

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 30.

RESPONSE:

I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.

1. I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up, and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have lifted up my soul from the grave, restored me to life from those who sink into the pit. **R**
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you faithful ones; give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life. At night there are tears, but at dawn comes joy. **R**
3. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on me; be my helper, O Lord. You have changed my mourning into dancing. O Lord my God, I will thank you forever. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43.

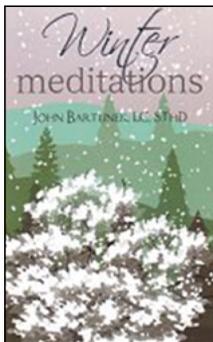
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 28 Jun St Irenaeus, BM

Genesis 18:16-33; Psalm 103; Matthew 8:18-22

Be constantly alert, and listen to the deep, inner voice of the Spirit calling you towards what is good. Through constant practice, discipline your heart and mind to become continually attentive and aware.

Tue 29 Jun SS PETER & PAUL, As

Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 34; Matthew 16:13-19

Peter and Paul were very different men, with different gifts. Both served the gospel. God does not want us to become someone else. God wants us, with our unique gifts, to dedicate the person that we are to his service.

Wed 30 Jun (The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome)

Gen 21:5.8-20; Psalm 34; Matt 8:28-34

God knows our faults and our gifts as well, knows us through and through in all our weakness and vulnerability. God knows us completely and loves us just as we are – because God is love and we are God's children.

Thu 1 Jul Liturgy of the Day

Genesis 22:1-19; Psalm 116; Matthew 9:1-8

God tested Abraham's faith. Our faith challenges us directly every day in the people we encounter. Am I attentive to the needs of the poor; am I kind and compassionate; do I visit the sick; do I show mercy?

Fri 2 Jul Liturgy of the Day

Genesis 23:1-4.19; 24.1-8.62-67; Psalm 106; Matt 9:9-13

Even though we can't physically see Jesus today, we can still recognise him as he continues to show us his wounds – in the homeless, the poor, and in peoples' physical and emotional pain, calling us to love.

Sat 3 Jul ST THOMAS, A

Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 117; John 20:24-29

We relish battle scars. They are a part of us, and signs of surprising strength. In and through Jesus' wounds – by touching them – Thomas remembered, he recognized, he understood.

Sun 4 Jul 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm 123; Mark 6:1-6

God's comfort and compassion come ordinarily through people. We are today's faithful disciples of Jesus. He is counting on us to show the loving face of God to the people of our time.

(KEY: **SOLEMNITY**; **FEAST**; **Memorial**; (Optional Memorial)
M=Martyr; B=Bishop; A=Apostle

Catholic Link

BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year B
Divine Office: Week 1 • 27 June 2021

Despite Dark Clouds, A Ray of Hope

As we saw last week, Chapter One of *Fratelli Tutti* is the pope's analysis of the world we're living in. Drawing on the vast resources of his global ministry as pope, he is well equipped to read the signs of the times as he spells out one challenge after the other.

His point about technology, for example, has a twist. This is a tech-savvy pope who is not averse to social media platforms which he uses to good effect. He acknowledges that technology is constantly advancing yet laments that it does not show more equality and social inclusion. "How wonderful would it be, even as we discover faraway planets, to rediscover the needs of the brothers and sisters who orbit around us." While we have been reaching for the stars, we have forgotten how to take one small step towards

our brother or sister in need standing right next to us. He says, "We gorged ourselves on networking and lost the taste of fraternity. Prisoners of virtual reality, we lost the taste and flavour of the truly real".

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic shows itself in this encyclical. Pope Francis is anxious that we don't forget its lessons, or the lessons of history in general, which he calls "the teacher of life". As he writes in *Fratelli Tutti* par. 34, "Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation. God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of "them" and "those", but only "us". Us indeed – the title of the encyclical, "fratelli tutti", brothers and sisters all.

Space does not allow us to comment in detail on all the pope goes on to say about other current realities, like dysfunctional health care systems (sound familiar?); about the migration

of people in search of safety and peace; about the manipulation of facts and digital campaigns of hatred and destruction; about addiction to the internet in all forms, leading to what he calls "digital relationships, which do not demand the slow and gradual cultivation of friendships." Digital connectivity and "the frenzy of texting" is not capable, says the pope, of uniting humanity.

Notwithstanding these and many other issues he touches on, Pope Francis ends his first chapter on a note of hope. We give him the last word:

"Despite these dark clouds, which may not be

ignored, I would like to take up and discuss many new paths of hope. For God continues to sow abundant seeds of goodness in our human family. The recent pandemic enabled us to recognize and appreciate once more all those around us who, in the midst of fear, responded by putting their lives on the line. We began to realize that our lives are interwoven with and sustained by ordinary people valiantly shaping the decisive events of our shared history: doctors, nurses, pharmacists, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caretakers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests and Religious... They understood that no one is saved alone."

Reason indeed to cultivate the virtue of Christian hope!



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