

## *2010 September / October Readings – Cycle C*

### **Upcoming Dates of Importance – Please Review**

On this schedule, we have the following Holy Days or special Masses:

(NONE ON THIS SCHEDULE)

\* All Saints Day (November 1) is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year, as it falls on Monday.

Please refer to the notes included for each event, as not all Masses require the same preparation and complement of ministers.

If you have any questions about these Masses, please feel free to contact me.

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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

September 4 / 5

1) A reading from the Book of Wisdom

*Who can conceive what the Lord intends?*

Who can know God's counsel,  
or who can conceive what the LORD intends?  
For the deliberations of mortals are timid,  
and unsure are our plans.  
For the corruptible body burdens the soul  
and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind  
that has many concerns.  
And scarce do we guess the things on earth,  
and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty;  
but when things are in heaven, who can search them out?  
Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from on high?  
And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.  
The word of the Lord.

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2) A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Philemon

*Receive him no longer as a slave but as a beloved brother.*

I, Paul, an old man,  
and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus,  
urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus,  
whose father I have become in my imprisonment;  
I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.  
I should have liked to retain him for myself,  
so that he might serve me on your behalf  
in my imprisonment for the gospel,  
but I did not want to do anything without your consent,  
so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary.  
Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while,  
that you might have him back forever,  
no longer as a slave  
but more than a slave, a brother,  
beloved especially to me, but even more so to you,  
as a man and in the Lord.  
So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.  
The word of the Lord.

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**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

September 11 / 12

1) A reading from the Book of Exodus

*The Lord relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.*

The LORD said to Moses,

"Go down at once to your people,  
whom you brought out of the land of Egypt,  
for they have become depraved.

They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them,  
making for themselves a molten calf and worshipping it,  
sacrificing to it and crying out,

"This is your God, O Israel,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

I see how stiff-necked this people is," continued the LORD to Moses.

"Let me alone, then,

that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them.

Then I will make of you a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying,

"Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people,  
whom you brought out of the land of Egypt  
with such great power and with so strong a hand?

Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Israel,

and how you swore to them by your own self, saying,

'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky;  
and all this land that I promised,

I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.'"

So the LORD relented in the punishment

he had threatened to inflict on his people.

The word of the Lord.

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2) A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

*Christ came to save sinners.*

Beloved:

I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord,  
because he considered me trustworthy  
in appointing me to the ministry.

I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant,  
but I have been mercifully treated  
because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief.

Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant,  
along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Of these I am the foremost.

But for that reason I was mercifully treated,  
so that in me, as the foremost,

Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example  
for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life.

To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God,  
honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18 / 19

1) A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos

*Against those who buy the poor for money.*

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy  
and destroy the poor of the land!  
"When will the new moon be over, " you ask,  
"that we may sell our grain,  
and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat?  
We will diminish the ephah,  
add to the shekel,  
and fix our scales for cheating!  
We will buy the lowly for silver,  
and the poor for a pair of sandals;  
even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!"  
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Never will I forget a thing they have done!  
The word of the Lord.

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2) A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

*Let prayers be offered for everyone to God who wills everyone to be saved.*

Beloved:  
First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers,  
petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone,  
for kings and for all in authority,  
that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life  
in all devotion and dignity.  
This is good and pleasing to God our savior,  
who wills everyone to be saved  
and to come to knowledge of the truth.  
For there is one God.  
There is also one mediator between God and men,  
the man Christ Jesus,  
who gave himself as ransom for all.  
This was the testimony at the proper time.  
For this I was appointed preacher and apostle  
-I am speaking the truth, I am not lying-,  
teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.  
It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray,  
lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.  
The word of the Lord.

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**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

September 25 / 26

1) A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos

*Their wanton revelry shall be done away with.*

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts:

Woe to the complacent in Zion!

Lying upon beds of ivory,

stretched comfortably on their couches,

they eat lambs taken from the flock,

and calves from the stall!

Improvising to the music of the harp,

like David, they devise their own accompaniment.

They drink wine from bowls

and anoint themselves with the best oils;

yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph!

Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile,

and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

The word of the Lord.

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2) A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

*Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness,

devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

Compete well for the faith.

Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called

when you made the noble confession in the presence of

many witnesses.

I charge you before God, who gives life to all things,

and before Christ Jesus,

who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble confession,

to keep the commandment without stain or reproach

until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ

that the blessed and only ruler

will make manifest at the proper time,

the King of kings and Lord of lords,

who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light,

and whom no human being has seen or can see.

To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

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27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2 / 3

1) A reading from the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk

*The just one, because of his faith, shall live.*

How long, O LORD? I cry for help  
but you do not listen!  
I cry out to you, "Violence!"  
but you do not intervene.  
Why do you let me see ruin;  
why must I look at misery?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
there is strife, and clamorous discord.  
Then the LORD answered me and said:  
Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets,  
so that one can read it readily.  
For the vision still has its time,  
presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint;  
if it delays, wait for it,  
it will surely come, it will not be late.  
The rash one has no integrity;  
but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.  
The word of the Lord.

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2) A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

*Do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord.*

Beloved:  
I remind you to stir into flame  
the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands.  
For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice  
but rather of power and love and self-control.  
So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord,  
nor of me, a prisoner for his sake;  
but bear your share of hardship for the gospel  
with the strength that comes from God.  
Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me,  
in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.  
Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit  
that dwells within us.  
The word of the Lord.

## 2010 September / October Readings – Cycle C

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 9 / 10

1) A reading from the second Book of Kings

*Naaman returned to the man of God and acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times  
at the word of Elisha, the man of God.

His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child,  
and he was clean of his leprosy.

Naaman returned with his whole retinue to the man of God.

On his arrival he stood before Elisha and said,

"Now I know that there is no God in all the earth,  
except in Israel.

Please accept a gift from your servant."

Elisha replied, "As the LORD lives whom I serve, I will not take it";  
and despite Naaman's urging, he still refused.

Naaman said: "If you will not accept,  
please let me, your servant, have two mule-loads of earth,  
for I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice  
to any other god except to the LORD."

The word of the Lord.

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2) A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

*If we persevere we shall also reign with Christ.*

Beloved:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David:  
such is my gospel, for which I am suffering,  
even to the point of chains, like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen,  
so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus,  
together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him  
we shall also live with him;

if we persevere  
we shall also reign with him.

But if we deny him  
he will deny us.

If we are unfaithful  
he remains faithful,  
for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord.

## 2010 September / October Readings – Cycle C

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16 / 17

1) A reading from the Book of Exodus

*As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight.*

In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel.

Moses, therefore, said to Joshua,

"Pick out certain men,  
and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle.

I will be standing on top of the hill  
with the staff of God in my hand."

So Joshua did as Moses told him:

he engaged Amalek in battle  
after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur.

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up,

Israel had the better of the fight,  
but when he let his hands rest,  
Amalek had the better of the fight.

Moses' hands, however, grew tired;

so they put a rock in place for him to sit on.

Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands,

one on one side and one on the other,  
so that his hands remained steady till sunset.

And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people  
with the edge of the sword.

The word of the Lord.

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2) A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

*One who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*

Beloved:

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed,  
because you know from whom you learned it,  
and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures,  
which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation  
through faith in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is inspired by God

and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction,  
and for training in righteousness,  
so that one who belongs to God may be competent,  
equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,

who will judge the living and the dead,  
and by his appearing and his kingly power:  
proclaim the word;

be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient;  
convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

The word of the Lord.

## 2010 September / October Readings – Cycle C

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 23 / 24

1) A reading from the Book of Sirach

*The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.*

The LORD is a God of justice,  
who knows no favorites.  
Though not unduly partial toward the weak,  
yet he hears the cry of the oppressed.  
The LORD is not deaf to the wail of the orphan,  
nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint.  
The one who serves God willingly is heard;  
his petition reaches the heavens.  
The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;  
it does not rest till it reaches its goal,  
nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds,  
judges justly and affirms the right,  
and the LORD will not delay.

The word of the Lord.

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2) A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

*From now on, the crown of righteousness awaits me.*

Beloved:

I am already being poured out like a libation,  
and the time of my departure is at hand.  
I have competed well; I have finished the race;  
I have kept the faith.  
From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me,  
which the Lord, the just judge,  
will award to me on that day, and not only to me,  
but to all who have longed for his appearance.  
At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf,  
but everyone deserted me.  
May it not be held against them!  
But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength,  
so that through me the proclamation might be completed  
and all the Gentiles might hear it.  
And I was rescued from the lion's mouth.  
The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat  
and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom.  
To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

## 2010 September / October Readings – Cycle C

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle C**

October 30 / 31

1) A reading from the Book of Wisdom

*You have mercy on all because you love all things that are.*

Before the LORD the whole universe is as a grain  
from a balance  
or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth.  
But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things;  
and you overlook people's sins that they may repent.  
For you love all things that are  
and loathe nothing that you have made;  
for what you hated, you would not have fashioned.  
And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it;  
or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you?  
But you spare all things, because they are yours,  
O LORD and lover of souls,  
for your imperishable spirit is in all things!  
Therefore you rebuke offenders little by little,  
warn them and remind them of the sins  
they are committing,  
that they may abandon their wickedness  
and believe in you, O LORD!

The word of the Lord.

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2) A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

*May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him.*

Brothers and sisters:

We always pray for you,  
that our God may make you worthy of his calling  
and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose  
and every effort of faith,  
that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you,  
and you in him,  
in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

We ask you, brothers and sisters,  
with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and our assembling with him,  
not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly, or to be alarmed  
either by a "spirit," or by an oral statement,  
or by a letter allegedly from us  
to the effect that the day of the Lord is at hand.

The word of the Lord.