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## THURSDAY

## FIRST READING

Year I

For wisdom is the refulgence of eternal light,  
the spotless mirror of the power of God.

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

7:22b—8:1

**I**n Wisdom is a spirit  
intelligent, holy, unique,  
Manifold, subtle, agile,  
clear, unstained, certain,  
Not baneful, loving the good, keen,  
unhampered, beneficent, kindly,  
Firm, secure, tranquil,  
all-powerful, all-seeing,  
And pervading all spirits,  
though they be intelligent, pure and very subtle.  
For Wisdom is mobile beyond all motion,  
and she penetrates and pervades all things by reason of her purity.  
For she is an aura of the might of God  
and a pure effusion of the glory of the Almighty;  
therefore nought that is sullied enters into her.  
For she is the refulgence of eternal light,  
the spotless mirror of the power of God,  
the image of his goodness.  
And she, who is one, can do all things,  
and renews everything while herself perduring;  
And passing into holy souls from age to age,  
she produces friends of God and prophets.  
For there is nought God loves, be it not one who dwells with  
Wisdom.  
For she is fairer than the sun  
and surpasses every constellation of the stars.  
Compared to light, she takes precedence;  
for that, indeed, night supplants,  
but wickedness prevails not over Wisdom.  
Indeed, she reaches from end to end mightily  
and governs all things well.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175

**R.** (89a) Your word is for ever, O Lord.  
**Your word, O LORD, endures forever;  
 it is firm as the heavens.**

**R.** Your word is for ever, O Lord.  
**Through all generations your truth  
 endures;  
 you have established the earth, and  
 it stands firm.**

**R.** Your word is for ever, O Lord.  
**According to your ordinances they still  
 stand firm:  
 all things serve you.**

**R.** Your word is for ever, O Lord.  
**The revelation of your words sheds  
 light,  
 giving understanding to the simple.**

**R.** Your word is for ever, O Lord.  
**Let your countenance shine upon your  
 servant,  
 and teach me your statutes.**

**R.** Your word is for ever, O Lord.  
**Let my soul live to praise you,  
 and may your ordinances help me.**

**R.** Your word is for ever, O Lord.

## ALLELUIA

John 15:5

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.  
**I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord:  
 whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.**

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Years I and II

The Kingdom of God is among you.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 17:20-25

**A**sked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, Jesus said in reply,

**“The coming of the Kingdom of God cannot be observed,  
 and no one will announce, ‘Look, here it is,’ or, ‘There it is.’  
 For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you.”**

**Then he said to his disciples,**

**“The days will come when you will long to see  
 one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it.**

**There will be those who will say to you,  
 ‘Look, there he is,’ or ‘Look, here he is.’**

**Do not go off, do not run in pursuit.**

**For just as lightning flashes  
 and lights up the sky from one side to the other,  
 so will the Son of Man be in his day.**

**But first he must suffer greatly and be rejected by this generation.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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July 18

**Saint Camillus de Lellis,**  
priest

In the United States this memorial is transferred to this date from July 14.

From the Common of Holy Men and Women:  
For Those Who Work for the Underprivileged,  
p. 1472,

OR:

## FIRST READING

We ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John 3:14-18

**B**eloved:  
We know that we have passed  
from death to life  
because we love our brothers.  
Whoever does not love remains in  
death.  
Everyone who hates his brother is a  
murderer,  
and you know that anyone who is a  
murderer  
does not have eternal life remaining  
in him.

The way we came to know love  
was that he laid down his life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives for  
our brothers.

If someone who has worldly means  
sees a brother in need and refuses  
him compassion,  
how can the love of God remain in  
him?

Children, let us love not in word or  
speech  
but in deed and truth.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

112:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7b-8, 9

**R.** (1) Blessed the man who fears  
the Lord.

OR:

**R.** Alleluia.

**Blessed the man who fears the LORD,  
who greatly delights in his com-  
mands.**

**His posterity shall be mighty upon the  
earth;  
the upright generation shall be  
blessed.**

**R.** Blessed the man who fears the  
Lord.

OR:

**R.** Alleluia.

**Wealth and riches shall be in his house;  
his generosity shall endure forever.  
Light shines through the darkness for  
the upright;  
he is gracious and merciful and just.**

**R.** Blessed the man who fears the  
Lord.

OR:

**R.** Alleluia.

**Well for the man who is gracious and  
lends,  
who conducts his affairs with jus-  
tice;**

**He shall never be moved;  
the just one shall be in everlasting  
remembrance.**

**R.** Blessed the man who fears the  
Lord.

OR:

**R.** Alleluia.

**An evil report he shall not fear.  
His heart is firm, trusting in the  
LORD.**

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**His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear  
till he looks down upon his foes.**

**R.** Blessed the man who fears the  
Lord.

**or:**

**R.** Alleluia.

**Lavishly he gives to the poor,  
his generosity shall endure forever;  
his horn shall be exalted in glory.**

**R.** Blessed the man who fears the  
Lord.

**or:**

**R.** Alleluia.

**ALLELUIA**

John 13:34

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

**I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.**

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

**GOSPEL**

You are my friends if you do what I  
command you.

**✠** A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John 15:9-17

**J**esus said to his disciples:  
“As the Father loves me, so I also  
love you.

**Remain in my love.**

**If you keep my commandments, you  
will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father’s com-  
mandments  
and remain in his love.**

**“I have told you this so that my joy  
might be in you  
and your joy might be complete.**

**This is my commandment: love one  
another as I love you.**

**No one has greater love than this,  
to lay down one’s life for one’s  
friends.**

**You are my friends if you do what I  
command you.**

**I no longer call you slaves,  
because a slave does not know what  
his master is doing.**

**I have called you friends,  
because I have told you everything I  
have heard from my Father.**

**It was not you who chose me, but I who  
chose you**

**and appointed you to go and bear  
fruit that will remain,**

**so that whatever you ask the Father  
in my name he may give you.**

**This I command you: love one another.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**602**

July 21

**Saint Lawrence of Brindisi,**  
priest and doctor of the Church

From the Common of Pastors, p. 1433,  
or the Common of Doctors of the Church, p.  
1454,

**OR:**



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## TUESDAY

## FIRST READING

Year II

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference  
to Christ and the Church.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

5:21-33

**B**rothers and sisters:  
**Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.**  
**Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord.**  
**For the husband is head of his wife**  
**just as Christ is head of the Church,**  
**he himself the savior of the Body.**  
**As the Church is subordinate to Christ,**  
**so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything.**  
**Husbands, love your wives,**  
**even as Christ loved the Church**  
**and handed himself over for her to sanctify her,**  
**cleansing her by the bath of water with the word,**  
**that he might present to himself the Church in splendor,**  
**without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,**  
**that she might be holy and without blemish.**  
**So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.**  
**He who loves his wife loves himself.**  
**For no one hates his own flesh**  
**but rather nourishes and cherishes it,**  
**even as Christ does the Church,**  
**because we are members of his Body.**

*For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother  
and be joined to his wife,  
and the two shall become one flesh.*

**This is a great mystery,**  
**but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.**  
**In any case, each one of you should love his wife as himself,**  
**and the wife should respect her husband.**

**The word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

128:1-2, 3, 4-5

**R.** (1a) Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

**Blessed are you who fear the LORD,  
who walk in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your  
handiwork;  
blessed shall you be, and favored.**

**R.** Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

**Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the recesses of your home;  
Your children like olive plants  
around your table.**

**R.** Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

**Behold, thus is the man blessed  
who fears the LORD.  
The LORD bless you from Zion:  
may you see the prosperity of  
Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.**

**R.** Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

## ALLELUIA

See Matthew 11:25

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.**

**R.** Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Years I and II

When it was fully grown, it became a large bush.

**✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

13:18-21

**J**esus said, "What is the Kingdom of God like?  
To what can I compare it?"

**It is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in the garden.  
When it was fully grown, it became a large bush  
and *the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches.*"**

**Again he said, "To what shall I compare the Kingdom of God?"**

**It is like yeast that a woman took  
and mixed in with three measures of wheat flour  
until the whole batch of dough was leavened."**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**ALLELUIA**

Matthew 23:9b, 10b

*R.* Alleluia, alleluia.

**You have but one Father in heaven;  
you have one master, the Christ.**

*R.* Alleluia, alleluia.

**GOSPEL**

The greatest among you must be your servant.

**✠** A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew 23:8-12

**J**esus spoke to the crowds and to his  
disciples:

**“Do not be called ‘Rabbi.’**

**You have but one teacher, and you are  
all brothers.**

**Call no one on earth your father;  
you have but one Father in heaven.**

**Do not be called ‘Master’;  
you have but one master, the Christ.**

**The greatest among you must be your  
servant.**

**Whoever exalts himself will be hum-  
bled;**

**but whoever humbles himself will  
be exalted.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**601**

**July 16**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

From the Common of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, p. 1399,

**OR:**

**FIRST READING**

Rejoice, O daughter of Zion!  
See, I am coming.

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet  
Zechariah 2:14-17**

**S**ing and rejoice, O daughter  
Zion!

**See, I am coming to dwell among  
you, says the LORD.**

**Many nations shall join themselves  
to the LORD on that day,  
and they shall be his people,  
and he will dwell among you,  
and you shall know that the  
LORD of hosts has sent me to  
you.**

**The LORD will possess Judah as his  
portion in the holy land,  
and he will again choose Jeru-  
salem.**

**Silence, all, in the presence of the  
LORD!**

**for he stirs forth from his holy  
dwelling.**

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Luke 1:46-47, 48-49, 50-51, 52-53, 54-55

*R.* (49) The Almighty has done great  
things for me, and holy is his  
Name.

**or:**

*R.* O Blessed Virgin Mary, you car-  
ried the Son of the eternal Father.

**“My soul proclaims the greatness of the  
Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.”**

*R.* The Almighty has done great  
things for me, and holy is his  
Name.

**or:**

*R.* O Blessed Virgin Mary, you car-  
ried the Son of the eternal Father.

**“For he has looked with favor on his  
lowly servant.**

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**From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.”**

*R.* The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

**or:**

*R.* O Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.

**“He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.”**

*R.* The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

**or:**

*R.* O Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.

**“He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.”**

*R.* The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

**or:**

*R.* O Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.

**“He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.”**

*R.* The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

**or:**

*R.* O Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.

**ALLELUIA**

Luke 11:28

*R.* Alleluia, alleluia.

**Blessed are those who hear the word of God  
and observe it.**

*R.* Alleluia, alleluia.

**GOSPEL**

Stretching out his hands toward his disciples,  
he said,  
“Here are my mother and my brothers.”



**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew** 12:46-50

**W**hile Jesus was speaking to the crowds,  
his mother and his brothers  
appeared outside,  
wishing to speak with him.

Someone told him, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside,  
asking to speak with you.”

But he said in reply to the one who told him,  
“Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?”

And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said,

“Here are my mother and my brothers.

For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father  
is my brother, and sister, and mother.”

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### READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

#### FIRST OPTION

I will take you away from among the nations.

I will give you a new heart.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

36:24-

28

**T**hus says the Lord GOD:

**I will take you away from among the nations,  
gather you from all the foreign lands,  
and bring you back to your own land.**

**I will sprinkle clean water upon you  
to cleanse you from all your impurities,  
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.**

**I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you,  
taking from your bodies your stony hearts  
and giving you natural hearts.**

**I will put my spirit within you and make you live by my statutes,  
careful to observe my decrees.**

**You shall live in the land I gave your ancestors;  
you shall be my people, and I will be your God.**

**The word of the Lord.**

## SECOND OPTION

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel

3:1a-

5

**T**hus says the LORD:

**I will pour out  
my Spirit upon all flesh.  
Your sons and daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
your young men shall see visions;  
Even upon the servants and the handmaids,  
in those days, I will pour out my Spirit.  
And I will work wonders in the heavens and on the earth,  
blood, fire, and columns of smoke;  
The sun will be turned to darkness,  
and the moon to blood,  
At the coming of the day of the LORD,  
the great and terrible day.  
Then everyone shall be rescued  
who calls upon the name of the LORD;  
For on Mount Zion there shall be a remnant,  
as the LORD has said,  
And in Jerusalem survivors  
whom the LORD shall call.**

**The word of the Lord.**

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## READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in different tongues.

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

2:1-

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**W**hen the time for Pentecost was fulfilled,  
they were all in one place together.  
And suddenly there came from the sky  
a noise like a strong driving wind,  
and it filled the entire house in which they were.  
Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,  
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.  
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in different tongues,  
as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews  
from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem.  
At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd,  
but they were confused  
because each one heard them speaking in his own language.  
They were astounded, and in amazement they asked,  
“Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans?  
Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language?  
We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites,  
inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,  
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,  
Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene,  
as well as travelers from Rome,  
both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs,  
yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues  
of the mighty acts of God.”

**The word of the Lord.**

**2**

Consider yourselves dead to sin but alive to God.

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

6:2-4, 12-14

**B**rothers and sisters:

**How can we who died to sin yet live in it?**

**Or are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus  
were baptized into his death?**

**We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,  
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might live in newness of life.**

**Therefore, sin must not reign over your mortal bodies  
so that you obey their desires.**

**And do not present the parts of your bodies to sin  
as weapons for wickedness,  
but present yourselves to God as raised from the dead to life  
and the parts of your bodies to God as weapons for righteous-  
ness.**

**For sin is not to have any power over you,  
since you are not under the law but under grace.**

**The word of the Lord.**