

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:21-28

Am I likely to take pleasure in the death of a wicked man and not prefer to see him renounce his wickedness and live.

Responsorial Psalm: **If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?**

Gospel Acclamation: **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

Gospel: Matthew 5:20-26

Go and be reconciled with your brother first.

Communion Antiphon: **As I live, says the Lord, I do not desire the death of a sinner, but rather that he turn back and live.**

Saturday, 24th February

Weekday in Lent

Entrance Antiphon: **The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul. The decrees of the Lord are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple.**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:16-19

You will be a people consecrated to the Lord God.

Responsorial Psalm: **They are happy who follow God's law!**

Gospel Acclamation: **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! Blessed are those who, with a noble and generous heart, take the word of God to themselves and yield a harvest through their perseverance. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!**

Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

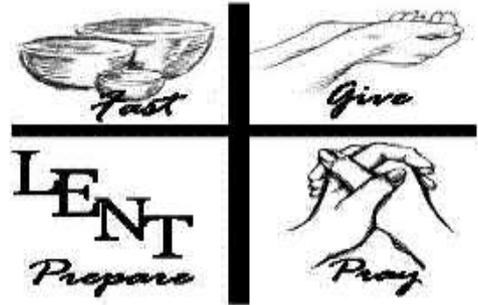
Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Communion Antiphon: **Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect, says the Lord.**

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WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

19th – 24th February
First Week of Lent



Monday, 19th February

Weekday in Lent

Entrance Antiphon: **Like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords, so our eyes are on the Lord our God, till he show us his mercy. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18

You must pass judgement on your neighbour according to justice.

Responsorial Psalm: **Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Shake off all your sins – it is the Lord who speaks – and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine you did it to me.

Communion Antiphon: **Amen, I say to you: Whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me, says the Lord. Come, you blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.**

Tuesday, 20th February

Weekday in Lent

Entrance Antiphon: **O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation; from age to age, you are.**

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

My word shall succeed in what it was sent to do.

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord rescues the just in all their distress.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!**

Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15
You should pray like this.

Communion Antiphon: **When I called, the God of justice gave me answer; from anguish you released me; have mercy, O Lord, and hear my prayer!**

Wednesday, 21st February

Weekday in Lent

**Comm. St Peter Damian, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church**

Peter Damian died in 1072. He was Bishop of Ostia. He manifested unusual intellectual gifts. Initially he lectured in the university but sought the eremitical life. He was called from this by Henry III and Pope Stephen X but he failed to reconcile Church and Empire. He served as Papal Legate and was a peacemaker and reformer.

Entrance Antiphon: **Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.**

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-10
The people of Nineveh renounced their evil behaviour.

Responsorial Psalm: **A humbled, contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I take pleasure, not in the death of a wicked man – it is the Lord who speaks – but in the turning back of a wicked man who changes his ways to win life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

Gospel: Luke 11:29-32
The only sign given to this generation is the sign of Jonah.

Communion Antiphon: **All who take refuge in you shall be glad, O Lord, and ever cry out their joy, and you shall dwell among them.**



Thursday, 22nd February

THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

This ancient Feast has been celebrated since the 4th Century and observes the unity of the Church through the Primacy of Peter and his successors.

Entrance Antiphon: **The Lord says to Simon Peter: I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail, and, once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.**

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First Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-4
I am an elder myself and a witness to the sufferings of Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19
You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Communion Antiphon: **Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.**

Friday, 23rd February

Comm. of St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Polycarp was martyred in 155 by being burnt at the stake and stabbed, and has been commemorated since the 6th century. He was a disciple to St John the Apostle & Evangelist.

Entrance Antiphon: **Set me free from my distress, O Lord. See my lowliness and suffering, and take away my sins.**