

Monday-Saturday—15th to 20th August 2022

20th Week in Ordinary Time- Year 2

MONDAY

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

The Glory to God in the highest is said.

FIRST READING: Rev 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: The Queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 15:20-26

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of

the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!
Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 1:39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations will
call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those
who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their thrones
and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the
rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant,
mindful of his mercy
– according to the promise he made to our
ancestors –
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants
for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.**

TUESDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **Turn your eyes, O God, Our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

READING: *Ezekiel 28: 1-10*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, tell the ruler of Tyre, "The Lord says this:

Being swollen with pride, you have said: I am a god; I am sitting on the throne of God, surrounded by the seas.

Though you are a man and not a god you consider yourself the equal of God.

You are wiser now than Daniel; there is no sage as wise as you.

By your wisdom and your intelligence you have amassed great wealth; you have piles of gold and Silver inside your treasures-houses.

Such is your skill in trading, your wealth has continued to increase, and with this your heart had grown more arrogant. And so, the Lord says this:

Since you consider yourself the equal of God, very well, I am going to bring foreigners against you, the most barbarous of the nations.

They will draw sword against your fine wisdom, they will defile your glory;

they will throw you down into the pit and you will die a violent death surrounded by the seas.

Are you still going to say: I am a god, when your murderers confront you?

No, you are a man and not a god in the clutches of your murderers! You will die like the uncircumcised at the hand of foreigners.

For I have spoken – it is the Lord who speaks."'

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **It is I who deal death and give life.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mt 19:23-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'I tell you solemnly, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Yes, I tell you again, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.' When the disciples heard this they were astonished. 'Who can be saved, then?' they said. Jesus gazed at them. 'For

men' he told them 'this is impossible; for God everything is possible.'

Then Peter spoke. 'What about us?' he said to him. 'We have left everything and followed you. What are we to have, then?' Jesus said to him, 'I tell you solemnly, when all is made new and the Son of Man sits on his throne of glory, you will yourselves sit on twelve thrones to judge the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, children or land for the sake of my name will be repaid a hundred times over, and also inherit eternal life.

'Many who are first will be last, and the last, first.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.**

WEDNESDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **Turn your eyes, O God, Our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

READING: *Ezekiel 34:1-11*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them, "Shepherds, the Lord says this: Trouble for the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Shepherds ought to feed their flock, yet you have fed on milk, you have dressed yourselves in wool, you have sacrificed the fattest sheep, but failed to feed the flock. You have failed to make weak sheep strong, or to care for the sick ones, or bandage the wounded ones. You have failed to bring back strays or look for the lost. On the contrary, you have ruled them cruelly and violently. For lack of a shepherd they have scattered, to become the prey of any wild animal; they have scattered far. My flock is straying this way and that, on mountains and on high hills; my flock has been scattered all over the country; no one bothers about them and no one looks for them.

"Well then, shepherds, hear the word of the Lord. As I live, I swear it – it is the Lord who speaks – since my flock has been looted and for lack of a shepherd is now the prey of any wild animal, since my shepherds have stopped bothering about my flock, since my shepherds feed themselves rather than my flock, in view of all this, shepherds, hear the word of the Lord. The Lord says this: I am going to call the shepherds to account. I am going to take my flock back from them and I shall not allow them to feed my flock. In this way the shepherds will stop feeding themselves. I shall rescue my sheep from their mouths; they will not prey on them any more."

'For the Lord says this: "I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view."

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

THURSDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your eyes, O God, Our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

READING: Ezekiel 36:23-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: I mean to display the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned among them. And the nations will learn that I am the Lord – it is the Lord who speaks – when I display my holiness for your sake before their eyes. Then I am going to take you from among the nations and gather you together from all the foreign countries, and bring you home to your own land. I shall pour clean water over you and you will be cleansed; I shall cleanse you of all your

defilement and all your idols. I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead. I shall put my spirit in you, and make you keep my laws and sincerely respect my observances. You will live in the land which I gave your ancestors. You shall be my people and I will be your God.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and the elders of the people in parables. ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son’s wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. “Tell those who have been invited” he said “that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.” But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.” So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, “How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?” And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

The Gospel of the Lord

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FRIDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your eyes, O God, Our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was laid on me, and he carried me away by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley, a valley full of bones. He made

me walk up and down among them. There were vast quantities of these bones on the ground the whole length of the valley; and they were quite dried up. He said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'You know, Lord.' He said, 'Prophecy over these bones. Say, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. The Lord says this to these bones: I am now going to make the breath enter you, and you will live. I shall put sinews on you, I shall make flesh grow on you. I shall cover you with skin and give you breath, and you will live; and you will learn that I am the Lord."' I prophesied as I had been ordered. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a sound of clattering; and the bones joined together. I looked, and saw that they were covered with sinews; flesh was growing on them and skin was covering them, but there was no breath in them. He said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man. Say to the breath, "The Lord says this: Come from the four winds, breathe on these dead; let them live!"' I prophesied as he had ordered me, and the breath entered them; they came to life again and stood up on their feet, a great, an immense army.

Then he said, 'Son of man, these bones are the whole House of Israel. They keep saying, "Our bones are dried up, our hope has gone; we are as good as dead." So prophecy. Say to them, "The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks."'

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Teach me your paths, my God, and lead me in your truth. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Mt 22:34-40*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

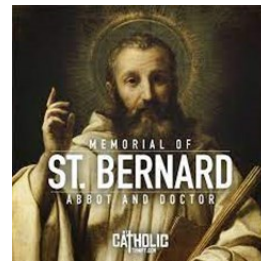
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COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.**

SATURDAY

Memorial of St Bernard, abbot, doctor



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **Filled by the Lord with a spirit of understanding, blessed Bernard ministered streams of clear teaching.**

READING: *Sir 15:1-6*

Whoever fears the Lord will act like this, and whoever grasps the Law will obtain wisdom. She will come to meet him like a mother, and receive him like a virgin bride. She will give him the bread of understanding to eat, and the water of wisdom to drink. He will lean on her and will not fall, he will rely on her and not be put to shame. She will raise him high above his neighbours, and in full assembly she will open his mouth. He will find happiness and a crown of joy, he will inherit an everlasting name.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **Lord, teach me your decrees.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Remain in my love, says the Lord all who live in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Jn 17:20-26*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:

'Holy Father, I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe that it was you who sent me.

I have given them the glory you gave to me, that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you loved me.

Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, so that they may always see the glory you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Father, Righteous One, the world has not known you, but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me.

I have made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **As the Father loves me, so I also love you; remain in my love, says the Lord.**