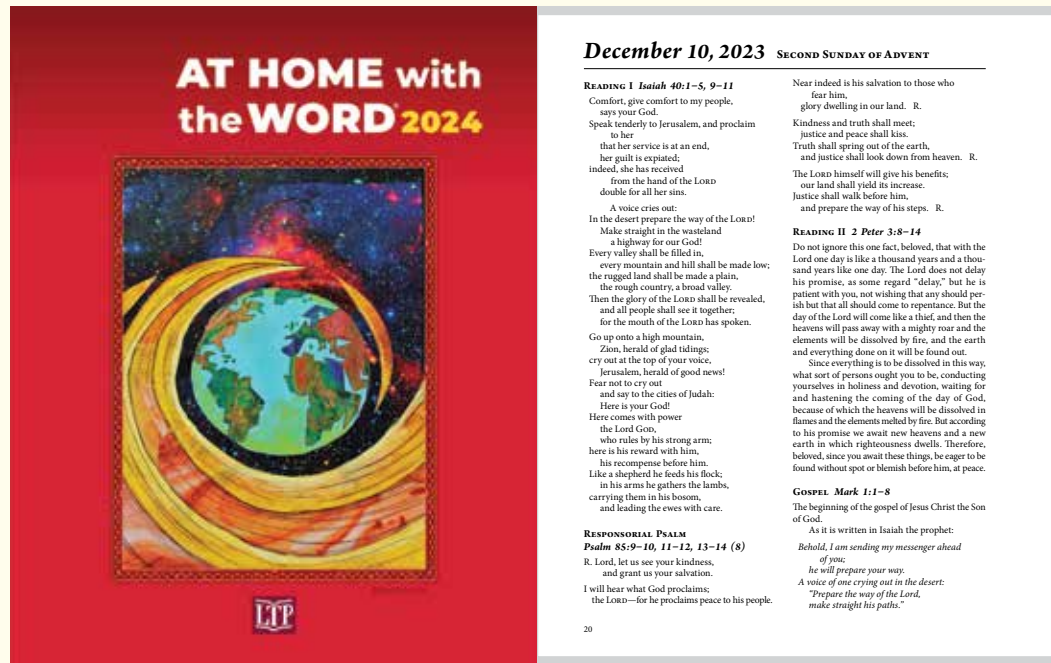
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**December 10, 2023** SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**READING 1 Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**  
 Comfort, give comfort to my people,  
 says your God.  
 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim  
 to her  
 that her service is at an end,  
 her guilt is expiated;  
 indeed, she has received  
 from the hand of the Lord  
 double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:  
 In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!  
 Make straight in the wasteland  
 a highway for our God!  
 Every valley shall be filled in,  
 every mountain and hill shall be made low;  
 the rugged land shall be made a plain,  
 the rough country, a broad valley.  
 Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
 and all people shall see it together;  
 for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Go up onto a high mountain,  
 Zion, herald of glad tidings;  
 cry out at the top of your voice,  
 Jerusalem, herald of good news!  
 Fear not to cry out  
 and say to the cities of Judah:  
 Here is your God!  
 Here comes with power  
 the Lord God,  
 who rules by his strong arm;  
 here is his reward with him,  
 his recompense before him.  
 Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;  
 in his arms he gathers the lambs,  
 carrying them in his bosom,  
 and leading the ewes with care.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)**

R. Lord, let us see your kindness,  
 and grant us your salvation.  
 I will hear what God proclaims:  
 the Lord—for he proclaims peace to his people.

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Near indeed is his salvation to those who  
 fear him,  
 glory dwelling in our land. R.  
 Kindness and truth shall meet;  
 justice and peace shall kiss.  
 Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
 and justice shall look down from heaven. R.  
 The Lord himself will give his benefits;  
 our land shall yield its increase.  
 Justice shall walk before him,  
 and prepare the way of his steps. R.

**READING 11 2 Peter 3:8-14**

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the  
 Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thou-  
 sand years like one day. The Lord does not delay  
 his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is  
 patient with you, not wishing that any should per-  
 ish but that all should come to repentance. But the  
 day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the  
 heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the  
 elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth  
 and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way,  
 what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting  
 yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for  
 and hastening the coming of the day of God,  
 because of which the heavens will be dissolved in  
 flames and the elements melted by fire. But according  
 to his promise we await new heavens and a new  
 earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore,  
 beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be  
 found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

**GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8**

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 of you;

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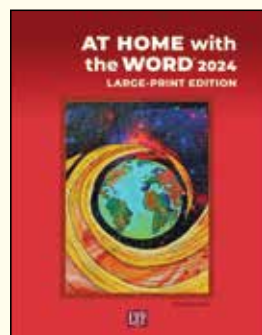
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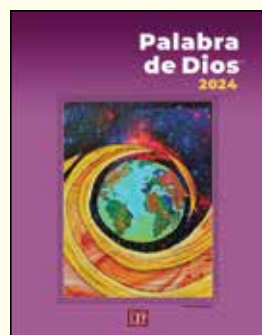
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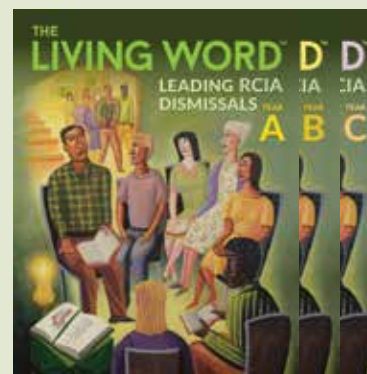
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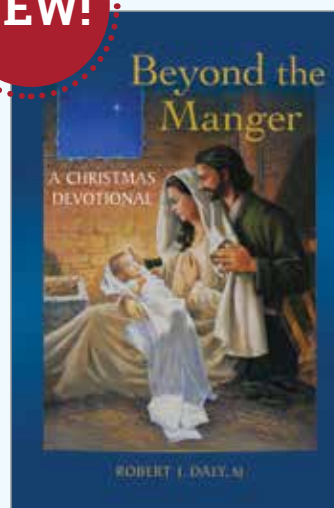
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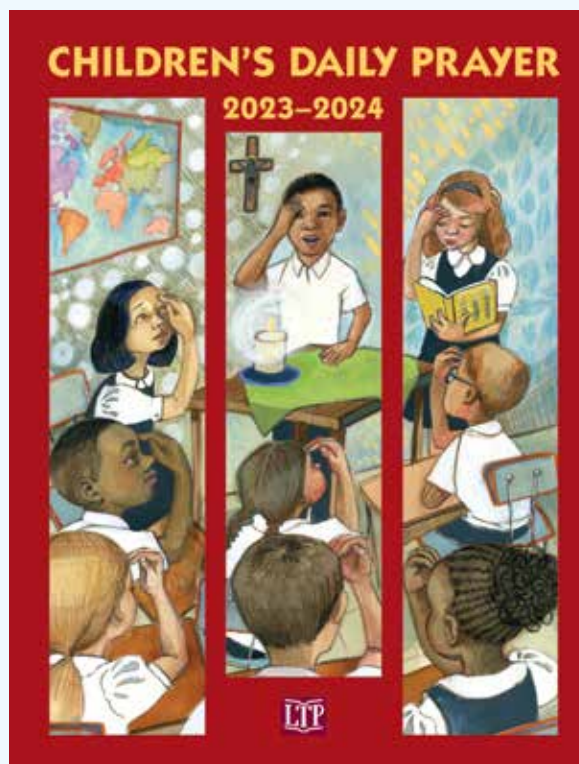
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PRAYER FOR  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023**

### OPENING

Today is Labor Day, a day of reflecting on the dignity of work. This week we will reflect on God's Great Commandment. Today's Scripture text makes up part of the Shema, a Jewish prayer said during evening and morning prayer. The Shema contains a profession of faith in God and reliance on him alone. Like the ancient Israelites, we too are invited to respond to God's grace and mercy with love, obedience, and faithfulness.

✦ All make the sign of the cross.  
**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### PSALM

(For a longer psalm, see page vi.)  
Psalm 66:1–3a

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise.

Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!”

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

### READING

Deuteronomy 5:1a, 6:1, 3, 5–9

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses convened all Israel, and said to them: Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flow-

ing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**The Word of the Lord.**

✦ All observe silence.

### FOR SILENT REFLECTION

Think about this silently in your heart. How do you commit yourself to God?

### CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray to God for our needs and the needs of others: our family, neighborhood, and the world. For each need we say, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

✦ All may add their own prayers here.

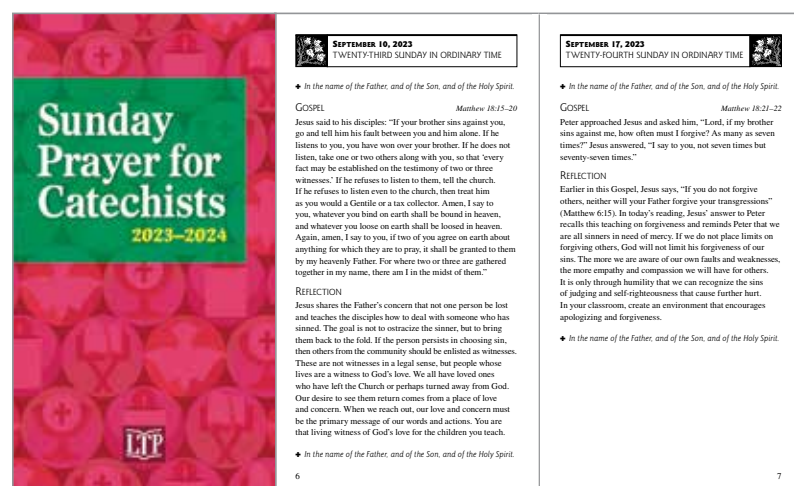
Let us pray: **Our Father . . . Amen.**

God our Father,  
we praise you and love you.  
Help us to keep your commandments.  
In Christ's name we pray.

**Amen.**

✦ All make the sign of the cross.

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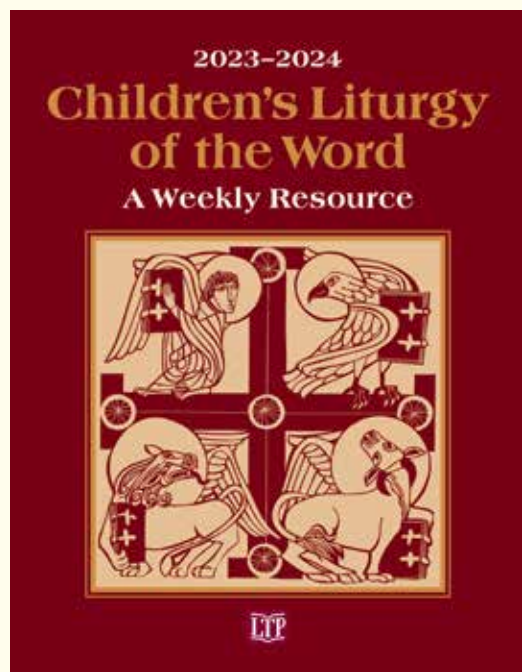
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- Suggestions for preparing an appropriate liturgical environment
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**September 10, 2023**  
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Light, Life, and Love

**Scripture Background**

**Ezekiel 33:7-9** Ezekiel, a prophet during the Babylonian exile (586–536 BC), articulated why God seems to have abandoned the house of Israel. From chapter 32 onward, Ezekiel spoke words of comfort and calls of the eventual restoration of the people. The image of the watchman, one responsible for alerting the people of impending danger, surfaces as an apt description of Ezekiel's prophetic vocation.

**Such a role demands that Ezekiel be attentive to God's Word. That attentiveness carries with it a heavy responsibility of faithfully announcing God's Word and desires to the people. It helps it that the people will be attentive to the prophet's words, leading them to reject iniquity and turn back to God. As Ezekiel is called to be responsive to God's Word, so we, the people, Ezekiel stresses that there is always time to turn back from iniquity and respond to God's covenant love. The prophet's vocation has a strong ethical dimension for Ezekiel. As a moral teacher, he fulfills his responsibility by being a watchman for the people, calling them back to God's covenant relationship. The responsibility is now on the people to respond with open minds and hearts.**

**Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (B)** Most psalms have their origins in Israel's liturgical life focused in temple worship. The refrain from Psalm 95 challenges the people to listen to God's voice and to open, not harden, their hearts to its invitation. The verses selected for this Sunday invite the people to worship, asking them to enter the worship space and attentively listen to God's Word.

**God is depicted as the rock of salvation and the shepherd who guides and protects. God's love is revealed and relied upon without hesitation. Will the people follow through by opening their hearts and minds to God's Word, or will they harden their hearts like some of their ancestors did in the desert? God desires open and faithful hearts. The responsibility to choose correct lives is theirs.**

**Romans 12:8-10** This passage is part of Paul's ethical exhortations to the Romans in the late 50s AD. Paul stresses that we are to "love nothing to surpass love to one another." If we love one another, we will love the law. Love is not above the law; rather, love is the reason why we fulfill the demands of the law. Paul stresses love in all matters of the law, singling out five commandments as examples of how to concretize such love. Such actions would severely affect community relations. Following through on them with love will assure that common relations are guided by the desire to work nothing but good for the other. Love demands that we pay attention to the needs of others while at the same time attend to our own needs. Such attentiveness demands a constant and deliberate literacy of all of us. It calls us to active responsibility in the choices we make, remaining continually attentive to ethical demands.

**Matthew 18:15-20** Matthew has Jesus address the challenges of disagreement and lack of harmony and respect among members of Christ's disciples. Matthew is the only evangelist of the four who speaks of the assembly of Christ's disciples, only to be called as the "assembly of Christ," or "the Church." The passage reads like a manual of Christ's community on how to work toward reconciliation in addressing conflict and conflict among community members. It also addresses how to handle a member who hardens their heart.

**Liturgy Guide**

**Procession**  
Following the collect of the Mass, the priest celebrant picks up the lectionary and reads who would like to participate in the Liturgy of the Word with children to come here gather in the center aisle. The people who will lead the children out and facilitate the Liturgy of the Word also come forward at this time, holding the lectionary so that all can see if celebrant sends the children forth using his own words or the following:

**Prayer:** Children, as you go to listen to God's Word remember what Jesus says today: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus will be with you and help you to go in Jesus' love.

**Centring**  
Continue to sing the song of dismissal that the assembly sang as you left the church. Or sing "Word as a Lamp" (Hatchemond) or "Victoria, Give the Glory" (Hatchemond) or have instrument playing as the children gather in the space for the Liturgy of the Word.

**Prayer:** Place the lectionary on the ambo or lectern. Light the candle placed by the ambo or lectern and then lead the following prayer:

**O heavenly Father,**  
open our hearts to your holy Word and help us to follow Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Children: Amen.**

**First Reading**  
Ezekiel 33:7-9

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (B) Sing the same musical setting that is used in your parish's celebration of the liturgy.

**Second Reading**  
Romans 12:8-10

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Sing the Gospel acclamation used in your parish's celebration of the liturgy.

**Gospel Reading**  
Matthew 18:15-20

**Homily/Reflection**  
**» What is a watchman?**  
In today's first reading, we hear how God made the prophet Ezekiel a "watchman." At that the prophet Ezekiel was alive, people who gathered together in a city would work together in the same community. The city might be surrounded by a wall and a watchman stood on the wall to watch for danger. That person would tell the community know if danger approaching. The danger the community could act to protect itself. The danger the prophet announced, however, was not an attack or something about to intrude into the current danger was wickedness. When Ezekiel saw sin, he had to announce that it was present, perhaps could fight against it. By calling Ezekiel a "watchman," God announced that Ezekiel was able not only for himself but for the whole community, and his job was to announce danger could keep themselves safe. Ezekiel belonged to the people of Israel and they belonged to him. In baptism, we become part of the Body of Christ. We have the responsibility to do it because we belong to one another, we have a responsibility to one another. One way that case of others is by naming the sin we see so that it can be fought against or corrected.

As we try to protect others and keep them safe, how do we do that? We do so with love. We remember what Jesus said about the law, that all of it is fulfilled in these words: "You are your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 13, see Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12; Luke 10:25-28). When we say these words, we name two people who are loved—our neighbor and ourselves.

**Prayer of Faith**

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**Leader:** Grateful for our faith, we now bring our prayers to God. Please respond, "Hear us, O Lord."

**That all members of the Church throughout the world may be free to gather in the name of Jesus, we pray: Hear us, O Lord.**

**That leaders of the world, especially those whose nations are at war, may seek peace through reconciliation, we pray: Hear us, O Lord.**

**That those who seek forgiveness be open to the mercy of God, we pray: Hear us, O Lord.**

**That our parish community may grow in loving kindness toward one another, we pray: Hear us, O Lord.**

**Invite other intercessors from the children, or add intercessions based on the current needs of the Church, the world, the oppressed or marginalized, and the local community. Conclude each of the children's petitions with "we pray" and invite the response "Hear us, O Lord."**

**That those who have died may enter the presence of the Lord with peace and thanksgiving, we pray: Hear us, O Lord.**

**Ever-loving and merciful God,**  
you have brought forgiveness of sin to your faithful through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, your Son...  
May we show the same compassion and mercy to those who have transgressed against us.  
Hear the prayers of your children.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Children: Amen.**  
Quietly return with the children to the main assembly. Be mindful of children having difficulty finding their families.

**Preparation**

As members of the Body of Christ, we recognize our responsibility for pursuing it only for ourselves, but also for one another and for the world. This requires naming the sin, and the initial sin order that it can be corrected. We observe this corporate ability throughout the history of salvation. In particular, the prophet Ezekiel "watchman" for God, and Ezekiel identified the danger of wickedness for the one he led so that a response was possible. We recognize the danger of wickedness as our role of love. When we need to speak aloud, we do so gradually and with respect who needs to hear it.

**Objectives**

- To invite the children to the work of naming and responding to sin in love.
- To offer a three-stage response to conflict resolution as presented by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew.

**Preparation and Materials**

- Read the Sacramental Background, the lectionary readings, and the Scripture Background.
- Bookmark the appropriate readings for page 263 in the lectionary, children's lectionary, or Bible. Place the book in a convenient location for the leader.
- Write the words of dismissal on a card for the priest celebrant.
- Prepare the words of the song the children will sing as they gather in the space for the Liturgy of the Word.
- Select volunteers (older children or adults) to proclaim the readings.
- Display the responsorial psalm refrain lyrics.
- Display the Apostles' or Nicene Creed.
- Prepare intercessions for the prayer of the faithful adapted for the needs of the Church, world, oppressed or marginalized, and local community.

**Prayer Leader Reflection Questions**

» What sin do you see in your world, in your community, or in your heart that became?

» How do you deal with conflict when you have been hurt? When you respond, how can you follow the model of Jesus?

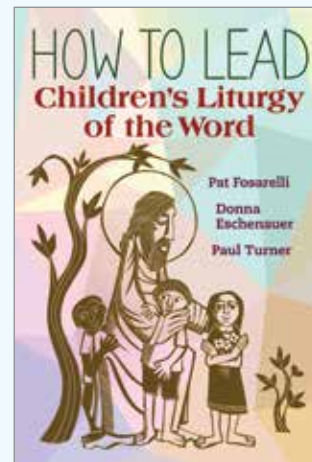
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August 6, 2023

## FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

**LECTIONARY #614A**  
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9  
2 Peter 1:16-19  
Matthew 17:1-9

**Prepare for the Word**  
*The following elements may be used by the catechist, teacher, or youth minister to prepare to facilitate today's session with teens. You may integrate this information into the reflection and discussion on today's readings. The handout for this Sunday's session is found online. Visit [www.ltp.org/lwgr](http://www.ltp.org/lwgr) to access the PDF and JPG files. Send to teens by email or upload to social media before gathering for today's session.*

**Leader's Context**  
In today's Gospel, we find Jesus on a journey with Peter, James, and John. Jesus takes them up a mountain for an experience that will astonish them. While there, they witness an exchange between Jesus, Elijah, and Moses. The disciples are nervous and filled with amazement. At one point, Peter even suggests that they pitch tents and stay on the mountain. As the passage ends, the disciples are still questioning what this event means. We reflect today on the journey of faith, and how Jesus journeys with us as we climb our own mountains. His companionship transforms us and sustains us.

**QFOCUS:** *The journey of faith will take many turns, but the Lord will guide our path.*

**Liturgical Calendar Connection**  
On August 6th, the Church reflects on and celebrates the transfiguration of Jesus. The disciples have an experience that challenges their faith and their understanding of who Jesus is and what his future entails. The transfiguration is a turning point for these three disciples. They are given an experience that reveals more of Jesus' divinity, yet they are also told by Jesus that he will die. For the second

time (the first being at Jesus' baptism), we hear the voice of God naming Jesus as his Son. This feast reminds us of the glory of Christ, both in his transfiguration and in his resurrection.

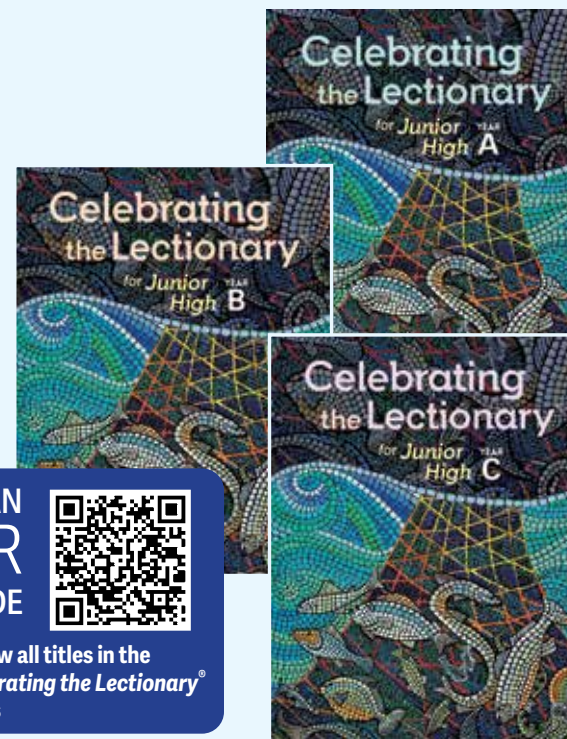
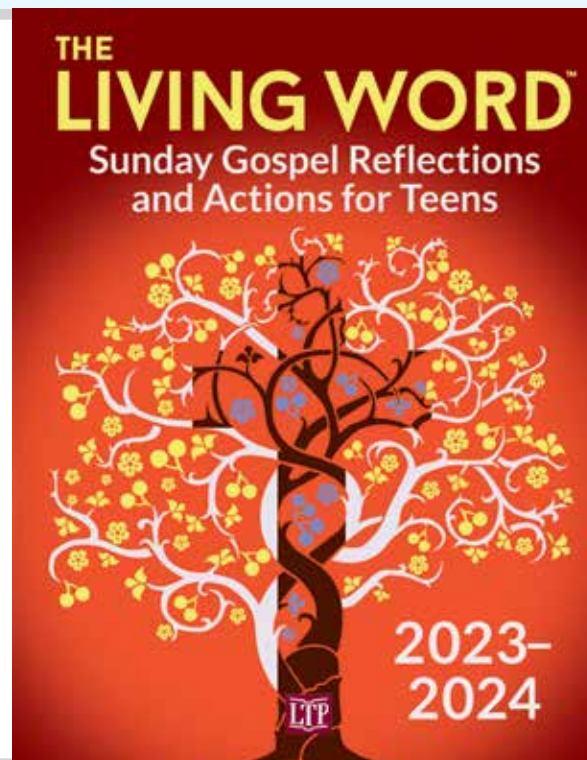
**Church Teaching Connection**  
"The disciples' ascent up Mount Tabor leads us to reflect on the importance of disengaging from worldly matters. . . . It is a matter of being attentive to the careful and prayerful listening of Christ, the beloved Son of the Father, seeking intimate moments of prayer that allow for the docile and joyful welcoming of the Word of God. In this spiritual ascent, in this disengagement from worldly matters, we are called to rediscover the peaceful and regenerative silence of meditating on the Gospel, on the reading of the Bible, which leads to a destination rich in beauty, splendour and joy" (Pope Francis, *Angelus* Message, August 6, 2017).

**Hear the Word**  
*Use this resource, a Lectionary, or a Bible to proclaim the reading. The book should be held reverently or placed on a lectern. If possible, light a candle that is placed near where the Gospel will be proclaimed. Gesture for teens to stand.*

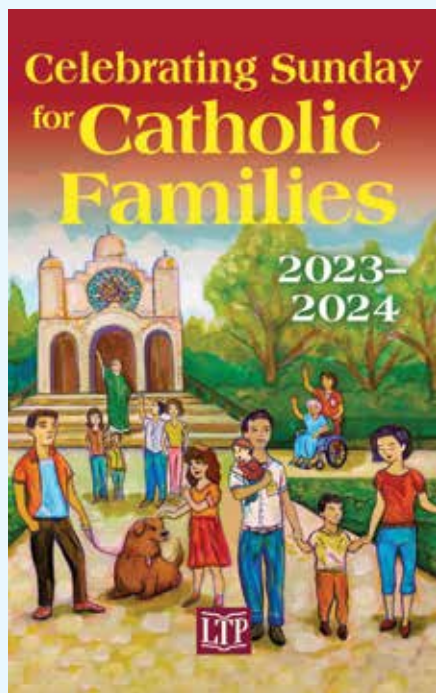
**Gospel Acclamation**  
*Use the same musical setting that is used in your parish or at school Masses. Teens may help with music and proclaim the Gospel.*

**Alleluia, alleluia.**  
*Matthew 17:1-9*

**Gospel**  
**Reader:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.  
*All make the sign of the cross on their forehead, lips, and heart.*  
Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like



# Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2023–2024



October 15, 2023

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Hearing the Word

Matthew 22:1–10

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**  
Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, “Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.” Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, “The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.” The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.”

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### Reflecting on the Word

Have you ever had to prepare invitations for a birthday party or other family event? We send out invitations and hope that those invited will come, because we look forward to gathering with those we love. Today’s Gospel reminds us that the Lord prepares a banquet for us and has invited us to join the feast! Just as we desire to gather with loved ones, the Lord eagerly awaits our coming to him. Ask him to help you respond to his invitation with joy.

### ..... ON THE WAY TO MASS

What are some things that get in the way of seeing God’s invitation in our lives? What worries take our time and attention away from God?

### ON THE WAY HOME FROM MASS .....

Jesus preaches often about the kingdom of God and what life will be like there. Today’s Gospel image of the kingdom is a wedding feast. How do you imagine the kingdom of God? What is it like?

### Living the Word

To receive an invitation is special. How have we been invited into a relationship with God? Who are the people who have been the messengers of this generous invitation? Make a list of the people whose voices and actions invite us to draw closer to God. Write thank-you notes or call them on the phone to thank them for being a witness to the kingdom.

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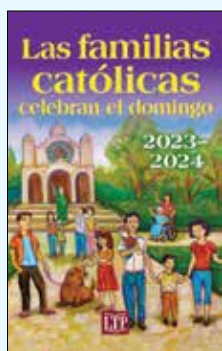
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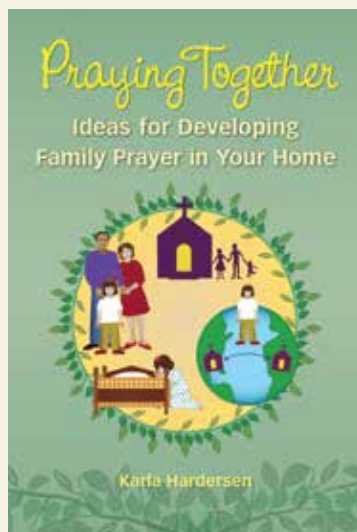
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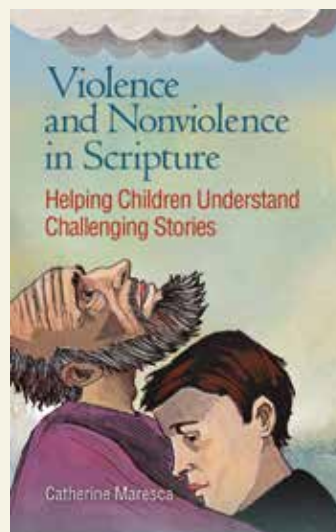


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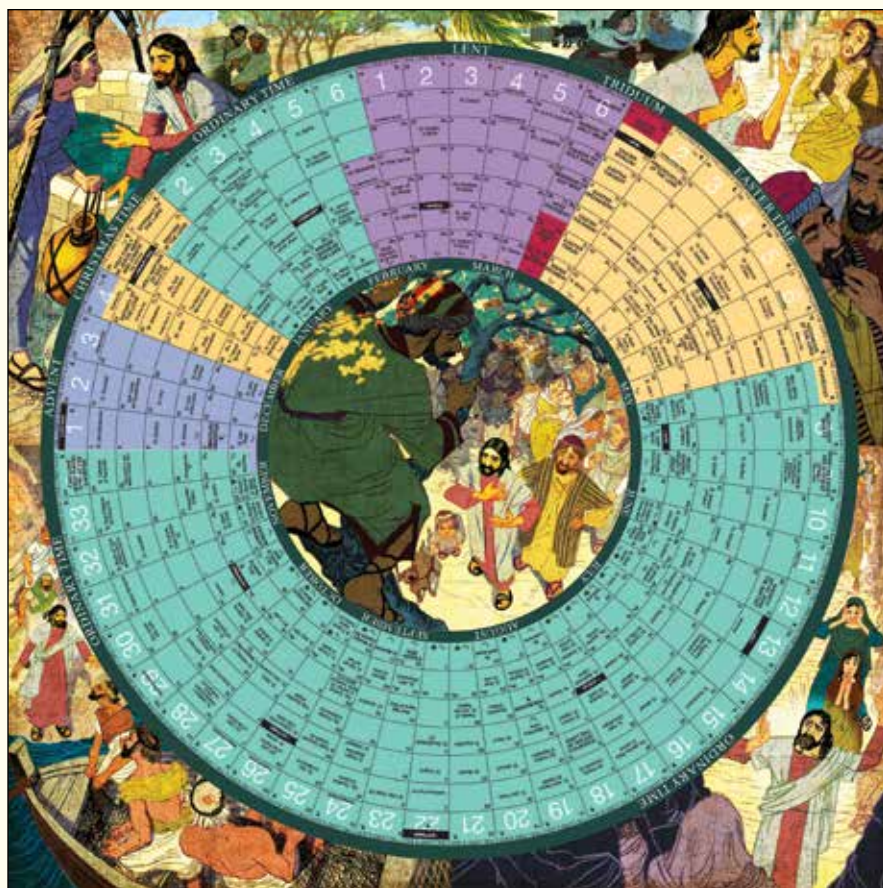
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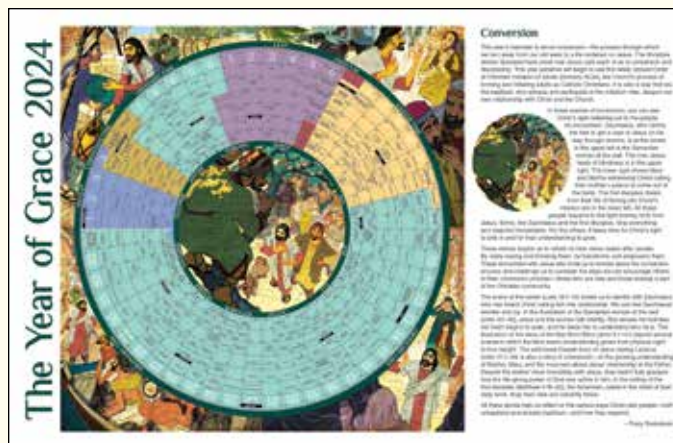
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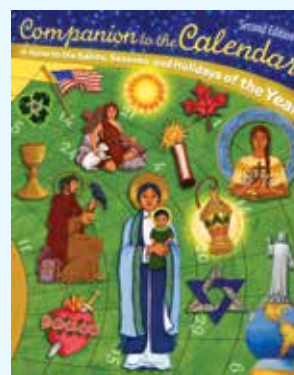
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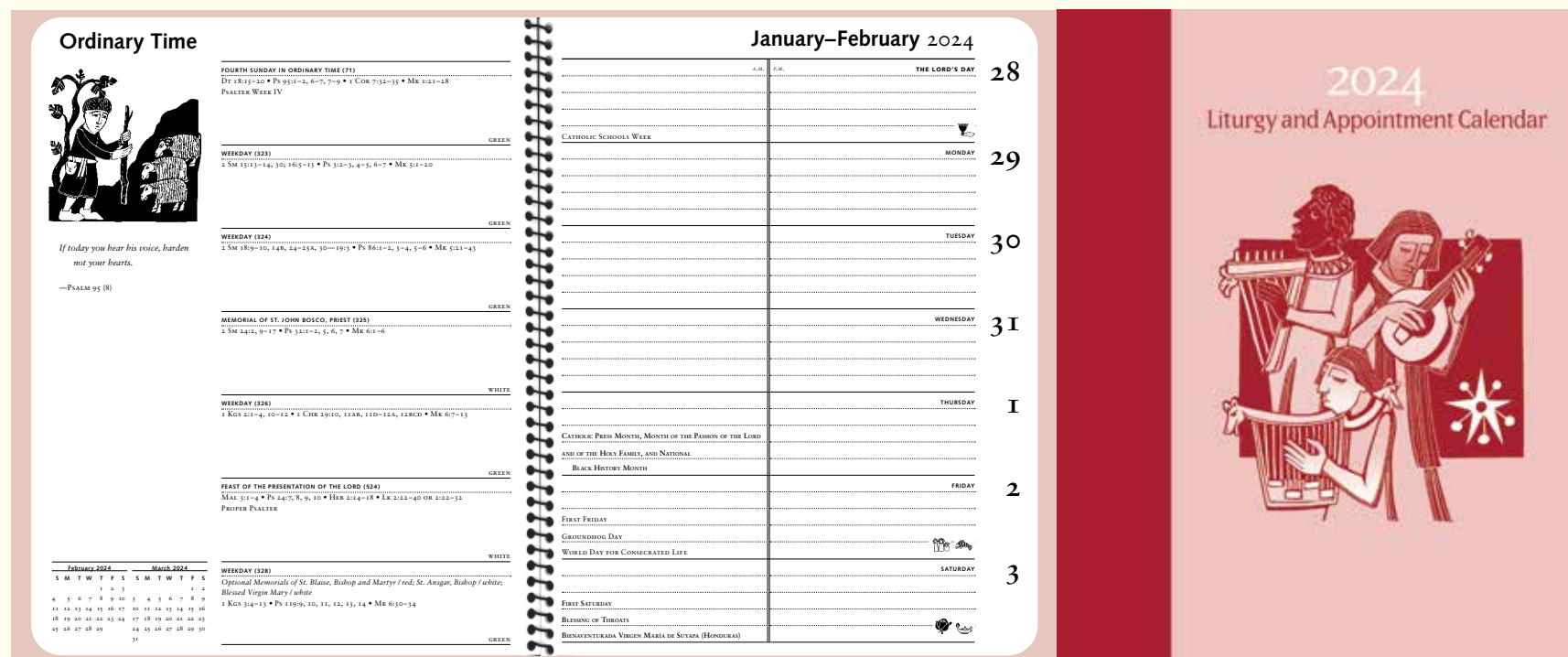
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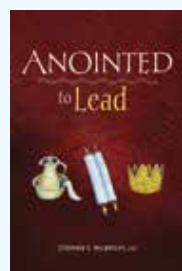
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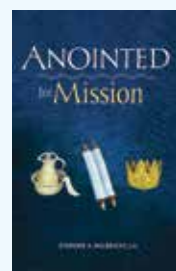
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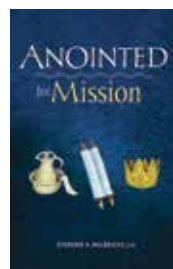
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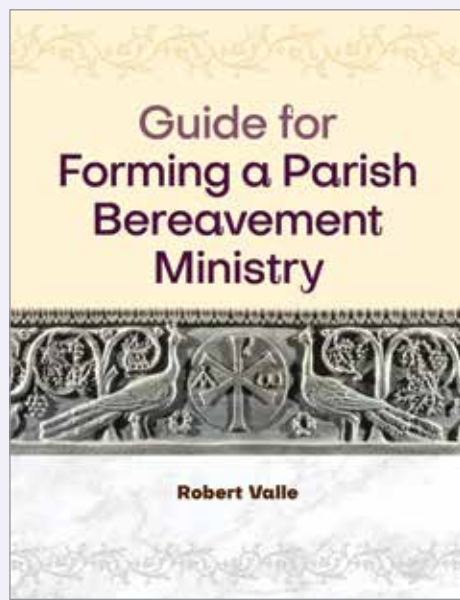
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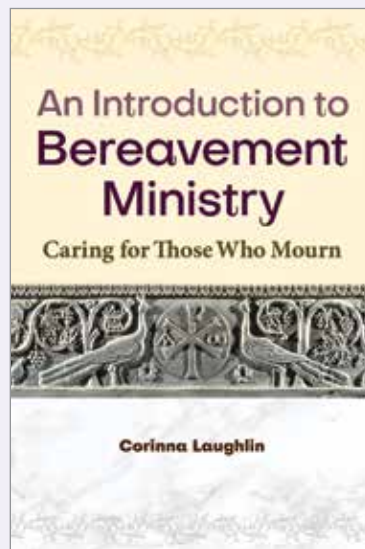
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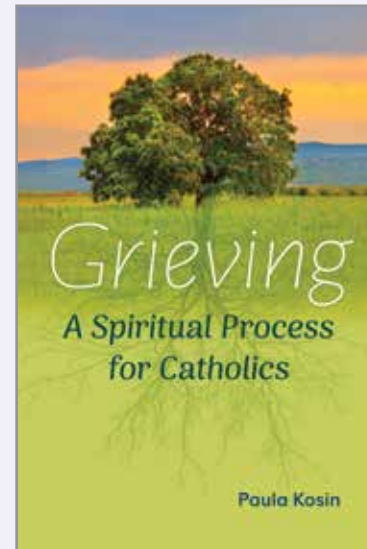


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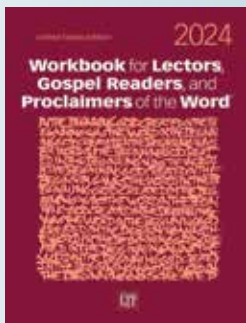


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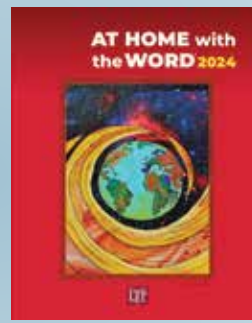
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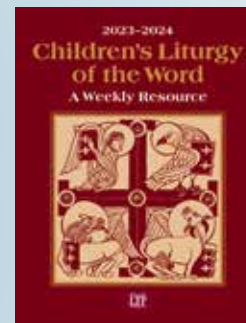
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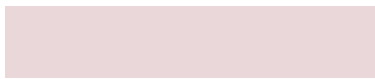
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