

## SUNDAY MASS

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 31:7-9.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 126.

### RESPONSE:

What great deeds the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed, we were glad.

1. When the Lord brought back the exiles of Sion, we thought we were dreaming.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;  
on our tongues, songs of joy. **R**
2. Then the nations themselves said,  
'What great deeds the Lord worked for them!  
What great deeds the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed, we were glad. **R**
3. Bring back our exiles, O Lord,  
as streams in the south,  
those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **R**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
bearing seed for the sowing;  
they come back, they come back with a song,  
bearing their sheaves. **R**

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 10:46-52.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help, and exult in the name of our God.



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## THE WEEK AHEAD

# Live the Word

### Mon 25 Oct Liturgy of the Day

Romans 8:12-17; Psalm 68; Luke 13:10-17

As children we learn how to do things when someone else has done those things for us, but our ability to imitate God takes a lot more. It takes trust – trust that we are wanted, loved and held as God's children.

### Tue 26 Oct Liturgy of the Day

Romans 8:18-25; Psalm 126; Luke 13:18-21

If we love selflessly and unconditionally (in any relationship), respect flows freely, which generates more love, which generates more respect and so on. This results in an endless cycle of reciprocity and ease.

### Wed 27 Oct Liturgy of the Day

Romans 8:26-30; Psalm 13; Luke 13:22-30

"You can choose to live your losses as passages to anger, blame, hatred, depression and resentment, or you choose to let these losses be passages to something new, something wider, and deeper." (Henri Nouwen)

### Thu 28 Oct SS SIMON & JUDE, A

Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 19; Luke 6:12-19

Jesus... spent the night in prayer to God. "Contemplation is nothing else but a secret, peaceful, and loving infusion of God, which, if admitted, will set the soul on fire with the Spirit of love." (St John of the Cross)

### Fri 29 Oct Liturgy of the Day

Romans 9:1-5; Psalm 147; Luke 14:1-6

Be patient. It takes time for awareness of God to grow in us. And it does grow when we come to God often in silent, persistent and hopeful prayer. Lord, help me to be more aware of your presence within me.

### Sat 30 Oct Liturgy of the Day

Romans 11:1-2.11-12.25-29; Psalm 94; Luke 14:1.7-11

Our faith is not merely lived interiorly. It must be expressed exteriorly – often in small ways – like kindness, honesty, compassion, forgiveness and patience. We do this because we are followers of Jesus. Can others tell?

### Sun 31 Oct 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Psalm 18; Mark 12:28-34

The gospels remind us time and again that the primary purpose of healing is that God is glorified. When asking God for any kind of personal healing let us remember this.

(KEY: **SOLEMNITY**; **FEAST**; Memorial; (Optional Memorial) A=Apostle)

# Catholic Link

## BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

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Divine Office: Week II • 24 October 2021

# Religion at the Service of Fraternity

It is public knowledge that Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, in the lead-up to the conclave that eventually elected him pope, offered a powerful metaphor of the current state of the Church. He recalled the famous painting of Jesus standing at a door knocking and waiting to be let in. Today, however, said the soon-to-be Pope Francis, Jesus is on the inside knocking to be let out.

This is precisely the challenge he puts to us in the final sections of *Fratelli Tutti*. Naturally he has in mind the Church's task of evangelisation and service to humanity, but Pope Francis adds something else – inspired by the vision of Vatican Council II – that while going out we also need to grasp the hands of other faiths in a common quest to bring people together to build global community. If religions cannot meet each other in mutual respect and fraternity, then how can they expect humanity to do so? The means to this which Pope Francis recommends brings us back to his watchword: dialogue!

Dialogue between the followers of different religions does not take place simply for the sake of diplomacy or tolerance.

In the words of the Bishops of India, "the goal of dialogue is to establish friendship, peace and harmony, and to share spiritual and moral values and experiences in a spirit of truth and love".

The religions of the world, says Pope Francis, have a unique and urgent task: to remind humanity of transcendent truth. Without a sense of God there is no sure principle for just relations between people. We would fall deeper

into the original sin of humanity – in the figures of Adam and Eve – who tried to "play God". Says the pope, "If one does not acknowledge transcendent truth, then the force of power takes over, and each person imposes their own interests or opinion, with no regard for the rights of others." This leads to the idolatry of the self and the idolatry of the powerful.

In a word, the Church needs to go out to the world in all its ambiguities and tilted structures. It cannot restrict its mission to the private sphere. It cannot remain on the sidelines. And it must not fail to "reawaken the spiritual energy", as Pope Francis puts it, that can contribute to the betterment of society. This is not party politics. It is the Church's prophetic mission to draw constant attention to "the common good", that is, to integral human development. In doing so, the Church does not align herself with earthly powers, but she must take the hands of people of other faiths in a common quest to reawaken the sense of the transcendent, without which global fraternity would be impossible.

Using the metaphor mentioned above, Pope Francis concludes: "The

Church is a home with open doors, because she is a mother. And in imitation of Mary, the mother of Jesus, we want to be a Church that serves, that leaves home and goes forth from its places of worship, goes forth from its sacristies, in order to accompany life, to sustain hope, to be the sign of unity, to build bridges, to break down walls, to sow seeds of reconciliation".

