

# THURSDAY JULY 30

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*Roman Missal 467; Lectionary 404*  
or **Saint Peter Chrysologus**

Saint Peter Chrysologus was a particularly inspirational preacher.  
See p. 169.

### **Entrance Antiphon**

(Cf. Ps 37) **Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!**

### **Collect**

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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** ————— (*Jeremiah 18.1-6*)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.”

So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

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

**Responsorial Psalm** —————  
*(Psalm 146)*

**R.** **Blest are they whose help is the God of Jacob.**

*or Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. *R.*

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. *R.*

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them. *R.*

**Acclamation** *(Acts 16)*

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

**Gospel** —————  
*(Matthew 13.47-52)*

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

Jesus said to the crowds: “The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

“So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And Jesus said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

**Prayer over the Offerings**

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a

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holy outpouring of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Communion Antiphon**

*(Cf. Ps 15)* **You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.**

*or*

*(Jn 6)* **Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so whoever**

**feeds on me shall have life because of me, says the Lord.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Listen to the Lord's appeal: Come, then, return to me and learn to know me as your father, who repays good for evil, love for injury, and boundless charity for piercing wounds. —St Peter Chrysologus*