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FOR WEEKDAYS

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DIOECESIUM CANADIAE

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Huiusmodi autem concessio hisce circumscribitur condicionibus:

1. Ordo pericoparum adhibendus ille est, qui huic decreto adnecitur.
2. Lectiones propositae assumuntur in Missis III et IV classis, quae proprias non habent, ita tamen ut primo anno series lectionum ex Evangelio cum lectionibus ex aliis libris N. T. componatur; altero vero anno eaedem lectiones ex Evangelio cum lectionibus e libris V. T. coniungantur.
3. Lectiones pro Missis defunctorum etiam in Missis I et II classis, excepta Commemoratione omnium defunctorum, adhiberi possunt.
4. Applicatio huius concessionis remittitur facultativa singulis Episcopis, qui experimenti limites et normas practicas pro sua dicione statuunt.
5. Relationes de experimento eiusque fructibus fient a singulis animarum pastoribus ad Episcopos, qui eas ad Commissionem liturgicam penes Coetum Episcoporum mittent.
6. Relatio generalis ab eadem Commissione praebebitur Coetui Episcoporum, ac dein huic Consilio transmittetur.
7. Experimentum eo usque prostrahi valet, donec aliter sit provisum.

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Consecutive Readings for weekdays to be used in Masses of the third and fourth class which do not have proper readings.

INTRODUCTORY

I — The Consecutive Readings in general

1. This list of Consecutive Readings, for use in Masses of the 3rd and 4th class not having proper lessons, contains:
   a) One series of Gospel readings;
   b) A series of readings from the other books of the New Testament;
   c) A series of readings from the books of the Old Testament.

   There is also appended a series of six readings for use in Masses of the Dead and a series of three readings for votive Masses of the Sacred Heart. In both cases the readings are taken from the Gospel and other books of sacred Scripture.

2. The purpose of these Consecutive Readings is to provide a series of readings for weekdays over a period of two years. This is achieved by using, during the first year, the Gospel readings along with the readings from other books of the New Testament; during the second year, the same Gospel texts are read, but with readings taken from the books of the Old Testament.

3. The first reading, in both series, is taken during Advent from the Prophet Isaiah and during Paschal time, from the Epistles of St. Paul.

4. During the time after the Epiphany until the beginning of Lent, a nine-week series of readings is provided. Following the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, a sufficient number of pericopes is provided so that it will not be necessary to revert to texts which in the post-Epiphany series remained unread.

5. In general, the passages selected follow the order of books and chapters. At the same time, however, the specific character of each season is preserved, especially that of Advent, the Nativity and Easter.

6. The Gospel reading forms the basis of the Series. The other readings have not been selected with a view to maintaining an identity of theme. However, in some way they do conform to the themes of the major seasons.

7. Since the purpose of the entire Series is catechetical (cf. Constitution, a. 35, 1), the texts have been selected with the benefit of the faithful in
mind. In accordance with the wishes of Catechists, a certain brevity has been maintained. Consequently, along with texts of the usual length, there are some shorter ones, just as in our present liturgical books. When, therefore, a particular text in the Series must be omitted, because of an occurring feast with proper lessons, it may conveniently be combined with another shorter text.

8. For the convenience of Pastors, a title, indicating the content, has been assigned to each text.

9. This series of readings is recommended for use not only at Mass, but also in sacred celebrations of the word where it will be of great value. Moreover, it should prove helpful for lay groups promoting the reading of sacred scripture, as also for private use and for scripture reading in the home.

II — The Consecutive Readings from the Gospels

10. During the season of Advent, attention is focussed upon the Precursor, while during the time of the Nativity, emphasis is placed upon the mystery of the Father and Son. The gospel according to St. Mark is appropriately read in the time after the Epiphany, so that, after the Birth, the life of Christ may be portrayed according to the Apostolic preaching. No texts have been assigned for Lent or Easter week. In accordance with long-standing custom, during paschal time, the discourses of Christ are read as recorded in the Gospel according to John.

During the post-pentecostal season until Advent, the discourses of Christ as recorded by Luke and Matthew are read, interspersed, however, with accounts of the works of Christ.

III — The Consecutive Readings from Other N.T. Books

11. The Epistles of St. John the Apostle are fittingly assigned to the time of the Nativity. Following this and until Lent, the Epistles of St. Paul to the Romans and the Galatians are read.

After Low Sunday, two readings are supplied. The first is taken from the first Epistle of St. Peter and the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. The second is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians and the Epistle to the Hebrews. These readings fit in well with the Gospel readings from St. John on the discourses of Christ.

After Pentecost, the readings are taken successively from the Acts of the Apostles, the Epistles of St. Paul (following 9th Sunday after Pentecost), the Epistle of St. James, the second Epistle of St. Peter, the Epistle of St. Jude and the first and second Epistles to Timothy. Finally, from the 23rd Sunday, the readings are from the Book of the Apocalypse, indicating that the liturgical year closes with the looking forward to the coming of the Lord.
IV — The Consecutive Readings from the O.T. Books

During Advent, according to venerable tradition, the readings in both series are from the Prophet Isaiah.

During the season of the Nativity, the readings are appropriately taken from the sapiential Books.

After the Epiphany there follows a week's reading on the origins of mankind. Then there follows the narratives of Abraham and the Patriarchs, taken from the Heptateuch, more or less corresponding to the Epistles to the Romans and Galatians.

After Pentecost there are read the books of Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings (in conjunction with the books of Paralipomenon).

The historical parts of the prophetical books are here read in conjunction with the historical books themselves.

Finally, following the 16th Sunday after Pentecost the books of the Prophets are read.

RULES FOR USE OF CONSECUTIVE READINGS ACCORDING TO CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE DECREE OF THE "CONSILIUM"

1. The series of texts to be used is the one attached to the decree of the "Consilium" and contained in this Bulletin.

2. The proposed readings may be used in ferial Masses or Masses of Saints of the 3rd and 4th class which do not have proper lessons.

3. During the first year the series of Gospel readings is used in conjunction with the series of readings from other books of the N. T. During the second year the same Gospel texts are read but along with the series of readings from the books of the O. T.

4. The readings assigned for Masses of the Dead may be used even in requiem Masses of the 1st and 2nd class, with the exception of Masses on the feast of All Souls.

5. Each Ordinary may authorize or not, as he sees fit, the use of this privilege; he may fix limits to and establish practical norms for this experiment in his Diocese.

6. The duration of this experiment extends until such time as provision is otherwise made.

7. The use of this series of texts along with any version of the Bible approved for liturgical use will demand some previous preparation. In some cases it will be necessary to supply the subject of the opening sentence.

It should be noted that the traditional and approved introductory formulas to the readings are as follows:
**Gospel Reading:**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew, Mark, etc.
At that time, . . .

**First Reading:**
N. T.
A reading from the (first, second) Epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Ephesians, Romans, Corinthians, etc.

**Brethren:**
A reading from the Epistle of blessed (James, Peter, Jude) the Apostle.

**Brethren:**
A reading from the Epistle of blessed John the Apostle

**Beloved:**
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
In those days . . .

A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse of blessed John the Apostle
In those days . . .

**First Reading:**
Prophets
A reading from the Prophet Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, etc.
In those days . . .

**First Reading:**
Books of O. T.
A reading from the Book of Genesis, Wisdom, Proverbs, etc.
In those days . . .
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GOSPEL READINGS

SEASON OF ADVENT

1st Week

Luke

1, 5-22 Birth of John the Baptist foretold
1, 23-25 Conception of John the Baptist
1, 26-33 Birth of Christ announced
1, 34-38 Angel’s message to Mary
1, 39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth
1, 46-55 The Magnificat

2nd Week

1, 57-66 Birth of John the Baptist
1, 67-75 The Benedictus (first part)
1, 67, 76-80 The Benedictus (second part) “The Orient from on high.”
3, 7-9 First preaching of John the Baptist
3, 10-14 To various classes of men
3, 15-18 John’s declaration: “I am not the Christ”

3rd Week

John

1, 6-8. 15 In the beginning was the Word
1, 19-23 He was the true light

Quarter Tense

1, 24-28 The one to come after me is before me

Quarter Tense

Quarter Tense

4th Week

1, 29-31 Behold the Lamb of God
3, 25-30 The Bridegroom and bridegroom’s friend
5, 33-36a Testimony greater than John’s

Math.

1, 1, 2a. 6b. 12a. 16. 17. Genealogy of Christ

SEASON OF NATIVITY

29.12 John 1, 1-5 In the beginning was the Word
30.12 1, 9-14 He was the true light
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31.12
1, 16-18 Grace and truth through Christ
2.1
3, 16-21 God so loved the world
3.1
3, 31-36 He who comes from above
4.1
5, 19-21 Work of the Father and Son
5.1
5, 22-24 Judgment given to Son

Epiphany

7.1
5, 25-30 The resurrection of the dead
8.1
5, 31-32. 37-40 Witness concerning the Son
9.1
5, 41-47 Honour to be received from the one God
10.1
8, 31-36 The truth shall make you free
11.1
8, 42-47a The devil, your father
12.1
12, 44-50 The Saviour sent from the Father
13.1
1, 29-34 The testimony of John
14.1
1, 35-51 The Call of the disciples

SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY

1st Week

(During the time of this experiment only one pericope is required for 1st week after Epiphany).

Mark

1, 14-20 The Good news of the Kingdom of God. The call of the disciples.

2nd Week

Mark

1, 40-45 Healing of the leper
2, 1-12 Healing of the paralytic
2, 13-17 Call of Levi, the publican
2, 18-22 Question of fasting
2, 23-28 Plucking ears of corn on Sabbath
3, 1-6 Man with withered hand

3rd Week

Mark

3, 7-12 Cures at the lakeside
3, 13-19 Choice of the Apostles
3, 20, 21, 31-35 Unbelief of his own people — Mother and brothers of Jesus.
4, 1, 2, 26-29, 33-34 The seed growing by itself — Without parables He did not speak
4, 35-41 Calming of the storm
5, 1-20 The Gerasene demoniac

4th Week

5, 21-24a, 35b-43 Jairus' daughter
5, 24b-34 Cure of woman with hemorrhage
CONSECUTIVE READINGS FOR WEEKDAYS

6, 1-6a Prophet in one’s own country
6, 6b-13 Mission of Apostles
6, 14-29 Herod’s opinion — Death of John the Baptist
6, 30-34 Compassion on the multitude

5th Week

7, 24b-30 The Canaanite woman
7, 31-37 Healing of the deaf-mute
8, 1-9 Feeding of the four thousand
8, 11-13 A sign from heaven
8, 14-21 The leaven of the Pharisees
8, 22-26 The gradual healing of the blind man

6th Week

8, 27-30 Confession of Peter
8, 31-33 First prediction of Passion
8, 34-37 Whoever wishes to come after me
8, 38; 9, 1 Whoever is ashamed of me the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in glory
9, 11-13 The coming of Elijah
9, 30-37 Second prediction of Passion — Ambition of disciples.

7th Week (Septuagesima)

9, 38-41 Admonition to forbearance
10, 1-12 Marriage and virginity
10, 13-16 Blessing of little children
10, 17-22 The rich young man
10, 23-27 The eye of a needle
10, 28-31 He shall receive a hundredfold

8th Week (Sexagesima)

10, 41-45 He who is first must be servant of all
10, 46-52 The blind man near Jericho
11, 11-14. 20-25 The barren fig tree
11, 27-33 Jesus’ authority and John’s Baptism
12, 13-17 Tribute to Caesar
12, 18-27 The resurrection of the dead

9th Week (Quinquagesima)

12, 35-37 Son of David?
12, 41-44 The widow’s mite

EASTER SEASON

1st Week after Easter

John

6, 24b-34 Earthly and heavenly food
6, 35-40 The bread from heaven
6, 41-47 Complaining
6, 48-51 Flesh, for the life of the world
6, 52-59 My flesh is real food
6, 60-69 A hard saying: many disciples leave

2nd Week
10, 1-6 Shepherd of the sheep
10, 7-10 I am the door
10, 11-13 I am the good shepherd
10, 14-18 One fold — one shepherd
10, 27-30 My sheep hear my voice
10, 34-38 Because I am the Son of God

3rd Week
13, 31b-33 The Son of man glorified
13, 34-35 A new commandment
13, 36; 14, 1-7 Many mansions — I am the way
14, 8-14 Whoever sees me, sees also the Father
15, 1-8 The true vine
15, 9-13 Remain in my love

4th Week
15, 14-17 You are my friends
15, 18-25 The world hates you
16, 1-4 Persecutions foretold
16, 16-20 A little while and you shall see me
16, 21-24 Asking in Jesus' name
16, 25-30. 33 I am going to the Father

5th Week
2, 23-25; 3, 1-8 Jesus in Jerusalem — conversation with Nicodemus
3, 11b-15 Lifting up of Son of man
17, 1-11 Glorification of Father and Son
Ascension
17, 11-19 Jesus' prayer for his disciples
17, 20-26 May they all be one

6th Week
14, 15-17 Promise of the Paraclete
14, 25-26 He will teach you all things
15, 26-27 Witness of Paraclete and of disciples
16, 5-11 The Paraclete will convict the world
16, 12-15 He shall teach you the full truth
Vigil of Pentecost
CONSECUTIVE READINGS FOR WEEKDAYS

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

1st Week after Octave

Luke
4, 14-30 Jesus preaches in Nazareth
5, 1-11 Peter's catch of fish
6, 12-19 The choice of the Apostles
6, 20-23 Four Beatitudes
6, 24-26 Four curses

2nd Week
8, 1-3 The women accompanying Jesus
8, 16-21 The light on the lampstand
9, 1-9 Jesus sends disciples out to preach
9, 18-23 Jesus proclaimed the Christ by Peter
Sacred Heart
9, 28-36 The Transfiguration

3rd Week
9, 37-43 Jesus cures the epileptic boy possessed by devil
9, 51b-56 Jesus not received by Samaritans
9, 57-58 Condition of a disciple: without place of Abode
9, 59-62 Immediate renunciation of everything
10, 1-2 The Mission of the seventy-two
10, 3-7 Instructions to those sent forth

4th Week
10, 8-12 Instructions concerning their ministry
10, 13-16 Woe to the towns of Galilee — who hears you, hears me
10, 17-20 The return of the seventy-two
10, 21-24 Jesus joyfully praises the Father — He declares the disciples blessed
10, 25-28 The commandment of love
10, 25, 29b-37 The good Samaritan

5th Week
10, 38-42 Mary and Martha
11, 1-4 The Lord's prayer
11, 5-8 The importunate friend
11, 9-13 Effective petition
11, 14-20 By whom Jesus casts out devils
11, 21-26 Victory of stronger man — evil spirit returns

6th Week
11, 29-32 The sign of Jonah — the Queen of the South and the Ninevites
11, 33-36 Parable of the lamp — the sound eye
11, 37-41 Necessity of interior purification
11, 42-44 Woe to the Pharisees
11, 45-46 Woe to the lawyers
11, 47-51 The slayers of the Prophets

7th Week

Luke
11, 52-54 The key of knowledge
12, 1-3 Leaven of the Pharisees — nothing hidden etc.
12, 4-7 Do not be afraid
12, 8-12 Professing Christ before men — the Spirit in disciples will speak
12, 13-15 Avarice to be avoided
12, 16-21 Parable of the foolish rich man

8th Week

12, 22-31 Do not be anxious
12, 32-34 Little flock — treasure in heaven
12, 35-38 Vigilant servants
12, 39-40 Stand ready
12, 42-46 The faithful servant
12, 47-48 The wicked servant

9th Week

12, 49-53 I have come to cast fire — not peace but division
12, 54-56 Signs of the times
12, 57-59 Reconciliation to be made on the way to the judge
13, 1-5 Penance must be done — the slaying of the Galileans
13, 6-9 The barren fig tree
13, 10-17 The crippled woman

10 Week

13, 18-21 Parable of mustard seed and leaven
13, 22-24 The narrow gate
13, 25-27 Those outside knocking on closed door
13, 28-30 The last shall be first
13, 31-33 Herod, the fox — Jesus fearless
13, 34-35 Woe to Jerusalem

11th Week

14, 1-6 Healing of man with dropsy
14, 7-11 Order of precedence at table
14, 12-14 Hospitality without hope of repayment
14, 15-24 The great banquet
14, 25-27 Conditions for following Jesus
14, 28-35 Parable of one building tower
12th Week

15, 1-7 The lost sheep
15, 8-10 The lost drachma
15, 11-32 The prodigal son
16, 1-8 The unjust steward
16, 9-12 Faithful in small things
16, 13 Serving two masters

13th Week

Luke

16, 14-15 Pharisees are rebuked
16, 16-18 The Law — divorce forbidden
16, 19-31 The rich man and Lazarus the beggar
17, 1-3a On giving scandal
17, 3b-4 Must forgive seven times
17, 5-6 Faith like a grain of mustard seed

14th Week

17, 7-10 We are merely servants
17, 11-19 The ten lepers
17, 20-21 The coming of the kingdom of God
17, 22-25 The Day of the Son of man
17, 26-32 The second coming will be sudden and unexpected
17, 33-37 Different destinies at coming of the Lord

15th Week

18, 1-8 The iniquitous judge and the widow
18, 9-14 The Pharisee and the publican
19, 1-10 Zacchaeus
19, 11-27 Parable of the pounds
19, 37-40 Triumphal entry into Jerusalem
19, 41-44 Jesus weeps over Jerusalem

16th Week

Matth.

4, 23-25 Cures in Galilee
5, 1-12 The eight beatitudes
5, 13-16 Salt of the earth — Light of the world
5, 17-19 Fulfillment of the law
5, 20-22 Perfect justice: you must not kill — you must not be angry
5, 23-24 Reconciliation before offering

17th Week

5, 27-28 You must not commit adultery — you must not lust
5, 29-30 Throw away whatever causes you to sin
5, 31-32 Marriage is indissoluble
5, 33-37 You must not swear — your word: Yes for yes, No for
5, 38-41 Law of retaliation — injuries to be borne
5, 43-48 Love of enemies

18th Week
6, 1-4 Almsgiving in secret
6, 5-8 Prayer in secret
6, 16-18 Fasting in secret
6, 19-21 Treasure in heaven
6, 22-23 A sound eye
6, 24-34 Serving two masters — Do not be anxious

19th Week
Math.
7, 1-6 Do not judge — Pearls before swine
7, 7-12 Effective prayer — the golden rule
7, 13-14 The wide and spacious road
7, 15-20 False prophets
7, 21-23 Those who say: Lord, Lord
7, 24-27 House built upon rock

20th Week
9, 27-34 Healing of two blind men and the mute demoniac
11, 1-6 Delegation from John the Baptist to Jesus
11, 7-10 Jesus' testimony concerning John the Baptist
11, 11-15 The least in the kingdom of heaven greater than John
11, 16-19 Parable of the children at play
11, 25a. 28-30 Come to me all you who labour

21st Week
13, 1-9 Parable of the Sower
13, 10-15 Blindness of unbelievers — Scandal of Pharisees on Sabbath
13, 24-30 Darnel among the wheat
13, 34-43 Explanation of the parable
13, 44-46 Treasure hidden in field
13, 47-52 The dragnet cast into the sea

22nd Week
18, 1-5 Who is greater in the kingdom of heaven
18, 6-7 Scandal not to be given to little ones
18, 10-12-14 Never despise any of these little ones
18, 15-18 Brotherly correction
18, 19-20 Where two or three . . .
18, 21-35 The merciless servant

23rd Week
19, 1-9 Marriage not to be dissolved
19, 11-12 Virginity
CONSECUTIVE READINGS FOR WEEKDAYS

19, 13-15 Jesus blesses the little children
19, 16-22 The rich young man
19, 23-26 A rich man entering the kingdom of heaven
19, 27-30 Eternal life for those who renounce everything

24th Week (3rd after Epiphany)

21, 14-17 Praise from the mouths of children
21, 18-22 The barren fig tree
21, 23-27 The Baptism of John
21, 28-32 The obedient and disobedient sons
21, 33-41 The vinedressers
21, 42-46 The cornerstone

25th Week (4th after Epiphany)

Matth.

22, 1-14 The wedding feast
22, 15-22 The coin of tribute
22, 23-30 The Sadducees' question about the resurrection
22, 31-33 God, not of the dead but of the living
22, 34-40 Greatest commandment in the law
22, 41-46 Whose son is Christ?

26th Week (5th after Epiphany)

23, 1-4 Intolerable burdens
23, 5-12 Vanity of Scribes and Pharisees
23, 13-15 Woe to the Scribes and Pharisees
23, 16-22 Foolish and blind
23, 34-36 Killers of the prophets
23, 37-39 Lamentation over Jerusalem

27th Week (6th after Epiphany)

24, 1-2 Jesus prophesies destruction of temple
24, 3-5 False Christs at end of world
24, 6-8 Wars and uprisings
24, 9-14 False prophets
24, 15-22 Great tribulation
24, 23-28 Temptations at end of world

28th Week (last after Pentecost)

24, 29-31 Coming of the Son of man
24, 32-36 Parable of the fig tree
24, 37-42 Those who perish at coming of the Son of man
25, 1-12 The ten virgins
25, 14-30 The talents
25, 31-46 The sheep and the goats
II

FIRST READING — NEW TESTAMENT SERIES

SEASON OF ADVENT

1st Week

Isaiah

1, 2- 9; 10, 20-22a Remnant of Israel must be saved
6, 1-13 The Lord, the Holy of Israel, The remnant, the holy seed
7, 1-15 A maiden will conceive Emmanuel
9, 1- 6 A great light, A newborn child, God, the Prince of Peace
12, 1- 6 The Lord, the fount of Salvation — Thanksgiving of those freed
14, 1. 3-5. 7-10. 12-15. 24-27 Rejoicing over the defeat of Babylon

2nd Week

25, 1- 9 The joy of the saved — Song of Praise and Thanksgiving
26, 1-13 Song of Praise, Joy of the just, humbling of the wicked
28, 14-19 A precious cornerstone in Sion — Warning against evil counsellors
29, 9-24 A blinded people
30, 8-15. 18 A people that provokes anger, A God merciful and sparing
32, 1- 4. 15-18 The king will reign in justice, The Spirit will be poured out

3rd Week

33, 13-22 The Lord is King, He will save us
40, 1- 8 Console my people, A voice crying in the wilderness

Quarter Tense

42, 1- 7 The Servant of the Lord, The covenant of the people and the Light of Nations

Quarter Tense

Quarter Tense

4th Week

43, 1- 7. 10-13 "The Holy of Israel", "The Saviour", His Witnesses
44, 23-28 Shout for joy, you heavens, Jacob is redeemed, Cyrus is Shepherd
45, 15-24 The hidden God is redeemer of Israel
In Him alone is there salvation
49, 1- 9 The servant of the Lord is chosen from his mother's womb
CONSECUTIVE READINGS FOR WEEKDAYS

Vigil of Nativity

In 1966 there is added:

Isaiah 46, 8-13 God's plan of salvation shall stand — His salvation shall not lag

SEASON OF NATIVITY

29.12 1 John 1, 1-4 The word of life
30.12 1, 5-2.2 God is light
31.12 2, 3-11 Concerning commandments, especially Charity
2. 1 2, 12-17 Detachment from the world
3. 1 2, 22-27 The Antichrist who denies the Father and the Son
4. 1 2, 28-3, 3 We are called and really are children of God
5. 1 3, 4-10 He does not sin who remains in Christ

Epiphany

7. 1 1 John 3, 11-24 Charity
8. 1 4, 1-6 False Prophets
9. 1 4, 7-18 Perfect love
10. 1 4, 19-5, 4 Charity and Faith
11. 1 5, 13-21 Prayer, especially for sinners
12. 1 2 John 4-9 Charity
14. 1 3 John 3-8 Hospitality to brothers in Christ

SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY

1st Week

(During the time of this experiment only one pericope is required for 1st week after Epiphany)

Romans

1, 1-6 In his human nature, a descendant of David

2nd Week

1, 8-17 The gospel, strength of God for all who believe
1, 18-23 Invisible God known through creation
2, 1-11 In judging others the Jew is judged
2, 12-16 Not hearers but doers of the Law are justified
3, 21-28 Those who glory in the law dishonour God by their sins
4, 18-25 Through faith Abraham is the father of many nations

3rd Week

5, 1-11 The grace of God poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit
5, 18-21 Death through the sin of one man, life through the justice
of the other
6, 1-11 Conformed to the likeness of his death
6, 17-23 The wages of sin, death; the gift of God, eternal life
7, 18-25 The law inside the body fighting against the law of the mind
8, 1-11 No condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

4th Week
8, 12-17 Followers of Christ, not debtors to the flesh
8, 26-30 The Spirit prays for us. For the predestined, Christ is a brother.
9, 1-5 Paul's grief over Israel
9, 15-24 God has mercy on those whom he wills
9, 25-29 The prophets preach the mercy of God
10, 1-4 Christ is the fulfilment of the law

5th Week
10, 5-13 Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved
10, 14-21 Welcome footsteps of those who bring the good news. Faith through hearing
11, 1-2a. 11-16 Could it be that God has rejected his people? of course not!
11, 17-24 Some of the branches cut off (The Jews), that I might be grafted on
11, 25-32 Blindness has come about in Israel until the gentiles have entered
11, 33-36 O the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God.

6th Week
Romans
12, 1-8 We, though many, are one in Christ and members one of another
12, 9-16 Life of the virtues in the body of Christ
13, 1-7 No authority but from God
15, 7-12 Christ, an agent of circumcision; the pagans hope in Him
14, 1-12 Each one renders account of himself to God
15, 14-19 Paul, a minister of Christ that the pagans may be made acceptable as an offering

7th Week (Septuagesima)
Galatians
1, 1-5 Paul chosen as an Apostle by Christ, not by men
1, 6-10 Even if an Angel from heaven should preach another gospel, he is to be condemned
1, 11-24 Paul proves that his gospel is not a human message
2, 1-10 Paul has the approval of the Apostles in Jerusalem
CONSECUTIVE READINGS FOR WEEKDAYS

2, 11-14  Paul confronts Peter at Antioch
2, 15-21  Justification, not through the law but the promise

8th Week (Sexagesima)

3, 1-5  O foolish Galatians!
3, 6-9  Those who rely on faith receive the same blessing as Abraham
3, 10-14  The just man lives by faith
3, 24-28  By Baptism we are all one in Christ
4, 12-15. 18-20  Always strive for what is good
5, 1. 4-6  In Christ neither circumcision nor uncircumcision matters, but faith

9th Week (Quinquagesima)

5, 13-15  Freedom means to be servants of one another in love
6, 14-18  Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord

EASTER SEASON

1st Week

1 Peter

1, 3-12  The Father has regenerated us to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus
1, 13-16  Virtues of the children of God
1, 17-21  You have been ransomed by the precious blood of the lamb without spot
1, 22-25  All flesh is grass. The word of the Lord remains forever
3, 1-7  Husband and wife are joint heirs of grace
3, 8-12  Let us all live in brotherly love

2nd Week

3, 13-17  Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts
4, 1-6  Live not by human passions but by the will of God
4, 7-11  Spiritual love and hospitality
4, 12-19  Share in Christ's sufferings, and rejoice
5, 1-5  Shepherd the flock of God, not as a duty, but gladly
5, 6-11  Be sober and watchful

3rd Week

Ephesians

1, 3-10  God predestined us to be his adopted sons
1, 11-14  God has called us, that we may praise his glory
1, 15-18  See what hope his call holds for you
1, 19-23  Our hope is the power of God bringing Christ to glory
2, 1-7  God brought us to live together in Christ
2, 8-10  By the grace of God you are saved
4th Week

2, 11-18 Christ is our peace
2, 19-22 You are built upon the foundation of the Apostles
3, 1-7 20-21 The Apostles preaches the word to the Gentiles; they share the promised inheritance
4, 1-6 Preserve the unity of the Spirit by the bond of peace
4, 11-16 Building up the body of Christ
4, 17-20 Do not live like the pagans

5th Week

4, 21-24 Be made new, and put on the new self
4, 25-5, 2 Avoiding vices, especially foul talk. Imitating God.

Vigil

4, 7-13 Grace given us as Christ alloted it.

Ascension

5, 8-14 Live like children of light
5, 15-20 Understand this wicked age. Sing praise and give thanks in the Holy Spirit

6th Week

5, 21-33 Husbands are to love their wives just as Christ loved the Church
6, 1-4 The obedience and bringing up of children
6, 5-8 Sincere obedience of slaves. Masters and slaves alike have one Lord
6, 10-18a The armour of the Spirit against the spiritual army of evil in the heavens
6, 18b-23 The Apostle asks the faithful to pray for him

Vigil of Pentecost

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

1st Week After the Octave


2, 14. 22-36 Peter's sermon on the Resurrection
3, 37-47 The Baptism of three thousand
3, 14-15. 19-26 Having cured the lame man, Peter preaches repentance.

Corpus Christi

4, 32-37 The marvelous life of the early Church
5, 17-35. 38b-42 The Apostles, freed by the angel, appear before the Sanhedrin and Gamaliel
CONSECUTIVE READINGS FOR WEEKDAYS

2nd Week

6, 1-7 The seven deacons
8, 1b-4 The disciples are scattered by persecution
8, 1. 9-14, 18-24 Simon the Magician. The Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit
9, 1-22 The Conversion of Saul on the way to Damascus

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9, 23-31 Now baptized, Saul preaches Christ, escapes and reaches the Apostles

3rd Week

9, 32-43 Peter at Lydda heals Aeneas and at Jaffa raises Tabitha
11, 1-18 Peter tells the Apostles that the Gentiles should be baptized without circumcision
11, 19-26 The word is preached at Antioch — Barnabas is sent, and visits Saul
13, 1-12 Paul and Barnabas preach the word at Cyprus
13, 13-14a. 49-52; 14, 26b-28 The journey of the missionaries continues
15, 5-6. 13b-20 Council of the Apostles at Jerusalem

4th Week

15, 36. 40-41; 16, 1a. 6-10 Paul goes on to Derbe and Lystra
16, 22-33 Paul and Silas at Philippi. They are released from prison
20, 17-38 Paul with the Elders at Ephesus
21, 27b-33. 39-40; 22, 1. 17b-24a Paul is taken prisoner in the temple
22, 30-23, 1. 6-11 Paul is brought before the Sanhedrin. His defense
28, 16-17a. 23b-31 Paul comes to Rome and while captive he preaches Christ

5th Week

1 Cor.

1, 4-9 The Apostle’s thanksgiving to God for the faithful
1, 10-17 Unity, not division
1, 18-25 The foolishness of the cross is the wisdom of God
1, 26-2, 5 God has chosen foolishness
2, 6-16 The Spirit reaching the depths of everything
3, 1-9 Spiritual men and sensual men

6th Week

3, 10-23 Building the temple of God. Wisdom of the world is foolishness with God
4, 9-16 A fool for the sake of Christ
5, 1-5 Excommunication for incest
5, 9-12 Sinners that should be avoided
Disputes among the faithful should be settled among them.
One who is temple of the Holy Spirit must not sin.

7th Week

7, 1-7 The happiness of continence
7, 8-14 Married and non-married
7, 17. 20-24 Let each person stay in his own calling
7, 25-34 Virginity
9, 1-4. 13-23 The Apostle's ministry and his rights
10, 14-22 The Eucharist

8th Week

1 Cor.

12, 12-31a The order in Christ's mystical Body
14, 1-4. 23-25 Prophecy is greater than speaking in tongues
14, 26-33 The order for speaking in Church
15, 12-19 The resurrection of the dead

15, 20-28 At the resurrection, the Kingdom is handed over complete to God
15, 35-49 The body after the resurrection

9th Week

2 Cor.

1, 3-7. 8-11 God is our consolation in suffering.
1, 19-22 God is not Yes and No, but simply Yes
2, 14-17 The sweet smell of Christ
3, 7-9. 12-18 The ministry of the Spirit in glory
4, 1-6 Walking circumspectly
4, 7-18 In sufferings, a hope of resurrection.

10th Week

5, 1-10 When the home on earth is destroyed, we have a home from God
5, 11. 14-20 The love of Christ impels us
6, 14-7, 1 Separating the faithful from unbelievers
8, 1. 2. 7-9 Christ became poor for our sake
9, 6-12 Thin sowing means thin reaping
11, 1-4. 13-15 The Apostle is jealous on behalf of Christ and against false apostles

11th Week

Philipp.

1, 3-11 Thanksgiving for the Philippians
1, 12-18a Sincere and insincere preaching
1, 20-26 To live in Christ, to die is gain
1, 27-30 Working and suffering together for the Gospel and Christ
2, 1-4 Be one in heart
2, 12-18 God works in us for both will and action
CONSECUTIVE READINGS FOR WEEKDAYS

12th Week

3, 7-9 Everything other than Christ is worthless
3, 10-14 Trying to capture the prize for which Jesus captured me
3, 17-21 Our homeland is in heaven; we await Christ's coming
4, 1, 4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always
4, 8-9 Everything good should be done by the faithful
4, 11b-13. 18-20 I can do all things in him who gives me strength

13th Week

1 Thess.

1, 5-6 The Gospel preached by Paul comes in power and the Holy Spirit
1, 6-10 The good example of the Thessalonians
2, 1-8 The Apostle seeks no gain from the preaching of the Gospel
2, 9-12 The Apostle has laboured day and night
2, 13-16 The Thessalonians are likened to their brothers in Jerusalem
2, 17; 3, 11-13 The Apostle is anxious that the faithful not be unsettled in time of trial

14th Week

4, 1-8 What God wants is for you all to be holy
4, 9-12 Brotherly love
4, 13-18 Concerning the resurrection
5, 1-11 The Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night
5, 12-15 Consideration for those in the ministry and for our brothers in Christ
5, 16-24 Do not suppress the Spirit. God has called you and he will not fail you

15th Week

2 Thess.

1, 3-12 Persecution comes before the judgement of God
2, 1-12 The Antichrist will come before the coming of the Lord
2, 13-17 Apostolic traditions taught by word of mouth and by letter
3, 1-5 The Lord is faithful and will give you strength
3, 6-12 Against idleness
3, 13-16 Fraternal correction

16th Week

James

1, 2-4. 5-8 Concerning trials
1, 9-11 The poor and the rich endure trials and are tested
1, 12-18 God tempts no man. Every good thing is from God
1, 19-27 Readiness to listen. The doer of the word. Pure religion
2, 1-7 Making distinctions between classes of people has no place among the faithful
2, 8-13 The supreme law is love. The law of God cannot be divided

17th Week

2, 14-19 Faith without good works is dead
2, 20-26 A man is justified by good deeds, not by faith alone
3, 1-6 The man who never says anything wrong, is a perfect man
3, 7-12 The tongue is hard to control
3, 13-18 Heavenly and worldly wisdom
4, 1-3 Wars and strifes

18th Week

4, 4-12 Friendship with God and friendship with the world
4, 13-17 We must take into account God's Providence
5, 1-6 Sins of the rich
5, 7-12 Patience and perseverance
5, 13-15 The anointing of the sick
5, 16-20 Conversion and prayer

19th Week

2 Peter

1, 3-11 Steadfastness in our Christian vocation
1, 16a. 19-21 The value of prophecy
2, 1-3 False prophecy
3, 3-13 Heresies to precede the coming of Christ

Jude

3-4. 12-13 Those who turn God's grace into immorality
17-25 Waiting for Christ

20th Week

1 Timothy

1, 5-11 Love and the Law
1, 12-17 The salvation of sinners in Christ
2, 1-7 Prayer of the faithful
2, 8-11. 15 Men and women
3, 2-7 The bishop
3, 15b. 16 The mystery of the New Covenant

21st Week

4, 12-16 The grace of ordination
5, 1-7 The care of souls
5, 17-22 The elders
6, 3-10 False teachers and avaricious men
6, 11b-16 The good fight
6, 17-19 Even the rich must set their hopes on God
22nd Week

2 Timothy
1, 1-11 The Spirit of fortitude
2, 1- 7 The soldier of God
2, 8-13 To die with Christ
2, 14-16. 19-21 Useless discussions
3, 1- 9 Evil in the last days
3, 14-17 Constancy in the faith you have been taught

23rd Week

Apocalypse
1, 1- 8 Revelation to the seven churches
1, 9-20 A vision of Christ in glory
2, 1- 7 The loss of former love
2, 8-11 The plots of the devil
2, 12-17 He who is victorious over false teachers
2, 18-29 The power of love

24th Week (3rd after Epiphany)

3, 1- 6 Watchfulness because Christ will come
3, 7-13 The synagogue of Satan
3, 14-22 Neither hot nor cold
4, 1-11 The throne of the Lamb
5, 1- 5 The Scroll with 7 seals
5, 6-14 The Lamb is worthy

25th Week (4th after Epiphany)

6, 1- 8 The horsemen of destruction
6, 9-11 The souls of the martyrs
6, 12-17 Signs of judgement
7, 1- 4 The servants of God are sealed
7, 9-17 A hymn to the Redeemer
8, 1- 6 The golden censer

26th Week (5th after Epiphany)

12, 1- 6. 7-12 War with the dragon
12, 13-18 The salvation of the Church
13, 1-10 The beast emerging from the sea
13, 11-18 The beast wounded by the sword
14, 1- 5 The first-fruits for the Lamb
14, 14-20 Harvest time

27th Week (6th after Epiphany)

Apocalypse
17, 1- 6 Babylon drunk with blood of the saints
18, 1- 3 The destruction of Babylon
18, 4- 6 The departure of God’s people
18, 9-11. 15-19 Mourning by kings of the earth
18, 21-24 The end of the joys of Babylon
19, 1-10 The song of the marriage of the lamb

28th Week
19, 11-16. 19-21 The King of Kings
20, 1-3. 7-10 The struggle of Satan
20, 11-15 The last judgment
21, 1-8 The city coming down from heaven
21, 9-14. 22-27; 22, 1-5 Bride of Christ
22, 6. 7. 16-17. 20. 21. Excellence of the book

III

FIRST READING: SERIES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

SEASON OF ADVENT

1st Week

Isaias
40, 12-18. 26-31 The incomparable majesty of God — source of all strength
41, 8-18. 20 The new Exodus — victory of the Lord
42, 8-14a. 16 A new hymn — the glory of the Lord
44, 1-8. 21-22 The salvation of Israel, the chosen of the Lord
49, 13-19. 25-26b The Lord consoles his people — I will never forget you
51, 3-8 Soon and suddenly the Lord will establish his unfailing justice

2nd Week

51, 9-16 The strong arm of the Lord — I shall console you
52, 1-6 You will be redeemed without money — I am here
52, 7-10 The messengers of peace — all shall see the salvation of God
55, 1-7 Come to the water all you who are thirsty — the Lord shall have mercy
55, 8-11 The Word of God will not return empty
56, 1-7 My salvation is nigh — my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples

3rd Week

59, 9b-21 We walk in darkness — the Lord is our Redeemer: his Covenant is everlasting
CONSECUTIVE READINGS FOR WEEKDAYS

60, 1. 10-22 The future glory of Mount Zion: the Lord is your light
Quarter Tense
61, 1-9 The Anointed of the Lord — the author of salvation: an eternal covenant
Quarter Tense
Quarter Tense

4th Week
62, 1-5. 10-12 A new Zion: Behold your salvation comes
63, 15-64, 4 Tear open the heavens and come down
65, 17-25 A new heaven and a new earth
66, 1-2, 5-9 The Lord will be glorified: salvation will come suddenly
66, 10-14 Rejoice with Jerusalem — I shall console you
Vigil of the Nativity

SEASON OF NATIVITY

29.12 Ecclesiasticus 24, 1-9 The presence of Wisdom from the beginning
30.12 Ecclesiasticus 1, 1-10, 15 Source of Wisdom is the Word of God
31.12 Ecclesiasticus 2, 7-18 Man must trust in the goodness of God
1.1 Octave of Nativity
2.1 Ecclesiasticus 14, 20-15, 10 (Vulg. 14, 22-15, 9) Blessings of Wisdom
3.1 Ecclesiasticus 16, 24-17, 20 Man must adore his creator — the gifts of the covenant
4.1 Ecclesiasticus 18, 1-14 The greatness of God — the nothingness of man
5.1 Ecclesiasticus 17, 21-31 Turn to the Lord, for great is his mercy

The Epiphany
7.1 Wisdom 3, 1-11 The souls of the just are in peace
8.1 Ecclesiasticus 39, 13-25. 33-35 (Vulg. 39, 16-30, 39-41) All the works of the Lord are good
9.1 Wisdom 1, 1-15 Love justice — seek the Lord
10.1 Ecclesiasticus 6, 11-19, 22-25 Those who seek find wisdom
11.1 Ecclesiasticus 4, 11-19 (Vulg. 4, 12-22) To the patient man wisdom reveals her secrets
12.1 Wisdom 7, 21b-29 (Vulg. 7, 21b-30) Wisdom — a reflection of eternal light
13.1 The Baptism of Jesus
14.1 Ecclesiasticus 33, 7-15 God has blessed and exalted certain men
15.1 Ecclesiasticus 32, 14-24 (Vulg. 32, 18-28) The man who fears the Lord accepts his teaching

SEASON AFTER THE EPIPHANY

2nd Week

Genesis
2, 4b-25 Adam and Eve in Paradise
3, 1-24  The fall of man and his punishment
4, 1-16a.  25  Cain and Abel, Seth
6, 5-8. 13a-14; 7, 1-5. 7, 16b. 10. 12. 17b. 22-23; 8, 6a. 2b. 3a. 6b. 8-12. 13b. 20-22 The Flood
9, 1-17 God’s Covenant with Noah
11, 1-9 The tower of Babel

3rd Week
12, 1-8; 13, 14-18 The call of Abraham — God’s promise
14, 8-16 The war against the five kings — Abram frees his kinsmen
14, 17-24 Melchizedek
15, 1-6 The faith of Abram
17, 1-8, 10. 12. 14-16 The covenant of Circumcision “Abraham”
18, 1-15 Abraham is visited by the Lord

4th Week
18, 20-32 Abraham intercedes for Sodom
19, 15-25 The destruction of Sodom
21, 1-8 The birth of Isaac
22, 1-19 The testing of Abraham’s faith
25, 21-34 Esau and Jacob
27, 41-45; 28, 10-22 The flight of Jacob and his dream

5th Week
29, 15-30 Laban deceives Jacob: Leah and Rachel
31, 1-3. 17-18; 32, 4-14a Jacob returns to Chanaan
32, 23-33; 35, 9-15 Jacob’s nocturnal wrestling — the apparition at Bethel
49, 1-2. 8-12. 22-26. 28b Jacob blesses his sons: the sceptre of Juda
50, 15-21 Joseph consoles his brothers: God brings good out of evil

Exodus
1, 8-14. 22; 2, 1-10 The Hebrews are oppressed in Egypt — the birth of Moses

6th Week
Exodus
2, 23b-24; 3, 1-15 The Call of Moses
4, 10-17. 27-31 Moses and Aaron
5, 1-5. 9. 19-23; 7, 1-6 Moses before Pharaoh
11, 1. 4-8; 12, 21-33 Death of the firstborn — Passover and exodus
13, 20-22; 14, 5-6. 9-14 Journey to the Red Sea
14, 15-31 Crossing of the Red Sea

7th Week (Septuagesima)
16, 2-7. 11-18. 31. 35 Israel in the desert — the quails and the manna
CONSECUTIVE READINGS FOR WEEKDAYS

17, 1-7 Water from the rock
17, 8-15 The war with Amalec — the prayer of Moses
19, 2-11 The promise of the covenant
19, 16-25 The meeting with God at Mount Sinai
20, 1-21 The giving of the ten commandments

8th Week (Sexagesima)

24, 1-18 The solemn ratification of the covenant
32, 1-6, 15-20 The breaking of the covenant: the golden calf
32, 30-34; 33, 12-17 Moses asks pardon
33, 18-23; 34, 5-9, 29-35 God shows Himself to Moses — the radiance of Moses’ countenance

Numbers

13, 17-33 The scouts
14, 1-10. 26-35 The people rebels and is punished

9th Week (Quinquagesima)

21, 4-9 The brazen serpent
22, 2, 5-6, 12, 36-38; 24, 15-19 Balaam’s prophecy: a star arising from Jacob

EASTER SEASON

1st Week after Octave

Colossians

1, 3-8 The Apostle gives thanks that the gospel has borne fruit among the faithful
1, 9-13 Thanksgiving for sharing the lot of the saints in light
1, 14-23 Christ, the image of God, the head of all
1, 24-29 The mystery which was hidden and is now made known
2, 1-7 In Christ are all the treasures of wisdom and of knowledge
2, 8-15 In Christ is the fullness of the Godhead. We are buried with him and have risen with him.

2nd Week

2, 16-23 The Law is the foreshadowing of things to come
3, 5-11 The new man, re-made in the image of his Creator
3, 12-17 Put on, as the chosen ones of God...
3, 18-21 Virtues of various members of society
3, 22-4, 1 Be slaves of the Lord Christ
4, 2-6 Watch and pray. Speech seasoned with salt

3rd Week

Hebrews

1, 1-3. 13-14 God speaks through his Son, Who is creator, the Word, higher than the Angels
2, 5-9 The Father has placed all things under the command of Christ (Ps. 8, 5 ff.)
2, 10-15 It was fitting that God, the author of life, should perfect Him through suffering
3, 1-6 Christ, worthy of glory greater than that of Moses
3, 7-15 That we, co-heirs with Christ, be not hard of heart (Ps. 94, 8-11)
4, 9-13 The Word of God is living and active

4th Week
4, 14-16; 5, 1-10 We have a high priest who can share our weakness
5, 11-6, 8 Those who have once been enlightened and have fallen away are not brought back to repentance
6, 9-12 God does not forget our acts of love. But we must not slacken
7, 24-28 Christ our priest, ever living to make intercession for us
8, 1-4. 8-13 Christ, the high priest, sitting at God’s right hand is minister of new covenant
10, 4-10 Christ makes offering of himself to God

5th Week
10, 11-18 Christ by a new offering, has sanctified and perfected us
10, 19-25 Confidence that the saints shall enter the sanctuary through Christ’s blood
Vigil
Ascension
10, 32-39 The martyrs
11, 1-3. 8-10 Old testament models of faith

6th Week
12, 1-11 Let us run perseveringly in the race we have begun
12, 12-14. 18-24 You have drawn near the heavenly Jerusalem
12, 25-29 Our God is a consuming fire
13, 1-6 Christian virtues
13, 7-17. 20-21 Christ suffered outside the camp
Vigil of Pentecost

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

1st Week
Josuah
1, 1-9 Josuah, Moses’ successor
3, 1-16 The crossing of the Jordan
6, 1-5. 14-21 The capture of Jericho
Corpus Christi
CONSECUTIVE READINGS FOR WEEKDAYS

11, 16. 18-19. 23; 21, 43-45  Summary: The taking over and partitioning of the land
24, 1. 19-28  The renewal of the covenant at Shechem

2nd Week
Judges
2, 10-22  The appointment of the Judges
4, 1-16  Deborah and Barak
6, 1. 11-24  The call of Gedeon
7, 15b-25a  Gedeon defeats the Madianites
The Sacred Heart of Jesus
16, 4-6. 16-30  Samson and Delilah

3rd Week
1 Samuel
1, 1-20  Samuel's birth in answer to prayer
3, 1-14  The call of Samuel
4, 1-11  Israel is defeated by the Philistines — The Ark of God is captured
6, 21; 7, 1.3-13  The return of the Ark — the slaughter of the Philistines
8, 1-9; 9, 1a. 2-4a. 5-6. 15-17. 26b-27; 10, 1  Israel asks for a King—Saul is anointed
12, 1. 13-25  Samuel's parting discourse

4th Week
11, 1-7. 11-15  After the defeat of the Ammonites Saul is acknowledged as King
13, 7b-14  Saul's first sin
15, 10-27a  Saul's disobedience and rejection
16, 14-23  Saul is tormented by an evil spirit — David becomes Saul's armour-bearer
18, 6-16  Saul's envy of David
31, 1-7  Saul's death

5th Week
16, 1-3  David is anointed King
17, 1-4. 8-9. 11. 32. 37. 40-51  David and Goliath
20, 1-9. 16-17  David and Jonathan
26, 1-12  David shows mercy to Saul

2 Samuel
5, 1-12  David reigns in Jerusalem
6, 12-22  The Ark is carried to Sion: Jerusalem is the centre of worship

6th Week
7, 1-16  The word of Nathan, the Prophet
11, 1-9. 14-17. David's sin
12, 1-14. David is rebuked
12, 15b-25. David's repentance — the birth of Solomon
15, 13-18. 30; 18, 1a. 5-7. 9. 15. 31-32; 19, 1-3. David and Absolom
24, 2. 10-25. The census and its punishment — Areuna's threshing-floor

7th Week

1 Kings

1, 32-40. Solomon is anointed King
3, 2-15. Solomon asks God for wisdom
8, 1-13. The dedication of the Temple — the transfer of the Ark of God
8, 22-30. 62-66. Solomon's prayer and sacrifices
10, 1-13. The Queen of Sheba
11, 1-13. Solomon's sins — the division of his kingdom is foretold

8th Week

12, 1-13. 16. Roboam — Political revolt
12, 20-33. Jeroboam — Religious revolt
13, 1-10. The prophecy denouncing the altar of Bethel
14, 21-31. The sins of Roboam and of the kingdom of Juda
15, 1-15. Abias and Asa, Kings of Juda: Jerusalem is saved because of David
16, 23-26. 29-34. Omri and Achab, Kings of Israel

9th Week

17, 1-16. The Beginning of the labours of Elia
18, 21-40. The sacrifice on Mount Carmel
18, 41-46. Elia obtains the blessing of rain
19, 1-8. Elia, a fugitive in the desert of Beersheba
19, 9-18. Elia at the mount of Horeb
19, 19-21. The call of Eliseus

10th Week

21, 1-19. Naboth's vineyard

2 Kings

9, 1-7. Jehu is anointed King
11, 1-4. 11-20. The establishment of the covenant under Jehoash in Judah
16, 5-16. The violation of the covenant by King Ahaz of Judah
17, 6-19. The capture of Samaria, and the causes of it
17, 24-34. The origin of the Samaritans

11th Week

18, 1-8. Hezekiah, the faithful king
18, 13. 28-37. The blasphemy of the legate of king Sennacherib
CONSECUTIVE READINGS FOR WEEKDAYS

19, 1-7 The reply of the prophet Isaiah
19, 8-19 The prayer of Hezekiah
19, 20-36 The promise of Isaiah — Liberation from the Assyrians

Jeremiah
7, 1-15 Without justice, hope in the Temple is vain

12th Week

2 Kings
21, 1-9 Wickedness in Judah under king Manasseh
22, 8-20 The Book of the Law is discovered during the reign of Josiah
23, 1-12 The covenant is renewed by Josiah
23, 29-35 The death of Josiah — Judah, a tributary of Egypt

Jeremiah
36, 1-6a. 10-20 The reading of the Book of Prophecies of Jeremiah
36, 21-26. 27b-30 Jehoiakin burns the Book of Jeremiah

13th Week

2 Kings
24, 8-17 The first deportation to Babylon — Jehoiachin

Jeremiah
37, 1-10 The negative reply of Jeremiah — Zedekiah
37, 11-21 Jeremiah in prison
38, 1-13 Jeremiah thrown into the cistern, and taken out
38, 14-23 Conversation between Jeremiah and Zedekiah: Final warning

14th Week

Ezra
1, 1-11 The edict of king Cyrus of Persia: Return and Restoration
3, 1-6 The resumption of worship in Jerusalem
4, 1-5 The Samaritans cause dissension — the work is impeded

Nehemiah
1, 1-4; 2, 1-8 Nehemiah comes to Palestine
4, 1-3. 8-16 The rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem
8, 1-12 Ezra reads the law — the joy of the people

15th Week

1 Maccabees
1, 11-25 Conversion to paganism of the Jews — the Temple is despoiled
2 Maccabees

6. 1-9 The Temple is violated.

1 Maccabees

2, 15-28 Mattathias, zealous for the law, opposes the royal edict
3, 10-26 The first victory of Judas Maccabeus
4, 36-59 Cleansing of the Temple — Dedication of the Altar
9, 7-21 Judas Maccabeus falls in battle

16th Week

Daniel

2, 26-28a. 31-45 Nebuchadnezzar's dream: the kingdoms of the earth — the kingdom of God
4, 16-24 The prophecy against Nebuchadnezzar
7, 1-14 The vision of the four beasts and the Son of Man
7, 15-27 The interpretation: the kings of the earth and the kingdom of God
9, 2-7. 15-19 Daniel's prayer
10, 1. 4-12a; 11, 1-4 Vision of the ultimate liberation of the people

17th Week

Jeremiah

1, 1-10 The call of Jeremiah
1, 11-19 The vision of the watchful tree and the cooking-pot
2, 1-13 The love of God — the infidelity of the people
2, 14-22 Israel chastised because of apostasy
3, 6-13 Adulterous Judah
3, 14-20 “Come back to me . . .”

18th Week

7, 21-28 Listen to the word of God rather than offer sacrifices
11, 18-23 Conspiracy against Jeremiah
12, 1-5 The question of just retribution
15, 10. 15-21 Jeremiah's complaint
17, 12-18 The prayer of the prophet to be delivered from his enemies
20, 7-13 The prophet's burden and faith

19th Week

23, 1-8 Doom for faithless shepherds
27, 1-8 The symbolic chains and yoke
28, 1-17 Jeremiah and the false prophet Hananiah
29, 1-14 Jeremiah's letter to the exiles
30, 18-22 Promise of the recovery of Israel
31, 31-37 The new covenant — Israel will endure forever
CONSECUTIVE READINGS FOR WEEKDAYS

20th Week

Ezekiel

1, 1-14. 24-28 The vision of the four animals
2, 1-3, 4 Ezekiel’s call and mission: The eating of the Book
17, 1-20 The allegory of the eagles, the cedar and the vine
17, 22-24 The great new cedar: the Son of David
18, 1-13 The just man will live — the sinner will be punished
18, 20-32 The penitent sinner will be saved — the just man who turns to sin will be punished

21st Week

33, 1-9 The watchman’s duty
33, 10-20 Principles of divine justice
34, 1-16 Evil shepherds — Yahweh, the shepherd of Israel
34, 23-31 The servant of God, the genuine shepherd
37, 1-14 The vision of the dry bones
40, 1-3; 43, 1-7a The new temple

22nd Week

Hosea

1, 1-2, 1 The adulterous wife and her offspring
4, 1-10 Universal wickedness
10, 1-12 Sanctuaries will be destroyed — the Kingdom will perish
11, 1-11 Divine mercy will triumph
13, 1-9 The rejection of Ephraim
14, 2-10 The promise of salvation

23rd Week

Amos

1, 1; 2, 4-16 The judgment of God upon the kingdoms of Judah and Israel
5, 1-15 Warnings are repeated
5, 18-24 The day of Yahweh: darkness, and not light
6, 1-7 Woe to the self-indulgent
7, 7-17 The vision of the plumb-line
9, 8-15 The restoration of Israel is heralded

24th Week (3rd after Epiphany)

Jonah

1, 1-16 Jonah is thrown into the sea
2, 1; 3, 1-10 The conversion of Nineveh
4, 1-11 Jonah complains, and is reproved

Ruth

1, 1-19a Ruth and Naomi
1, 19b-2, 2 The return to Bethlehem
2, 3-18 Ruth in the field of Boaz
25th Week (4th after Epiphany)

Job
1, 6-21 Job is afflicted by the loss of his possessions
2, 1-13 Job is afflicted by the loss of his health
3, 1-7. 11-15 Job curses the day of his birth
11, 1. 13-20 Job is reproached by his friends
19, 1. 21-27 Job's reply: This I know, that my Avenger lives
38, 1-5; 40, 2-5; 42, 2-6 God's intervention

26th Week (5th after Epiphany)

Judith
4, 1-2. 9-15 The Jews prepare for the defense of Bethulia
7, 8-15 Bethulia under siege — they consider handing over the town
9, 5-14 Judith prays for God's help
13, 11-20 Judith returns victorious to Bethulia
14, 11-19; 15, 1-2 Defeat of the Assyrians
16, 1-5. 13-16 Judith's Triumph

27th Week (6th after Epiphany)

Ecclesiastes
1, 1-13 There is nothing new under the sun
3, 1-11 A season for everything
5, 1-6 What is to be avoided in the worship of God
7, 5-14 Counsels for wise living
5, 9-19 Vanity of riches
12, 1-9. 13-14 Remember God — Fear him!

28th Week (last after Pentecost)

Joel
2, 1-11 The day of the Lord is near
Micah
6, 1-8 God's judgment on Israel
Habakkuk
3, 3-19 God comes for judgement
Zephaniah
1, 14-18; 2, 1-3 A day of wrath, that day
Zechariah
14, 5c-11 When that day comes
Malachi
3, 1-2. 17-24 The day of the Lord is coming, burning like a furnace

MASSES FOR THE DEAD

GOSPEL READINGS

1. Mt 25, 31-46 The Last Judgement
2. Lc 12, 35-40 Be ready
3. Lc 16, 19-31 The rich man and Lazarus
4. Lc 23, 39-43 Today you will be with me in paradise
5. Jn 12, 23-28 Unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground
6. Jn 17, 24-26  I want those you have given me to be with me where I am

**FIRST READING**

1. Rom 8, 12-23  ‘Abba’, Father!
2. Rom 14, 7-9  We live and die for the Lord
3. I Cor 15, 12-22  Our hope is in the resurrection of Christ
4. II Cor 4, 10-5, 1  He who raised Jesus to life will raise us also
5. II Cor 5, 1-10  The earthly tent and the heavenly home
6. Apoc 21, 2-5  God will make his home among them; they shall be his people

**VOTIVE MASS OF THE SACRED HEART**

**GOSPEL READINGS**

1. Jn 7, 37-39  If any man is thirsty, let him come to me
2. Mt 11, 25-30  Jesus rejoices and blesses his Father
3. Mt 12, 14-21  He will not break the crushed reed

**FIRST READING**

1. 1 Jn 4, 7-12  Perfect love
2. Phil 1, 8-11  I love you in the heart of Christ Jesus
3. Col 1, 18-23  God reconciles everything through Jesus