

Monday – September 21
Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and
Evangelist

Reading 1 EPH 4:1-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters:
I, a prisoner for the Lord,
urge you to live in a manner worthy of the
call you have received,
with all humility and gentleness, with
patience,
bearing with one another through love,
striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit
through the bond of peace:
one Body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of
your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.
But grace was given to each of us
according to the measure of Christ's gift.
And he gave some as Apostles, others as
prophets,
others as evangelists, others as pastors
and teachers,
to equip the holy ones for the work of
ministry,
for building up the Body of Christ,
until we all attain to the unity of faith
and knowledge of the Son of God, to
mature manhood,
to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 19:2-3, 4-5

**R. (5) Their message goes out through
all the earth.**

The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his
handiwork.

Day pours out the word to day,
and night to night imparts knowledge.

**R. Their message goes out through all
the earth.**

Not a word nor a discourse
whose voice is not heard;
Through all the earth their voice resounds,
and to the ends of the world, their message.

**R. Their message goes out through all
the earth.**

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as Lord;
the glorious company of Apostles praise
you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MT 9:9-13

As Jesus passed by,
he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the
customs post.

He said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him.

While he was at table in his house,
many tax collectors and sinners came
and sat with Jesus and his disciples.

The Pharisees saw this and said to his
disciples,

"Why does your teacher eat with tax
collectors and sinners?"

He heard this and said,

"Those who are well do not need a
physician, but the sick do.

Go and learn the meaning of the words,
I desire mercy, not sacrifice.

I did not come to call the righteous but
sinners."

Tuesday – September 22

Reading 1 **PRV 21:1-6, 10-13**

Like a stream is the king's heart in the hand of the LORD;
wherever it pleases him, he directs it.
All the ways of a man may be right in his own eyes,
but it is the LORD who proves hearts.
To do what is right and just
is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.
Haughty eyes and a proud heart—
the tillage of the wicked is sin.
The plans of the diligent are sure of profit,
but all rash haste leads certainly to poverty.
Whoever makes a fortune by a lying tongue
is chasing a bubble over deadly snares.
The soul of the wicked man desires evil;
his neighbor finds no pity in his eyes.
When the arrogant man is punished, the simple are the wiser;
when the wise man is instructed, he gains knowledge.
The just man appraises the house of the wicked:
there is one who brings down the wicked to ruin.
He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor
will himself also call and not be heard.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44

R. (35) **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**

Blessed are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.

R. **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**

Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous deeds.

R. **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**

The way of truth I have chosen;
I have set your ordinances before me.

R. **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**

Give me discernment, that I may observe your law
and keep it with all my heart.

R. **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**

Lead me in the path of your commands,
for in it I delight.

R. **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**

And I will keep your law continually,
forever and ever.

R. **Guide me, Lord, in the way of your commands.**

Alleluia **LK 11:28**

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed are those who hear the word of God
and observe it.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel **LK 8:19-21**

The mother of Jesus and his brothers came to him

but were unable to join him because of the crowd.

He was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside
and they wish to see you."

He said to them in reply, "My mother and my brothers
are those who hear the word of God and act on it."

Wednesday – September 23

*Memorial of Saint Pius of
Pietrelcina, Priest*

Reading 1 **PRV 30:5-9**

Every word of God is tested;
he is a shield to those who take refuge in
him.

Add nothing to his words,
lest he reprove you, and you will be
exposed as a deceiver.

Two things I ask of you,
deny them not to me before I die:
Put falsehood and lying far from me,
give me neither poverty nor riches;
provide me only with the food I need;
Lest, being full, I deny you,
saying, “Who is the LORD?”
Or, being in want, I steal,
and profane the name of my God.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163

**R. (105) Your word, O Lord, is a lamp
for my feet.**

Remove from me the way of falsehood,
and favor me with your law.

**R. Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for
my feet.**

The law of your mouth is to me more
precious
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

**R. Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for
my feet.**

Your word, O LORD, endures forever;
it is firm as the heavens.

**R. Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for
my feet.**

From every evil way I withhold my feet,
that I may keep your words.

**R. Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for
my feet.**

Through your precepts I gain
discernment;

therefore I hate every false way.

**R. Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for
my feet.**

Falsehood I hate and abhor;
your law I love.

**R. Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for
my feet.**

Alleluia **MK 1:15**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the Gospel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel **LK 9:1-6**

Jesus summoned the Twelve and gave
them power and authority
over all demons and to cure diseases,
and he sent them to proclaim the
Kingdom of God
and to heal the sick.

He said to them, “Take nothing for the
journey,

neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food,
nor money,

and let no one take a second tunic.

Whatever house you enter, stay there and
leave from there.

And as for those who do not welcome you,
when you leave that town,
shake the dust from your feet in
testimony against them.”

Then they set out and went from village to
village

proclaiming the Good News and curing
diseases everywhere.

Thursday – September 24

Reading 1 ECCL 1:2-11

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth,
vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!
What profit has man from all the labor
which he toils at under the sun?
One generation passes and another
comes,
but the world forever stays.
The sun rises and the sun goes down;
then it presses on to the place where it
rises.
Blowing now toward the south, then
toward the north,
the wind turns again and again, resuming
its rounds.
All rivers go to the sea,
yet never does the sea become full.
To the place where they go,
the rivers keep on going.
All speech is labored;
there is nothing one can say.
The eye is not satisfied with seeing
nor is the ear satisfied with hearing.
What has been, that will be;
what has been done, that will be done.
Nothing is new under the sun.
Even the thing of which we say, “See, this
is new!”
has already existed in the ages that
preceded us.
There is no remembrance of the men of
old;
nor of those to come will there be any
remembrance
among those who come after them.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 AND 17BC

R. (1) **In every age, O Lord, you have
been our refuge.**

You turn man back to dust,
saying, “Return, O children of men.”
For a thousand years in your sight
are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night.

R. **In every age, O Lord, you have
been our refuge.**

You make an end of them in their sleep;
the next morning they are like the changing

grass,
Which at dawn springs up anew,
but by evening wilts and fades.

R. **In every age, O Lord, you have
been our refuge.**

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Return, O LORD! How long?

Have pity on your servants!

R. **In every age, O Lord, you have
been our refuge.**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all
our days.

Prosper the work of our hands for us!

Prosper the work of our hands!

R. **In every age, O Lord, you have
been our refuge.**

Alleluia JN 14:6

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the way and the truth and the life, says
the Lord; no one comes to the Father except
through me.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel LK 9:7-9

Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was
happening,

and he was greatly perplexed because some
were saying,

“John has been raised from the dead”;

others were saying, “Elijah has appeared”;
still others, “One of the ancient prophets
has arisen.”

But Herod said, “John I beheaded.

Who then is this about whom I hear such
things?”

And he kept trying to see him.

Friday – September 25

Reading 1 ECCL 3:1-11

There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for everything under the
heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the
plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to
gather them;

a time to embrace, and a time to be far
from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.

What advantage has the worker from his
toil?

I have considered the task that God has
appointed

for the sons of men to be busied about.

He has made everything appropriate to its
time,

and has put the timeless into their hearts,
without man's ever discovering,

from beginning to end, the work which
God has done.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 144:1B AND 2ABC, 3-4

R. (1) Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

Blessed be the LORD, my rock,

my mercy and my fortress,

my stronghold, my deliverer,

My shield, in whom I trust.

R. Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

LORD, what is man, that you notice him;

the son of man, that you take thought of
him?

Man is like a breath;

his days, like a passing shadow.

R. Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

Alleluia MK 10:45

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel LK 9:18-22

Once when Jesus was praying in solitude,
and the disciples were with him,
he asked them, "Who do the crowds say
that I am?"

They said in reply, "John the Baptist;
others, Elijah;

still others, 'One of the ancient prophets
has arisen.'"

Then he said to them, "But who do you
say that I am?"

Peter said in reply, "The Christ of God."
He rebuked them and directed them not
to tell this to anyone.

He said, "The Son of Man must suffer
greatly

and be rejected by the elders, the chief
priests, and the scribes,

and be killed and on the third day be
raised."

Saturday – September 26

Reading 1 ECCL 11:9–12:8

Rejoice, O young man, while you are young and let your heart be glad in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart, the vision of your eyes; Yet understand that as regards all this God will bring you to judgment. Ward off grief from your heart and put away trouble from your presence, though the dawn of youth is fleeting. Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come And the years approach of which you will say, I have no pleasure in them; Before the sun is darkened, and the light, and the moon, and the stars, while the clouds return after the rain; When the guardians of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, And the grinders are idle because they are few, and they who look through the windows grow blind; When the doors to the street are shut, and the sound of the mill is low; When one waits for the chirp of a bird, but all the daughters of song are suppressed; And one fears heights, and perils in the street; When the almond tree blooms, and the locust grows sluggish and the caper berry is without effect, Because man goes to his lasting home, and mourners go about the streets; Before the silver cord is snapped and the golden bowl is broken, And the pitcher is shattered at the spring, and the broken pulley falls into the well, And the dust returns to the earth as it once was, and the life breath returns to God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, all things are vanity!

Responsorial Psalm

PS 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 AND 17

R. (1) **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You turn man back to dust, saying, “Return, O children of men.” For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past, or as a watch of the night.

R. **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You make an end of them in their sleep; the next morning they are like the changing grass, Which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades.

R. **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

R. **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

R. **In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

Alleluia 2 TIMOTHY 1:10

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Our Savior Christ Jesus destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel LK 9:43B-45

While they were all amazed at his every deed, Jesus said to his disciples,

“Pay attention to what I am telling you. The Son of Man is to be handed over to men.” But they did not understand this saying; its meaning was hidden from them

so that they should not understand it, and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

Sunday – September 27

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 **EZ 18:25-28**

Thus says the LORD:

You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!"

Hear now, house of Israel:

Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?

When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die.

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed,

he does what is right and just,

he shall preserve his life;

since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed,

he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14.

R. (6a) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;

teach me your paths,

guide me in your truth and teach me,

for you are God my savior.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,

and your love are from of old.

The sins of my youth and my frailties

remember not;

in your kindness remember me,

because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD;

thus he shows sinners the way.

He guides the humble to justice,

and teaches the humble his way.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Reading 2 **PHIL 2:1-11 OR 2:1-5**

Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ,

any solace in love,

any participation in the Spirit,

any compassion and mercy,

complete my joy by being of the same

mind, with the same love,

united in heart, thinking one thing.

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;

rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves,

each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude

that is also in Christ Jesus,

Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God

something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

coming in human likeness;

and found human in appearance,

he humbled himself,

becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name

which is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue confess that

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

or

Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ,

any solace in love,

any participation in the Spirit,

any compassion and mercy,

complete my joy by being of the same

mind, with the same love,

united in heart, thinking one thing.

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;

rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves,

each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

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that is also in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia JN 10:27

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MT 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders
of the people:

"What is your opinion?

A man had two sons.

He came to the first and said,

'Son, go out and work in the vineyard
today.'

He said in reply, 'I will not, '

but afterwards changed his mind and
went.

The man came to the other son and gave
the same order.

He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.

Which of the two did his father's will?"

They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,

tax collectors and prostitutes

are entering the kingdom of God before
you.

When John came to you in the way of
righteousness,

you did not believe him;

but tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Yet even when you saw that,

you did not later change your minds and
believe him."