

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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.**

Saturday, 23rd February

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: **This holy man fought to the death for the law of his God and did not fear the words of the godless, for he was built on solid rock.**

First Reading: Hebrews 11:1-7

It is by faith that we understand that the world was created by one word from God.

Responsorial Psalm: **I will bless your name for ever, O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! He sends out his word to the earth. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 9:2-13

In their presence he was transfigured.

Communion Antiphon: **Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me, says the Lord.**

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WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

**18th – 23rd February
Week Six, Year I**

Monday, 18th February

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon: **Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

First Reading: Genesis 4:1-15. 25

Cain set on his brother Abel and killed him.

Responsorial Psalm: **Pay your sacrifice of thanksgiving to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Harden not your hearts, but listen to the voice of the Lord. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 8:11-13

Why does this generation demand a sign?

Communion Antiphon: **They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

Tuesday, 19th February

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon: **Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

First Reading: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5. 10

I will rid the earth's face of man, my own creation.

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 8:14-21

Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod.

Communion Antiphon: **They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.**

Wednesday, 20th February

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon: **Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

First Reading: Genesis 8:6-13. 20-22

He looked out; the surface of the ground was dry.

Responsorial Psalm: **A thanksgiving sacrifice I make to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 8:22-26

He was cured and he could see everything plainly and distinctly.

Communion Antiphon: **They ate and were filled; the Lord gave them what they wanted: they were not deprived of their desire.**

Thursday, 21st February

Weekday or

St Peter Damian, Bishop and 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: **Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

First Reading: Genesis 9:1-13

I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord looked down from heaven to the earth.**

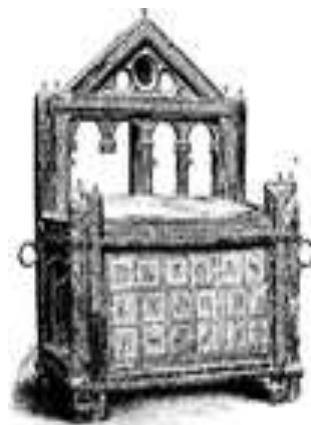
Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! By his own choice the Father made us his children by the message of the truth, so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he created. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 8:27-33

You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

Communion Antiphon: **They ate and were filled; the Lord gave them what they wanted: they were not deprived of their desire.**

Friday, 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.**