

# 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LISTENING HAS BECOME a lost art in our contemporary culture. Paradoxically, with the vast number of messages that we are exposed to, we are presented opportunities to listen to a message that resonates with the questions we are facing in our lives. God is present in our search for meaning – if only we are patient and attentive to the Spirit operating continuously in our lives, inviting us to “come and see.”

Following Jesus involves listening for the message that both draws us in and teaches us a response to our question that is consistent with living in the Spirit. Consider our experience when we’re looking for

something – and the panic at not knowing if or when we will find it, along with the feeling of joy that comes when we find exactly what we are looking for. In a similar way does our Teacher – Jesus – work with us in our own lives. We are anxious in our searching, but there is joy when we hear God’s call.

Come and see the enormous feast that awaits us – if only we are open to the Spirit guiding us to move from where we are to where God intends us to be. We will benefit if we consider that we are being continuously invited to come and see through our lives.

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*Roman Missal p. 438; Sunday Lectionary p. 548*

### Entrance Antiphon (*Psalm 65.4*)

**All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!**

### Introductory Rites (p. 5)

#### Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### *First Reading (1 Samuel 3.3b-10, 19)* \_\_\_\_\_

Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" Samuel ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

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Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### *Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 40)*



Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.



**R.** Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited patiently for the · **Lord**;  
he inclined to me and · **heard** my cry.  
He put a new song in · **my** mouth,  
a song of praise · **to** our God. *R.*

Sacrifice and offering you do not de-·**sire**,  
but you have given me an · **o**-pen ear.  
Burnt offering · **and** sin\_ offering  
you have · **not** re-quired. *R.*

Then I said, “Here I · **am**;  
In the scroll of the book it is · **written** of me.  
I delight to do your will, O · **my** God;  
your law is with-·**in** my heart.” *R.*

I have told the glad news of de-·**liverance**  
in the great · **con**-gre-gation;  
see, I have not restrained · **my** lips,  
as you · **know**, O Lord. *R.*

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**Second Reading (1 Corinthians 6.13c-15a, 17-20)** 

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Brothers and sisters: The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself.

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation (See John 1.41, 17)**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.** We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us grace and truth. **Alleluia.**

**Gospel (John 1.35-42)** 

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The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

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One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated the Christ). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Profession of Faith (p. 8)

#### Prayer of the Faithful

*The following intentions are suggestions only. There are more suggestions at [www.livingwithchrist.ca](http://www.livingwithchrist.ca)*

#### **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the Church, hearing and proclaiming God's call to holiness, we pray to the Lord: R.

For world leaders, working for a lasting peace, we pray to the Lord: R.

For those who hunger for food, for understanding and for companionship, we pray to the Lord: R.

For ourselves, gathered to share the gifts of faith, hope and love, we pray to the Lord: R.

### Preparation of the Gifts (p. 11)

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is

celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Preface** (*Sundays in Ordinary Time, p. 14*)

**Communion Antiphon** (*Cf. Psalm 22.5*)

**You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.**

*or*

*(1 John 4.16)*

**We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.**

**Prayer after Communion**

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Blessing and Dismissal** (*p. 31*)

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2nd Week in Ordinary Time

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## *Ferial*

*Roman Missal 442; Lectionary 311*

### **Entrance Antiphon**

*(Cf. Ps 30)* **Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

### **Collect**

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Reading**

*(Hebrews 5.1-10)*

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to

deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.

And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience

through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** —————  
(Psalm 110)

**R. You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.**

The Lord says to my lord, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.” R.

The Lord sends out from Zion your mighty sceptre. Rule in the midst of your foes. R.

Your people will offer themselves willingly on the day you lead your forces on the holy mountains. From the womb of the morning, like dew, your youth will come to you. R.

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a

priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” R.

**Acclamation** (Hebrews 4)

**Alleluia. Alleluia.** The word of God is alive and active; it judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. **Alleluia.**

**Gospel** —————  
(Mark 2.18-22)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to Jesus, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?”

Jesus said to them, “The wedding guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.

“No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old

cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Communion Antiphon**

*(Cf. Ps 77)* **They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

*or*

*(Jn 3)* **God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God. —St. Faustina*

## JANUARY 18 – 25

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

“Abide in my love ... you shall bear much fruit”

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### *Optional Mass*

**For the Unity of Christians**

*Roman Missal 1264; Readings of the Day*

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

**(Ps 105) Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name and make it our glory to praise you.**

#### **Collect**

O God, who have united many nations in confessing your name, grant us, we pray, the grace to will and to do what you command, that the people called to your Kingdom may be one in the faith of their hearts and the homage of their deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*or*

Attend with favour to the prayers of your people, we

ask, O Lord, and grant that the hearts of believers may be united in your praise and in repentance together, so that, with division among Christians overcome, we may hasten with joy to your eternal Kingdom in the perfect communion of the Church. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Celebrating the memorial of our salvation, we humbly beseech your mercy, O Lord, that this Sacrament of your loving kindness may be for us the sign of unity and the bond of charity. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

TUESDAY JANUARY 19

**Preface** (*Unity of Christians*,  
p. 16)

**Communion Antiphon**

(*Col 3*) **And over all things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body.**

**Prayer after Communion**

Pour out on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love and, in your kindness, make those who believe in you one in mind and heart by the power of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

TUESDAY JANUARY 19

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*Ferial*

*Roman Missal 443; Lectionary 312*

**Entrance Antiphon**

(*Ps 12*) **O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**

**Collect**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed

that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Reading** 

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(*Hebrews 6.10-20*)

Brothers and sisters, God is not unjust; he will not overlook your work and the love

that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do. And we want each one of you to show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope to the very end, so that you may not become sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

When God made a promise to Abraham, because he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, "I will surely bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise.

Human beings, of course, swear by someone greater than themselves, and an oath given as confirmation puts an end to all dispute. In the same way, when God desired to show even more clearly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it by an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God would prove false, we

who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us.

We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Responsorial Psalm* —————  
*(Psalm 111)*

**R. God is ever mindful of his covenant.**

*or Alleluia! Alleluia!*

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. *R.*

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. *R.*

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. His praise endures forever. R.

**Acclamation** (*Ephesians 1*)

**Alleluia. Alleluia.** May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we were called. **Alleluia.**

**Gospel** —————

(*Mark 2.23-28*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

One Sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”

And Jesus said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his

companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.”

Then Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made for people, and not people for the Sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Prayer over the Offerings**

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Communion Antiphon**

(*Ps 9*) **I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**

*or*

**(Jn 11) Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.**

**Prayer after Communion**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these mysteries. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*If the soul is sick, one must begin by treating the soul. Do you have faith? Do you believe that God can do something for you? Go confess yourself to the priest... then go to Communion. —St. André Bessette*

## *Ferial*

*Roman Missal 444; Lectionary 313*

or **Saint Fabian**

or **Saint Sebastian**

Fabian was a pope of the early Church and was martyred in 250.

See p. 176.

Sebastian is one of the patron saints of the Swiss Guards.

See p. 176.

## **Entrance Antiphon**

*(Cf. Ps 17)* **The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.**

## **Collect**

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Reading**

*(Hebrews 7.1-3, 15-17)*

“King Melchizedek of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham as he was returning from defeating the kings and blessed him”; and to him Abraham apportioned “one-tenth of everything.” His name, in the first place, means “king of righteousness”; next he is also king of Salem, that is, “king of peace.” Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** —————  
(Psalm 110)

**R.** You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord says to my lord, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.” **R.**

The Lord sends out from Zion your mighty sceptre. Rule in the midst of your foes. **R.**

Your people will offer themselves willingly on the day you lead your forces on the holy mountains. From the womb of the morning, like dew, your youth will come to you. **R.**

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” **R.**

**Acclamation** (Matthew 4)

**Alleluia. Alleluia.** Jesus preached the Good News to the people and healed the ones who were sick. **Alleluia.**

**Gospel** —————  
(Mark 3.1-6)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. The Pharisees watched Jesus to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him.

And Jesus said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” Then he said to the Pharisees, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent.

Jesus looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against Jesus, how to destroy him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name and count our oblations as signs of our desire to serve you with devotion, we ask of your mercy that what you grant as the source of merit may also help us to attain merit’s reward. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Communion Antiphon**

*(Cf. Ps 12)* **I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.**

*or*

*(Mt 28)* **Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Nourished by your saving gifts, we beseech your mercy, Lord, that by this same Sacrament with which you feed us in the present age, you may make us partakers of life eternal. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes. —St. Clement of Alexandria*

# THURSDAY JANUARY 21

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## *Memorial*

### **Saint Agnes**

*Roman Missal 789/1061; Lectionary 314*

Agnes is a symbol of virginal innocence and is often pictured as a lamb. See p. 177.

### **Entrance Antiphon**

**Behold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us, powerful in virginity, modesty her offering, a sacrifice on the altar of chastity.**

*or*

**Blessed is the virgin who by denying herself and taking up her cross imitated the Lord, the spouse of virgins and prince of martyrs.**

### **Collect**

Almighty ever-living God, who choose what is weak in the world to confound the strong, mercifully grant that we, who celebrate the heavenly birthday of your Martyr Saint Agnes, may follow her constancy in the faith. Through our Lord Jesus

Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Reading**

*(Hebrews 7.25 – 8.6)*

Jesus, because he continues forever, is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of

the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Now the main point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent that the Lord, and not any mortal, has set up.

For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; hence it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. They offer worship in a sanctuary that is a sketch and shadow of the heavenly one; for Moses, when he was about to erect the tent, was warned, "See that you make everything according to

the pattern that was shown you on the mountain."

But Jesus has now obtained a more excellent ministry, and to that degree he is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted through better promises.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Responsorial Psalm* —————  
(Psalm 40)

**R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, "Here I am." R.

"In the scroll of the book it is written of me, I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." R.

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. R.

But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!" R.

**Acclamation** (*2 Timothy 1*)

**Alleluia. Alleluia.** Our Saviour Jesus Christ destroyed death; and brought life immortal through the gospel. **Alleluia.**

**Gospel** —————

(*Mark 3.7-12*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus departed with his disciples to the sea, and a great multitude from Galilee followed him; hearing all that he was doing, they came to him in great numbers from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and the region around Tyre and Sidon.

Jesus told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him; for

he had cured many, so that all who had diseases pressed upon him to touch him.

Whenever the unclean spirits saw Jesus, they fell down before him and shouted, "You are the Son of God!" But he sternly ordered them not to make him known.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Prayer over the Offerings**

May the offerings we bring in celebration of blessed Agnes win your gracious acceptance, O Lord, we pray, just as the struggle of her suffering and passion was pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Preface** (*Common, p. 17 or Martyrs, p. 16*)

**Communion Antiphon**

(*Rev 7*) **The Lamb who is at the centre of the throne will lead them to the springs of the waters of life.**

## THURSDAY JANUARY 21

### Prayer after Communion

O God, who bestowed on blessed Agnes a crown among the Saints for her twofold triumph of virginity and martyrdom, grant, we pray, through

the power of this Sacrament, that, bravely overcoming every evil, we may attain the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Christ made my soul beautiful with the  
jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to him  
whom the angels serve. —St. Agnes*

## FRIDAY JANUARY 22

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### *Ferial*

*Roman Missal 445; Lectionary 315*  
or **Saint Vincent**

Vincent was the first Spanish martyr, killed in 304. See p. 177.

### **Entrance Antiphon**

*(Cf. Ps 24)* **Turn to me and have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am alone and poor. See my lowliness and suffering and take away all my sins, my God.**

### **Collect**

O God, whose providence never fails in its design, keep from us, we humbly beseech you, all that might harm us and grant all that works for our good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Reading (Hebrews 8.6-13)** —

Jesus has now obtained a more excellent ministry than the priests who offer gifts

according to the Law; and to that degree he is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted through better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need to look for a second one. God finds fault with them when he says:

“The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah; not like the covenant that I made with their ancestors, on the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; for they did not continue in my covenant, and so I had no concern for them, says the Lord.

“This is the covenant that I will make with the house of

Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

“And they shall not teach one another or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.”

In speaking of “a new covenant,” he has made the first one obsolete. And what is obsolete and growing old will soon disappear.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Responsorial Psalm*** —————  
***(Psalm 85)***

**R. Kindness and truth shall meet.**

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. R.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. R.

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps. R.

***Acclamation (2 Corinthians 5)***

**Alleluia. Alleluia.** God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia.**

***Gospel (Mark 3.13-19)*** —————

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message, and to have authority to cast out demons.

So Jesus appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Trusting in your compassion, O Lord, we come eagerly with our offerings to your sacred altar, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Communion Antiphon**

*(Cf. Ps 16)* **To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.**

*or*

*(Mk 11)* **Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe you will receive it, and it will be yours, says the Lord.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Govern by your Spirit, we pray, O Lord, those you feed with the Body and Blood of your Son, that, professing you not just in word or in speech, but also in works and in truth, we may merit to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*No one ought to be confident in his own strength when he undergoes temptation. For whenever we endure evils courageously, our long-suffering comes from Christ. —St. Vincent*

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### **Entrance Antiphon**

*(Cf. Ps 26)* **The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.**

### **Collect**

O God, from whom all good things come, grant that we, who call on you in our need, may at your prompting discern what is right, and by your guidance do it. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Reading** —————

*(Hebrews 9.2-3, 11-14)*

The first covenant had an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, in which were

the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies.

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our

conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** —————  
(Psalm 47)

**R.** God ascends with songs of joy, the sound of trumpets greets the Lord.

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. **R.**

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. **R.**

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. **R.**

**Acclamation (Acts 16)**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.** Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen eagerly to the words of your Son. **Alleluia.**

**Gospel** —————  
(Mark 3.20-21)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus and the disciples went home; and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat.

When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Prayer over the Offerings**

Look kindly upon our service, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer may be an acceptable oblation to you and lead us to grow in charity. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Communion Antiphon**

(Ps 17) **The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.**

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*or*

**(1 Jn 4) God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God in him.**

**Prayer after Communion**

May your healing work, O Lord, free us, we pray, from doing evil and lead us to what is right. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. —St. Francis de Sales*

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