

# Monday, November 23

## Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

### Reading 1 **Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5**

I, John, looked and there was the Lamb standing on Mount Zion,  
and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand  
who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.  
I heard a sound from heaven  
like the sound of rushing water or a loud peal of thunder.  
The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps.  
They were singing what seemed to be a new hymn before the throne,  
before the four living creatures and the elders.  
No one could learn this hymn except the hundred and forty-four thousand  
who had been ransomed from the earth.  
These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever he goes.  
They have been ransomed as the first fruits  
of the human race for God and the Lamb.  
On their lips no deceit has been found; they are unblemished.

### Responsorial Psalm **Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6**

R. (see 6) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.  
The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;  
the world and those who dwell in it.  
For he founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.  
R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.  
Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
or who may stand in his holy place?  
He whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,  
who desires not what is vain.  
R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.  
He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,  
a reward from God his savior.  
Such is the race that seeks for him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.  
R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

### Alleluia **Mt 24:42a, 44**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
Stay awake!  
For you do not know when the Son of Man will come.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel **LK 21:1-4**

When Jesus looked up he saw some wealthy people  
putting their offerings into the treasury  
and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins.

He said, "I tell you truly,  
this poor widow put in more than all the rest;  
for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth,  
but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood."

## Tuesday, November 24

# Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Reading 1 **RV 14:14-19**

I, John, looked and there was a white cloud,  
and sitting on the cloud one who looked like a son of man,  
with a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.  
Another angel came out of the temple,  
crying out in a loud voice to the one sitting on the cloud,  
"Use your sickle and reap the harvest,  
for the time to reap has come,  
because the earth's harvest is fully ripe."  
So the one who was sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth,  
and the earth was harvested.  
Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven  
who also had a sharp sickle.  
Then another angel came from the altar, who was in charge of the fire,  
and cried out in a loud voice  
to the one who had the sharp sickle,  
"Use your sharp sickle and cut the clusters from the earth's vines,  
for its grapes are ripe."  
So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and cut the earth's vintage.  
He threw it into the great wine press of God's fury.

Responsorial Psalm **96:10, 11-12, 13**

R. (13b) **The Lord comes to judge the earth.**

Say among the nations: The LORD is king.  
He has made the world firm, not to be moved;  
he governs the peoples with equity.

R. **The Lord comes to judge the earth.**

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;  
let the sea and what fills it resound;  
let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

R. **The Lord comes to judge the earth.**

Before the LORD, for he comes;  
for he comes to rule the earth.  
He shall rule the world with justice

and the peoples with his constancy.  
**R. The Lord comes to judge the earth.**

Alleluia      **RV 2:10C**  
**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**  
Remain faithful until death,  
and I will give you the crown of life.  
**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel      **LK 21:5-11**  
While some people were speaking about  
how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings,  
Jesus said, “All that you see here—  
the days will come when there will not be left  
a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.”  
Then they asked him,  
“Teacher, when will this happen?  
And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?”  
He answered,  
“See that you not be deceived,  
for many will come in my name, saying,  
‘I am he,’ and ‘The time has come.’  
Do not follow them!  
When you hear of wars and insurrections,  
do not be terrified; for such things must happen first,  
but it will not immediately be the end.”  
Then he said to them,  
“Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.  
There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues  
from place to place;  
and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.”

## Wednesday, November 25

### Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Reading 1      **RV 15:1-4**  
I, John, saw in heaven another sign, great and awe-inspiring:  
seven angels with the seven last plagues,  
for through them God’s fury is accomplished.  
Then I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire.  
On the sea of glass were standing those  
who had won the victory over the beast  
and its image and the number that signified its name.  
They were holding God’s harps,  
and they sang the song of Moses, the servant of God,  
and the song of the Lamb:

“Great and wonderful are your works,  
Lord God almighty.  
Just and true are your ways,  
O king of the nations.  
Who will not fear you, Lord,  
or glorify your name?  
For you alone are holy.  
All the nations will come  
and worship before you,  
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

Responsorial Psalm **PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 7-8, 9**

R. (Rev. 15: 3b) **Great and wonderful are all your works, Lord, mighty God!**

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done wondrous deeds;  
His right hand has won victory for him,  
his holy arm.

R. **Great and wonderful are all your works, Lord, mighty God!**

The LORD has made his salvation known:  
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.  
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness  
toward the house of Israel.

R. **Great and wonderful are all your works, Lord, mighty God!**

Let the sea and what fills it resound,  
the world and those who dwell in it;  
Let the rivers clap their hands,  
the mountains shout with them for joy.

R. **Great and wonderful are all your works, Lord, mighty God!**

Before the LORD, for he comes,  
for he comes to rule the earth;  
He will rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with equity.

R. **Great and wonderful are all your works, Lord, mighty God!**

Alleluia **RV 2:10C**

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Remain faithful until death,  
and I will give you the crown of life.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel **LK 21:12-19**

Jesus said to the crowd:

“They will seize and persecute you,  
they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons,  
and they will have you led before kings and governors  
because of my name.

It will lead to your giving testimony.

Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand,  
for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking  
that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.  
You will even be handed over by parents,  
brothers, relatives, and friends,  
and they will put some of you to death.  
You will be hated by all because of my name,  
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.  
By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”

## Thursday, November 26

### Thanksgiving Day

Reading 1 **Sir 50:22-24**

And now, bless the God of all,  
who has done wondrous things on earth;  
Who fosters people’s growth from their mother’s womb,  
and fashions them according to his will!  
May he grant you joy of heart  
and may peace abide among you;  
May his goodness toward us endure in Israel  
to deliver us in our days.

Responsorial Psalm **145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11**

R. (see 1) I will praise your name for ever, Lord.  
Every day will I bless you,  
and I will praise your name forever and ever.  
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.  
R. I will praise your name for ever, Lord.  
Generation after generation praises your works  
and proclaims your might.  
They speak of the splendor of your glorious majesty  
and tell of your wondrous works.  
R. I will praise your name for ever, Lord.  
They discourse of the power of your terrible deeds  
and declare your greatness.  
They publish the fame of your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your justice.  
R. I will praise your name for ever, Lord.  
The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.  
R. I will praise your name for ever, Lord.  
Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,

and let your faithful ones bless you.  
Let them discourse of the glory of your Kingdom  
and speak of your might.

R. I will praise your name for ever, Lord

Reading 2 **1 Cor 1:3-9**

Brothers and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account  
for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus,  
that in him you were enriched in every way,  
with all discourse and all knowledge,  
as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you,  
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift  
as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
He will keep you firm to the end,  
irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God is faithful,  
and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia **1 Thes 5:18**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

In all circumstances, give thanks,  
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel **Lk 17:11-19**

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem,  
he traveled through Samaria and Galilee.

As he was entering a village, ten persons with leprosy met him.

They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying,

“Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!”

And when he saw them, he said,

“Go show yourselves to the priests.”

As they were going they were cleansed.

And one of them, realizing he had been healed,  
returned, glorifying God in a loud voice;

and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.

He was a Samaritan.

Jesus said in reply,

“Ten were cleansed, were they not?”

Where are the other nine?

Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?”

Then he said to him, “Stand up and go;  
your faith has saved you.”

# Friday, November 27

## Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 **RV 20:1-4, 11-21:2**

I, John, saw an angel come down from heaven,  
holding in his hand the key to the abyss and a heavy chain.  
He seized the dragon, the ancient serpent,  
which is the Devil or Satan,  
and tied it up for a thousand years and threw it into the abyss,  
which he locked over it and sealed,  
so that it could no longer lead the nations astray  
until the thousand years are completed.  
After this, it is to be released for a short time.  
Then I saw thrones; those who sat on them were entrusted with judgment.  
I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded  
for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God,  
and who had not worshiped the beast or its image  
nor had accepted its mark on their foreheads or hands.  
They came to life and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years.  
Next I saw a large white throne and the one who was sitting on it.  
The earth and the sky fled from his presence  
and there was no place for them.  
I saw the dead, the great and the lowly, standing before the throne,  
and scrolls were opened.  
Then another scroll was opened, the book of life.  
The dead were judged according to their deeds,  
by what was written in the scrolls.  
The sea gave up its dead;  
then Death and Hades gave up their dead.  
All the dead were judged according to their deeds.  
Then Death and Hades were thrown into the pool of fire.  
(This pool of fire is the second death.)  
Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life  
was thrown into the pool of fire.  
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth.  
The former heaven and the former earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.  
I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Responsorial Psalm **PS 84:3, 4, 5-6A AND 8A**

R. (Rev. 21:3b) Here God lives among his people.  
My soul yearns and pines  
for the courts of the LORD.  
My heart and my flesh

cry out for the living God.  
R. Here God lives among his people.  
Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest  
in which she puts her young—  
Your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my king and my God!  
R. Here God lives among his people.  
Blessed they who dwell in your house!  
continually they praise you.  
Blessed the men whose strength you are!  
They go from strength to strength.  
R. Here God lives among his people.

Alleluia      **LUKE 21:28**  
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**  
Stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand.  
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel      **LK 21:29-33**  
Jesus told his disciples a parable.  
“Consider the fig tree and all the other trees.  
When their buds burst open,  
you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near;  
in the same way, when you see these things happening,  
know that the Kingdom of God is near.  
Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away  
until all these things have taken place.  
Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.”

## Saturday, November 28

### Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Reading 1      **RV 22:1-7**  
John said:  
An angel showed me the river of life-giving water,  
sparkling like crystal, flowing from the throne of God  
and of the Lamb down the middle of the street,  
On either side of the river grew the tree of life  
that produces fruit twelve times a year, once each month;  
the leaves of the trees serve as medicine for the nations.  
Nothing accursed will be found anymore.  
The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it,  
and his servants will worship him.

They will look upon his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.  
Night will be no more, nor will they need light from lamp or sun,  
for the Lord God shall give them light,  
and they shall reign forever and ever.

And he said to me,

“These words are trustworthy and true,  
and the Lord, the God of prophetic spirits,  
sent his angel to show his servants what must happen soon.”  
“Behold, I am coming soon.”

Blessed is the one who keeps the prophetic message of this book.

Responsorial Psalm **PS 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7AB**

R. (1 Cor 16: 22b, see Rev. 22: 20c) **Marana tha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

**R. Marana tha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great king above all gods;  
In his hands are the depths of the earth,  
and the tops of the mountains are his.  
His is the sea, for he has made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**R. Marana tha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

**R. Marana tha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Alleluia **LK 21:36**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Be vigilant at all times and pray  
that you may have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel **LK 21:34-36**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy  
from carousing and drunkenness  
and the anxieties of daily life,  
and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.

For that day will assault everyone  
who lives on the face of the earth.

Be vigilant at all times  
and pray that you have the strength

to escape the tribulations that are imminent  
and to stand before the Son of Man.”

## Sunday, November 29

### First Sunday of Advent

Reading 1 **IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7**

You, LORD, are our father,  
our redeemer you are named forever.  
Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways,  
and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?  
Return for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your heritage.  
Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
with the mountains quaking before you,  
while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for,  
such as they had not heard of from of old.  
No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you  
doing such deeds for those who wait for him.  
Would that you might meet us doing right,  
that we were mindful of you in our ways!  
Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful;  
all of us have become like unclean people,  
all our good deeds are like polluted rags;  
we have all withered like leaves,  
and our guilt carries us away like the wind.  
There is none who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to cling to you;  
for you have hidden your face from us  
and have delivered us up to our guilt.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our father;  
we are the clay and you the potter:  
we are all the work of your hands.

Responsorial Psalm **PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19**

R. (4) **Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,  
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Rouse your power,  
and come to save us.

R. **Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts,  
look down from heaven, and see;  
take care of this vine,  
and protect what your right hand has planted  
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

May your help be with the man of your right hand,  
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Then we will no more withdraw from you;  
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Reading II **1 COR 1:3-9**

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with all discourse and all knowledge,  
as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you,  
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift  
as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will keep you firm to the end,  
irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful,  
and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia **PS 85:8**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Show us Lord, your love;  
and grant us your salvation.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel **MK 13:33-37**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge,  
each with his own work,

and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming,  
whether in the evening, or at midnight,

or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”