

Monday-Saturday—11th to 16th July 2022

15th Week in Ordinary Time- Year 2

MONDAY

Mass of the Day
(Alternative Readings used)



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: There was a man of venerable life, Benedict, blessed by grace and by name, who, leaving home and patrimony and desiring to please God alone, sought out the habit of holy living.

READING: *Prov 2:1-9*

My son, if you take my words to heart, if you set store by my commandments, tuning your ear to wisdom, and applying your heart to truth: yes, if your plea is for clear perception, if you cry out for discernment, if you look for it as if it were silver, and search for it as for buried treasure, you will then understand what the fear of the Lord is, and discover the knowledge of God. For the Lord himself is giver of wisdom, from his mouth issue knowledge and discernment. He keeps his help for honest men, he is the shield of those whose ways are honourable; he stands guard over the paths of justice, he keeps watch on the way of his devoted ones.

Then you will understand what virtue is, justice, and fair dealing, all paths that lead to happiness.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mt 19:27-29*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. Peter spoke to Jesus. 'What about us?' he said. '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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

TUESDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

READING: *Is 7:1-9*

In the reign of Ahaz son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Razon the king of Afam went up against Jerusalem with Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel, to lay siege to it; but he was unable to capture it.

The news was brought to the House of David. 'Aram,' they said, 'has reached Ephraim.' Then the heart of the king and the hearts of the people shuddered as the trees of the forest shudder in front of the wind. The Lord said to Isaiah, 'Go with your son Shear-jashub, and meet Ahaz at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the Fuller's Field road, and say to him:

"Pay attention, keep calm, have no fear, do not let your heart sink because of these two smouldering stumps of firebrands, or because Aram, Ephraim and the son of Remaliah have plotted to ruin you, and have

said: Let us invade Judah and terrorise it
and seize it for ourselves,
and set up a king there,
the son of Tabeel.

The Lord says this:

It shall not come true; it shall not be.

The capital of Aram is Damascus,
the head of Damascus, Razon;
the capital of Ephraim, Samaria,
the head of Samaria, the son of Remaliah.

Six or five years more
and shattered Ephraim shall no longer be a
people.

But if you do not stand by me,
you will not stand at all.”

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **God upholds his city for ever.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

GOSPEL: *Mt 11:20-24*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus began to reproach the towns in which most
of his miracles had been worked, because they
refused to repent.

‘Alas for you, Chorazin! Alas for you, Bethsaida!
For if the miracles done in you had been done in
Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long
ago in sackcloth and ashes. And still, I tell you that
it will not go as hard on Judgement day with Tyre
and Sidon as with you. And as for you,
Capernaum, did you want to be exalted as high as
heaven? You shall be thrown down to hell. For if
the miracles done in you had been done in
Sodom, it would have been standing yet. And still,
I tell you that it will not go as hard with the land
of Sodom on Judgement day as with you.’

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **The sparrow finds a
home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by
your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my
God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.**

WEDNESDAY
Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **As for me, in justice I
Shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the
Vision of your glory.**

FIRST READING: *Is 10:5-7. 13-16.*

The Lord of hosts says this:

‘Woe to Assyria, the rod of my anger,
the club brandished by me in my fury!

I sent him against a godless nation;
I gave him commission against a people that
provokes me,
to pillage and to plunder freely
and to stamp down like the mud in the streets.
But he did not intend this,
his heart did not plan it so.
No, in his heart was to destroy,
to go on cutting nations to pieces without
limit.’

For he has said:

‘By the strength of my own arm I have done
This and by my own intelligence, for
understanding is mine;

I have pushed back the frontiers of peoples
and plundered their treasures.
I have brought their inhabitants down to the
dust.

As if they were a bird’s nest, my hand has
Seized the riches of the peoples.

As people pick up deserted eggs
I have picked up the whole earth,
with not a wing fluttering,
not a beak opening, not a chirp.’

Does the axe claim more credit than the man
who wields it,
or the saw more strength than the man who
handles it?

It would be like the cudgel controlling the man
who raises it,

or the club moving what is not made of wood!
And so the Lord of hosts is going to send
a wasting sickness on his stout warriors;
beneath his plenty, a burning will burn
like a consuming fire.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **The Lord will not abandon his people.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

GOSPEL: *Mt 11:25-27*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of
heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from
the learned and the clever and revealing them to
mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it
pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted
to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son
except the Father, just as no one knows the
Father except the Son and those to whom the Son
chooses to reveal him.’

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THURSDAY
Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the Vision of your glory.

READING: *Is 26:7-9. 12. 16-19*

The path of the upright man is straight, you smooth the way of the upright. Following the path of your judgements, we hoped in you, Lord, your name, your memory are all my soul desires. At night my soul longs for you and my spirit in me seeks for you; when your judgements appear on earth the inhabitants of the world learn the meaning of integrity. Lord, you are giving us peace, since you treat us as our deeds deserve. Distressed, we search for you, Lord; the misery of oppression was your punishment for us. As a woman with child near her time writhes and cries out in her pangs, so are we, O Lord, in your presence: we have conceived, we writhe as if we were giving birth; we have not given the spirit of salvation to the earth, no more inhabitants of the world are born. Your dead will come to life, their corpses will rise; awake, exult, all you who lie in the dust, for your dew is a radiant dew and the land of ghosts will give birth.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: From heaven the Lord looks down on the earth.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mt 11:28-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus exclaimed: 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

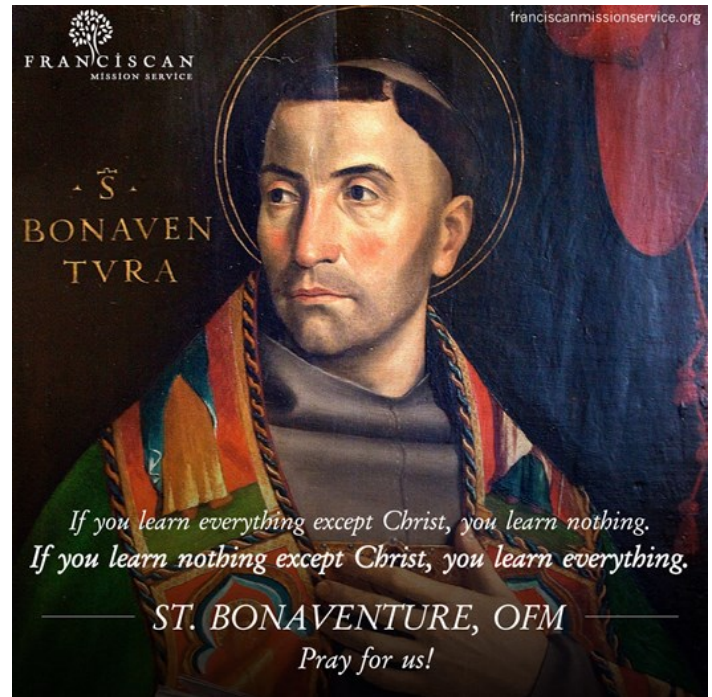
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FRIDAY

*Memorial of St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor
(Alternative Readings used)*



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I will look after my sheep, says the Lord, and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and I, the Lord, will be their God

READING: *Eph 3:14-19*

This is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name:

Out of his infinite glory, may he give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; until, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Lord, teach me your decrees.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mt 23:8-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus said to his disciples: 'You must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts

himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: It was not you who chose me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last

SATURDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the Vision of your glory.

READING: *Micah 2:1-5*

Woe to those who plot evil,
who lie in bed planning mischief!
No sooner is it dawn than they do it.
– their hands have the strength for it.
Seizing the fields that they covet,
they take over houses as well,
owner and house they confiscate together,
taking both man and inheritance.
So the Lord says this:
Now it is I who plot
such mischief against this breed
as your necks will not escape;
nor will you be able to walk proudly,
so evil will the time be.
On that day they will make a satire on you,
sing a dirge and say,
'We are stripped of everything;
my people's portion is measured out and shared,
no one will give back to them,
our fields are awarded to our despoiler.'
Therefore you will have no one
to measure out a share
in the community of the Lord.
The Word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **Do not forget the poor, O Lord!**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mt 12:14-21*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The Pharisees went out and began to plot against Jesus, discussing how to destroy him.

Jesus knew this and withdrew from the district.

Many followed him and he cured them all, but warned them not to make him known. This was to fulfil the prophecy of Isaiah:

Here is my servant whom I have chosen,
my beloved, the favourite of my soul.
I will endow him with my spirit,
and he will proclaim the true faith to the nations.

He will not brawl or shout,
nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets.
He will not break the crushed reed,
nor put out the smouldering wick
till he has led the truth to victory:
in his name the nations will put their hope.

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A "Welcome Back" Message to our School Children

**We welcome back our School
Children to the start of
Term 3.**

**We hope you had a good
vacation and have returned
feeling refreshed and
energised for another term at
school.**

Fr Siby John