

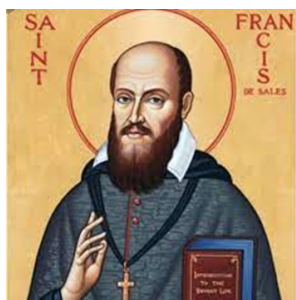
Monday-Saturday, 24th-29th Jan 2022

Third Week in Ordinary Time - Year C

MONDAY

Memorial of St Francis de Sales

(Alternative Readings used for this Memorial)



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: Ephesians 3:8-12.

I, who am less than the least of all the saints, have been entrusted with this special grace, not only of proclaiming to the pagans the infinite treasure of Christ but also of explaining how the mystery is to be dispersed. Through the ages, this has been kept hidden in God, the creator of everything. Why? So that the Sovereignities and Powers should learn only now, through the Church, how comprehensive God's wisdom really is, exactly according to the plan which he had from all eternity in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is why we are bold enough to approach God in complete confidence, through our faith in him.

PSALM: The mouths of the just murmur wisdom.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my

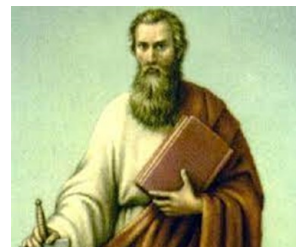
friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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.

TUESDAY

Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

(Alternative Readings used for this Memorial)



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I know the one in whom I have believed and I am sure that he, the just judge, the mighty, will keep safe what is my due until that day.

FIRST READING: Acts 22:3-16

Paul said to the people, 'I am a Jew and was born at Tarsus in Cilicia. I was brought up here in this city.

I studied under Gamaliel and was taught the exact observance of the Law of our ancestors. In fact, I was as full of duty towards God as you are today. I even persecuted this Way to the death, and sent women as well as men to prison in chains as the high priest and the whole council of elders can testify, since they even sent me with letters to their brothers in Damascus. When I set off it was with the intention of bringing prisoners back from there to Jerusalem for punishment.

'I was on that journey and nearly at Damascus when about midday a bright light from heaven suddenly shone round me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" I answered: Who are you, Lord? and he said to me, "I am Jesus the Nazarene, and you are persecuting me." The people with me saw the light but did not hear his voice as he spoke to me. I said: What am I to do, Lord? The Lord answered, "Stand up and go into Damascus, and there you will be told what you have been appointed to do."

The light had been so dazzling that I was blind and my companions had to take me by the hand; and so I came to Damascus.

'Someone called Ananias, a devout follower of the Law and highly thought of by all the Jews living there, came to see me; he stood beside me and said, "Brother Saul, receive your sight." Instantly my sight came back and I was able to see him. Then he said, "The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will, to see the Just One and hear his own voice speaking, because you are to be his witness before all mankind, testifying to what you have seen and heard. And now why delay? It is time you were baptised and had your sins washed away while invoking his name."

PSALM: Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!
I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will last.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Mark 16:15-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I live by faith in the Son of God, who has loved me and given himself up for me.

WEDNESDAY

Australia Day



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I will praise you, Lord among the peoples, among the nations sing psalms to you, for your mercy reaches to the heavens, and your truth to the skies.

The Gloria is said.

FIRST READING: Is 32:15-18

Once more there will be poured on us the spirit from above; then shall the wilderness be fertile land and fertile land become forest.

In the wilderness justice will come to live and integrity in the fertile land; integrity will bring peace, justice give lasting security. My people will live in a peaceful home, in safe houses, in quiet dwellings.

PSALM: The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called children of God. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Mt 5:2-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to speak to the crowds. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor

in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage; Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy are those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, my soul, and never forget his benefits.

THURSDAY

Sts Timothy and Titus

(Standard Mass of the day readings used)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

READING: *2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29*

After Nathan had spoken to David, the King went in and, seated before the Lord, said:

'Who am I, Lord, and what is my House, that you have led me as far as this? Yet in your sight, Lord, this is still not far enough, and you make your promises extend to the House of your servant for a far-distant future. You have constituted your people Israel to be your own people for ever; and you, Lord, have become their God. Now, Lord, always keep the promise you have made your servant and his House, and do as you have said. Your name will be exalted for ever and men will say, "The Lord of hosts is God over Israel." The House of your servant David will be made secure in your presence, since you yourself, Lord of hosts, God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, "I will build you a House;" hence your servant has ventured to offer this prayer to you. Yes, Lord, you are God indeed, your words are true and you have made this fair promise to your servant. Be pleased, then, to bless the House of your servant, that it may continue for ever in your presence; for you, Lord, have spoken; and with your blessing the House of your servant will be for ever blessed.'

PSALM: God will give him the throne of David, his father.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mark 4:21-25*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Would you bring in a lamp to put it under a tub or under the bed? Surely you will put it on the lamp-stand? For there is nothing hidden but it must be disclosed, nothing kept secret except to be brought to light. If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen to this.'

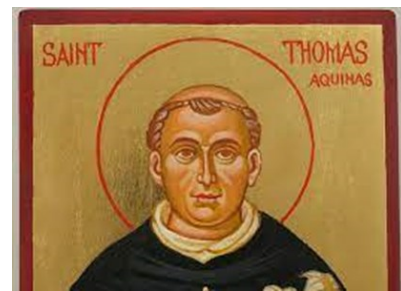
He also said to them, 'Take notice of what you are hearing. The amount you measure out is the amount you will be given – and more besides; for the man who has will be given more; from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

FRIDAY

Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas

(Alternative Readings used for this Memorial)



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; your holy ones shall ring out their joy.

READING: *Wisdom 7:7-10, 15-16*

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud.

I love her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. May God grant me to speak as he would wish and express thoughts worthy of his gifts, since he himself is the guide of Wisdom, since he directs the sages. We are indeed in his hand, we ourselves and our words, with all our understanding, too, and technical knowledge.

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: *Mathew 23:8-12*

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.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen, I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property.

SATURDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING: *2 Sam 12:1-7, 10-17*

The Lord sent Nathan the prophet to David. He came to him and said;

'In the same town were two men, one rich, the other poor.

The rich man had flocks and herds in great abundance;

the poor man had nothing but a ewe lamb, one only, a small one he had bought.

This he fed, and it grew up with him and his children,

eating his bread, drinking from his cup, sleeping on his breast; it was like a daughter to him.

When there came a traveller to stay the rich man

refused to take one of his own flock or herd to provide for the wayfarer who had come to him.

Instead he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for his guest.'

David's anger flared up against the man. 'As the Lord lives,' he said to Nathan 'the man who did this deserves to die! He must make fourfold restitution for the lamb, for doing such a thing and showing no compassion.'

Then Nathan said to David, 'You are the man. So now the sword will never be far from your House, since you have shown contempt for me and taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

'Thus the Lord speaks, "I will stir up evil for you out of you own House. Before your very eyes I

will take your wives and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. You worked in secret, I will work this in the face of all Israel and in the face of the sun.'"

David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Then Nathan said to David, 'The Lord, for his part, forgives your sin; you are not to die. Yet because you have outraged the Lord by doing this, the child that is born to you is to die.' Then Nathan went home.

The Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne to David and it fell gravely ill. David pleaded with the Lord for the child; he kept a strict fast and went home and spent the night on the bare ground, covered with sacking. The officials of his household came and stood round him to get him to rise from the ground, but he refused, nor would he take food with them.

Psalm: **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

God loved the world so much, he gave up his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mk 4:35-41*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.