

**Scripture Readings for Sundays and Major Feasts
in the Seasons of Advent and Christmas**
from the Roman Catholic *Lectionary for Mass* (1998 USA edition)

SEASON of ADVENT

	<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Gospel Reading</i>
Year A			
First Sunday	Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:37-44
Second Sunday	Isaiah 11:1-10	Romans 15:4-9	Matthew 3:1-12
Third Sunday	Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
Fourth Sunday	Isaiah 7:10-14	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-24
Year B			
First Sunday	Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:33-37
Second Sunday	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11	2 Peter 3:8-14	Mark 1:1-8
Third Sunday	Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
Fourth Sunday	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
Year C			
First Sunday	Jeremiah 33:14-16	1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2	Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
Second Sunday	Baruch 5:1-9	Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11	Luke 3:1-6
Third Sunday	Zephaniah 3:14-18a	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:10-18
Fourth Sunday	Micah 5:1-4a	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45

SEASON of CHRISTMAS

	<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>	<i>Gospel Reading</i>
<i>Years A, B, C</i>			
Christmas Vigil	Isaiah 62:1-5	Acts 13:16-17, 22-25	Matthew 1:1-25 (or 1:18-25)
Christmas Midnight	Isaiah 9:1-6	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14
Christmas Dawn	Isaiah 62:11-12	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:15-20
Christmas Day	Isaiah 52:7-10	Hebrews 1:1-6	John 1:1-18 (or 1:1-5, 9-14)
Holy Family Sunday			
<i>Year A</i>	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14	Colossians 3:12-21 (or 3:12-17)	Matt 2:13-15, 19-23
<i>Year B (optional)</i>	Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3	Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19	Luke 2:22-40 (or 2:22, 39-40)
<i>Year C (optional)</i>	1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28	1 John 3:1-2, 21-24	Luke 2:41-52
Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)			
	Numbers 6:22-27	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:16-21
Epiphany of the Lord (Sunday after Jan. 1)			
	Isaiah 60:1-6	Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6	Matthew 2:1-12
Baptism of the Lord			
<i>Year A</i>	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7	Acts 10:34-38	Matthew 3:13-17
<i>Year B (optional)</i>	Isaiah 55:1-11	1 John 5:1-9	Mark 1:7-11
<i>Year C (optional)</i>	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11	Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Scripture Readings for Weekdays in the Seasons of Advent and Christmas

Weekday	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Gospel Reading
Week 1 – Mon	Isaiah 2:1-5	Ps 122:1-9	Matt 8:5-11
Week 1 – Tues	Isaiah 11:1-10	Ps 72:1, 7-8, 12-13, 17	Luke 10:21-24
Week 1 – Wed	Isaiah 25:6-10	Ps 23:1-6	Matt 15:29-37
Week 1 – Thurs	Isaiah 26:1-6	Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27	Matt 7:21, 24-27
Week 1 – Fri	Isaiah 29:17-24	Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14	Matt 9:27-31
Week 1 – Sat	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26	Ps 147:1-6	Matt 9:35–10:1, 6-8
Week 2 – Mon	Isaiah 35:1-10	Ps 85:9-14	Luke 5:17-26
Week 2 – Tues	Isaiah 40:1-11	Ps 96:1-3, 10-13	Matt 18:12-14
Week 2 – Wed	Isaiah 40:25-31	Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10	Matt 11:28-30
Week 2 – Thurs	Isaiah 41:13-20	Ps 145:1, 9-13	Matt 11:11-15
Week 2 – Fri	Isaiah 48:17-19	Ps 1:1-6	Matt 11:16-19
Week 2 – Sat	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11	Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19	Matt 17:10-13
Week 3 – Mon	Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17	Ps 25:4-9	Matt 21:23-27
Week 3 – Tues	Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13	Ps 34:2-3, 6-8, 17-19, 23	Matt 21:28-32
Week 3 – Wed	Isaiah 45:6-8, 18, 21-25	Ps 85:9-14	Luke 7:18-23
Week 3 – Thurs	Isaiah 54:1-10	Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13	Luke 7:24-30
Week 3 – Fri	Isaiah 56:1-3, 6-8	Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8	John 5:33-36
Dec. 17	Genesis 49:2, 8-10	Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17	Matt 1:1-17
Dec. 18	Jeremiah 23:5-8	Ps 72:1, 12-13, 18-19	Matt 1:18-24
Dec. 19	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25	Ps 71:3-6, 16-17	Luke 1:5-25
Dec. 20	Isaiah 7:10-14	Ps 24:1-6	Luke 1:26-38
Dec. 21	Cant 2:8-14 <i>or</i> Zeph 3:14-18	Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21	Luke 1:39-45
Dec. 22	1 Samuel 1:24-28	1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8	Luke 1:46-56
Dec. 23	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24	Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14	Luke 1:57-66
Dec. 24 – morning Mass	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11, 16	Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29	Luke 1:67-79
Dec. 26 – St. Stephen	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59	Ps 31:3f, 6-8, 17, 21	Matt 10:17-22
Dec. 27 – St. John	1 John 1:1-4	Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12	John 20:2-8
Dec. 28 – Holy Innocents	1 John 1:5–2:2	Ps 124:2-5, 7-8	Matt 2:13-18
Dec. 29	1 John 2:3-11	Ps 96:1-6	Luke 2:22-35
Dec. 30	1 John 2:12-17	Ps 96:7-10	Luke 2:36-40
Dec. 31	1 John 2:18-21	Ps 96:1-2, 11-13	John 1:1-18
Jan. 1 – Mary, Mother of God	Num 6:22-27 <i>and</i> Gal 4:4-7	Ps 67:2-8	Luke 2:16-21
Jan. 2	1 John 2:22-28	Ps 98:1-4	John 1:19-28
Jan. 3	1 John 2:29–3:6	Ps 98:1, 3-6	John 1:29-34
Jan. 4	1 John 3:7-10	Ps 98:1, 7-9	John 1:35-42
Jan. 5	1 John 3:11-21	Ps 100:1-5	John 1:43-51
Jan. 6 – <i>if before Epiphany</i>	1 John 5:5-13	Ps 147:12-15, 19-20	Mark 1:7-11
Jan. 7 – <i>if before Epiphany</i>	1 John 5:14-21	Ps 149:1-6, 9	John 2:1-12
Epiphany (trad. Jan. 6)	Isa 60:1-6 <i>and</i> Eph 3:2-3, 5-6	Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13	Matt 2:1-12
Mon after Epiphany (Jan. 7)	1 John 3:22–4:6	Ps 2:7-8, 10-11	Matt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues after Epiphany (Jan. 8)	1 John 4:7-10	Ps 72:1-4, 7-8	Mark 6:34-44
Wed after Epiphany (Jan. 9)	1 John 4:11-18	Ps 72:1-2, 10-13	Mark 6:45-52
Thurs after Epiphany (Jan. 10)	1 John 4:19–5:4	Ps 72:1-2, 14-17	Luke 4:14-22
Fri after Epiphany (Jan. 11)	1 John 5:5-13	Ps 147:12-15, 19-20	Luke 5:12-16
Sat after Epiphany (Jan. 12)	1 John 5:14-21	Ps 149:1-6, 9	John 3:22-30

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Weekday Masses for Years I & II in the Season of Lent

2014	#	Day	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Alleluia Verse	Gospel
3/5/14	219*	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12-18 <i>and</i> 2 Cor 5:20—6:2	Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14+17	See Ps 95:8	Matt 6:1-6, 16-18
3/6/14	220	Thursday after Ash Wed.	Deut 30:15-20	Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6	Matt 4:17	Luke 9:22-25
3/7/14	221	Friday after Ash Wed.	Isa 58:1-9a	Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19	See Amos 5:14	Matt 9:14-15
3/8/14	222*	Saturday after Ash Wed.	Isa 58:9b-14	Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Ezek 33:11	Luke 5:27-32
3/10/14	224	1 st Week of Lent – Mon	Lev 19:1-2, 11-18	Ps 20:8, 9, 10, 15	2 Cor 6:2b	Matt 25:31-46
3/11/14	225	1 st Week of Lent – Tues	Isa 55:10-11	Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19	Matt 4:4b	Matt 6:7-15
3/12/14	226	1 st Week of Lent – Wed	Jonah 3:1-10	Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19	Joel 2:12-13	Luke 11:29-32
3/13/14	227	1 st Week of Lent – Thurs	Esth C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8	Ps 51:12a+14a	Matt 7:7-12
3/14/14	228	1 st Week of Lent – Fri	Ezek 18:21-28	Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8	Ezek 18:31	Matt 5:20-26
3/15/14	229	1 st Week of Lent – Sat	Deut 26:16-19	Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8	2 Cor 6:2b	Matt 5:43-48
3/17/14	230	2 nd Week of Lent – Mon	Dan 9:4b-10	Ps 78:8, 9, 11+13	See John 6:63c+68c	Luke 6:36-38
3/18/14	231	2 nd Week of Lent – Tues	Isa 1:10, 16-20	Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21+23	Ezek 18:31	Matt 23:1-12
3/19/14	232	2 nd Week of Lent – Wed	Jer 18:18-20	Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16	John 8:12	Matt 20:17-28
3/20/14	233	2 nd Week of Lent – Thurs	Jer 17:5-10	Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6	See Luke 8:15	Luke 16:19-31
3/21/14	234	2 nd Week of Lent – Fri	Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a	Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21	John 3:16	Matt 21:33-43, 45-46
3/22/14	235	2 nd Week of Lent – Sat	Mic 7:14-15, 18-20	Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12	Luke 15:18	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
x	236*	3 rd Week of Lent – opt.	Exod 17:1-7	Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9	See John 4:42, 15	John 4:5-42
3/24/14	237	3 rd Week of Lent – Mon	2 Kgs 5:1-15a	Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4	See Ps 130:5+7	Luke 4:24-30
3/25/14	238	3 rd Week of Lent – Tues	Dan 3:25, 34-43	Ps 25:4-5ab, 6+7bc, 8-9	Joel 2:12-13	Matt 18:21-35
3/26/14	239	3 rd Week of Lent – Wed	Deut 4:1, 5-9	Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20	See John 6:63c+68c	Matt 5:17-19
3/27/14	240	3 rd Week of Lent – Thurs	Jer 7:23-28	Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9	Joel 2:12-13	Luke 11:14-23
3/28/14	241	3 rd Week of Lent – Fri	Hos 14:2-10	Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14+17	Matt 4:17	Mark 12:28b-34
3/29/14	242	3 rd Week of Lent – Sat	Hos 6:1-6	Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab	Ps 95:8	Luke 18:9-14
x	243*	4 th Week of Lent – opt.	Mic 7:7-9	Ps 26:1, 7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14	John 8:12	John 9:1-41
3/31/14	244	4 th Week of Lent – Mon	Isa 65:17-21	Ps 30:2+4, 5-6, 11-12a+13b	Amos 5:14	John 4:43-54
4/1/14	245	4 th Week of Lent – Tues	Ezek 47:1-9, 12	Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9	Ps 51:12a+14a	John 5:1-3a, 5-16
4/2/14	246	4 th Week of Lent – Wed	Isa 49:8-15	Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18	John 11:25a+26	John 5:17-30
4/3/14	247	4 th Week of Lent – Thurs	Exod 32:7-14	Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23	John 3:16	John 5:31-47
4/4/14	248	4 th Week of Lent – Fri	Wis 2:1a, 12-22	Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21+23	Matt 4:4b	John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
4/5/14	249	4 th Week of Lent – Sat	Jer 11:18-20	Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12	See Luke 8:15	John 7:40-53
x	250*	5 th Week of Lent – opt.	2 Kgs 4:18b-21, 32-37	Ps 17:1, 6-7, 8b+15	John 11:25a+26	John 11:1-45
4/7/14	251	5 th Week of Lent – Mon	Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 <i>or</i> 13:41c-62	Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6	Ezek 33:11	John 8:1-11 <i>or</i> , in Year C, John 8:12-20
4/8/14	252	5 th Week of Lent – Tues	Num 21:4-9	Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21	[no bibl. ref.]	John 8:21-30
4/9/14	253	5 th Week of Lent – Wed	Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95	Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56	See Luke 8:15	John 8:31-42
4/10/14	254	5 th Week of Lent – Thurs	Gen 17:3-9	Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9	Ps 95:8	John 8:51-59
4/11/14	255	5 th Week of Lent – Fri	Jer 20:10-13	Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7	See John 6:63c+68c	John 10:31-42
4/12/14	256	5 th Week of Lent – Sat	Ezek 37:21-28	Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13	Ezek 18:31	John 11:45-56
4/14/14	257	Holy Week – Mon	Isa 42:1-7	Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14	[no bibl. ref.]	John 12:1-11
4/15/14	258	Holy Week – Tues	Isa 49:1-6	Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15+17	[no bibl. ref.]	John 13:21-33, 36-38
4/16/14	259	Holy Week – Wed	Isa 50:4-9a	Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31+33-34	[no bibl. ref.]	Matt 26:14-25
x	260	Holy Week – Chrism Mass	Isa 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 <i>and</i> Rev 1:5-8	Ps 89:21-22, 25+27	Isa 61:1 (cf. Luke 4:18)	Luke 4:16-21

Rationale: The Lectionary "Introduction" (chap. 5, par. 98; 2nd edition, 1981) briefly explains the rationale for reading choices for Weekdays of Lent:

- "The readings from the **Gospels** and the **Old Testament** were selected because they are **related to each other**. They treat various themes of the Lenten catechesis that are suited to the spiritual significance of this season.
- Beginning with **Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent**, there is a semicontinuous reading of the Gospel of John, made up of texts that correspond more closely to the themes proper to Lent.
- Because the readings about **the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus** are now assigned to Sundays, but only for Year A (in Year B and Year C they are optional), provision has been made for their use on weekdays.
- Thus at the beginning of the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Weeks of Lent **optional Masses** with these texts for the Gospel have been inserted and may be used in place of the readings of the day on any weekday of the respective week.
- In the **first days of Holy Week** the readings are about the mystery of Christ's passion.
- For the **Chrism Mass** the readings bring out both Christ's Messianic mission and its continuation in the Church by means of the sacraments."

An Overview of the First Readings for Weekday Masses

The First Readings prescribed for Weekday Masses in the special liturgical seasons *are the same each year*:

- **Season of Advent:** selections from various OT books, esp. the prophet Isaiah;
- **Christmas Season:** continuous reading of entire First Letter of John (Dec. 27 to Jan. 12; interrupted only for Feast of Mary, Mother of God [Jan. 1], and Feast of Epiphany of the Lord)
- **Season of Lent:** selections from a wide variety of OT books, with no connected pattern;
- **Easter Season:** semi-continuous readings from the Acts of the Apostles

The First Readings prescribed for Weekday Masses in **Ordinary Time** *follow a two-year cycle*, with semi-continuous readings from various books of the OT and NT. The following chart lists the biblical books and chapters from which the readings are taken for the weeks indicated. Note that most readings include only a small number of verses, not the entire chapters listed; verse numbers are not specified in this chart to provide a simpler overview of the overall patterns.

Week in OT	First Readings - Year I	First Readings - Year II	Week in OT	First Readings - Year I	First Readings - Year II
Week 1	Heb 1, 2, 3, 4	1 Sam 1, 3, 4, 8, 9	Week 18	Num 11, 12, 13, 14, 20; Deut 4, 6	Jer 28, 30, 31; Nah 2, 3; Hab 1, 2
Week 2	Heb 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	1 Sam 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24; 2 Sam 1	Week 19	Deut 10, 31, 34 ; Josh 3, 24	Ezek 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 12, 16, 18
Week 3	Heb 9, 10 , 11	2 Sam 5, 6, 7, 11, 12	Week 20	Judg 2, 6, 9, 11; Ruth 1, 2, 4	Ezek 24, 28, 34, 36, 37, 43
Week 4	Heb 11, 12, 13	2 Sam 15, 16, 18, 19, 24; 1 Kgs 2, 3; Sir 47	Week 21	1 Thess 1, 2, 3, 4	2 Thess 1, 2, 3; 1 Cor 1
Week 5	Gen 1, 2, 3	1 Kgs 8, 10, 11, 12, 13	Week 22	1 Thess 4, 5; Col 1	1 Cor 2, 3, 4
Week 6	Gen 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11; Heb 11	Jas 1, 2, 3	Week 23	Col 1, 2, 3; 1 Tim 1	1 Cor 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
Week 7	Sir 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 17	Jas 3, 4, 5	Week 24	1 Tim 2, 3, 4, 6	1 Cor 11, 12, 13 , 15
Week 8	Sir 17, 35, 36, 42, 44, 51	1 Pet 1, 2, 4; Jude	Week 25	Ezra 1, 6, 9; Hag 1, 2; Zech 2	Prov 3, 21, 30; Eccl 1, 3, 11, 12
Week 9	Tob 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12	2 Pet 1, 3; 2 Tim 1, 2, 3, 4	Week 26	Zech 8; Neh 2, 8; Bar 1, 4	Job 1, 3, 9, 19, 38, 40, 42
Week 10	2 Cor 1, 3, 4, 5	1 Kgs 17, 18, 19	Week 27	Jonah 1, 2, 3, 4; Mal 3; Joel 1, 2, 4	Gal 1, 2, 3
Week 11	2 Cor 6, 8, 9, 11, 12	1 Kgs 21; 2 Kgs 2, 11; Sir 48 ; 2 Chr 24	Week 28	Rom 1, 2, 3, 4	Gal 4, 5; Eph 1
Week 12	Gen 12, 13 , 15, 16 , 17, 18	2 Kgs 17, 19, 22, 24, 25; Lam 2	Week 29	Rom 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Eph 2, 3, 4
Week 13	Gen 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27	Amos 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9	Week 30	Rom 8, 9, 11	Eph 4, 5, 6; Phil 1
Week 14	Gen 28, 32, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 49, 50	Hos 2, 8, 10, 11, 14; Isa 6	Week 31	Rom 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16	Phil 2, 3, 4
Week 15	Exod 1, 2, 3, 11, 12	Isa 1, 7, 10, 26, 38; Mic 2	Week 32	Wis 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 13, 18, 19	Titus 1, 2, 3; Phlm; 2 John; 3 John
Week 16	Exod 14, 16, 19, 20, 24	Mic 6, 7; Jer 1, 2, 3, 7	Week 33	1 Macc 1, 2, 4, 6; 2 Macc 6, 7	Rev 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11
Week 17	Exod 32, 33, 34, 40; Lev 23, 25	Jer 13, 14, 15, 18, 26	Week 34	Dan 1, 2, 5, 6, 7	Rev 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

Notes:

- 1) The chart above provides additional information through some special features:
 - light **blue** backgrounds indicate readings from the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible;
 - light **green** backgrounds indicate readings from the Deuterocanonical Books of the OT;
 - plain white backgrounds indicate readings from the New Testament books and epistles;
 - chapter numbers in **bold** indicate that all or most (at least 80%) of the chapter is included in the readings;
 - chapter numbers not bolded indicate that only part of the chapter is included (sometimes only a few verses).
- 2) This chart *summarizes* the readings prescribed for each week, rather than listing the six weekday Masses separately (in some weeks, fewer chapters are listed since several Masses that week may have short selections from the same biblical chapter; in other weeks, more than six chapters are listed because some Mass readings may include verses from two or more biblical chapters).
- 3) The introductory sections of all published Weekday Lectionaries include a similar table showing the "Order of the First Reading for Weekdays in Ordinary Time." That table can give the false impression, however, that the weekday readings include the entire biblical books listed for the two-year cycle. In contrast, the chart above more clearly shows how many chapters are not included in the prescribed readings for weekday Masses. (For example, selections from only 14 of the 40 chapters of Exodus, from only 7 of the 25 chapters of 2 Kings, and from only 2 of the 15 chapters of 2 Maccabees are included; in contrast, almost the entire Letter to the Ephesians and the entire Epistle of James are included).