

# MONDAY MARCH 23

4th Week of Lent

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## *Ferial*

*Roman Missal 233; Lectionary 244*  
or **Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo**

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo established the first seminary in Latin America. See p. 181.

## **Entrance Antiphon**

*(Cf. Ps 30)* **As for me, I trust in the Lord. Let me be glad and rejoice in your mercy, for you have seen my affliction.**

## **Collect**

O God, who renew the world through mysteries beyond all telling, grant, we pray, that your Church may be guided by your eternal design and not be deprived of your help in this present age. 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 (Isaiah 65.17-21)* —

Thus says the Lord: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred

will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

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

*Responsorial Psalm* —————  
(Psalm 30)

**R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. **R.**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. **R.**

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper! You have turned my mourning into dancing. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. **R.**

**Acclamation (Amos 5)**

**Praise to you, Lord, king of eternal glory!** Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and the Lord will be with you. **Praise to you, Lord, king of eternal glory!**

*Gospel (John 4.43-54)* —————

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

After spending two days in Samaria, Jesus went from that place to Galilee (for Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honour in the prophet's own country). When he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, since they had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival; for they too had gone to the festival.

Then he came again to Cana in Galilee where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come

down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe.” The official said to him, “Sir, come down before my little boy dies.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your son will live.”

The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, “Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him.” The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” So he himself believed, along with his whole household. Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

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

### Prayer over the Offerings

May we receive, O Lord, we pray, the effects of this offering

dedicated to you, so that we may be cleansed from old earthly ways and be renewed by growth in heavenly life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Communion Antiphon

*(Ezek 36)* **I will place my spirit within you and make you walk according to my laws; and my judgments you shall keep and observe, says the Lord.**

### Prayer after Communion

May your holy gifts, O Lord, we pray, give us life by making us new, and, by sanctifying us, lead us to things eternal. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Prayer over the People

*(Optional)*

Renew your people within and without, O Lord, and, since it is your will that they be unhindered by bodily delights, give them, we pray, perseverance in their spiritual intent. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you.*—St. Augustine

## TUESDAY MARCH 24

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*Roman Missal 234; Lectionary 245*

### **Entrance Antiphon**

*(Cf. Isa 55)* **All who are thirsty, come to the waters, says the Lord. Though you have no money, come and drink with joy.**

### **Collect**

May the venerable exercises of holy devotion shape the hearts of your faithful, O Lord, to welcome worthily the Paschal Mystery and proclaim the praises of your salvation. 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 (Ezekiel 47.1-9, 12)** —

In the midst of the vision I received from the Lord, the angel brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, the water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar.

Then the angel brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and the water was coming out on the south side.