

SATURDAY

St Paul, Miki & Companions, Martyrs

This group of twenty-six martyrs were crucified at Nagasaki (Japan) in 1597. Most were Japanese lay people, some still youths. Paul Miki was a Jesuit scholastic from an aristocratic Japanese family. He is remembered as a preacher who inspired the local Church to be strong in faith during persecution and isolation.

Entrance Antiphon:

The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in Heaven, the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ, and since for love of him they shed their blood, they now exult with Christ for ever.

First Reading: Hebrews 13: 15-17, 20-21

May God turn us all into whatever is acceptable to himself through Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34

They were like sheep without a shepherd.

Communion Antiphon:

It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.

A PRAYER IN TIME OF DANGER & ILLNESS

**God Our Father, each person is precious to You.
You are the Giver of life.**

**Have mercy on us and protect us at this time,
as the Coronavirus threatens health and life.
You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.**

**Watch over those who are suffering,
give strength to those who are aiding the sick
and give courage to all in this time of anxiety.
We ask this of you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen**

SYNOD PRAYER

**Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.
We thank you for the gift of the Church,
through which you show us that you are always with us
and are always at work in our lives.**

**As we journey together to Synod 2020
help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be.
May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us.
Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope
and Malcolm, our Archbishop.**

**Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways
to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen**

WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

ORDINARY TIME

WEEK IV

31st January – 6th February 2021

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*We pray especially for: Peace on Earth;
Christian Unity; The Sick and those who
Care For Them; Victims of Trafficking and
those who work to combat it; Students
and Teachers; The Unemployed.*

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

***Universal - Violence against women** We
pray for women who are victims of
violence, that they may be protected by
society and have their sufferings
considered and heeded.*

MONDAY Weekday

Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading: Hebrews 11: 32-40

Through faith they conquered kingdoms. God will make provision for us to have something better.

Responsorial Psalm:

Let your heart take courage, all who hope in the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 5: 1-20

Come out of that man, unclean spirit.

Communion Antiphon:

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

TUESDAY

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Entrance Antiphon:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

The Gloria

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4

The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple.

Responsorial Psalm:

Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

My eyes have seen your salvation.

Communion Antiphon:

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

WEDNESDAY

St Ansgar (Oscar), Bishop St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

Ansgar was born in Amiens at the start of the ninth century, was elected Bishop of Hamburg and appointed papal legate to Denmark and Sweden. And known as "the apostle of the North".

Blaise was bishop of Sebaste and devotion to him spread in the fourth century. He is invoked for throat disorders.

Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading: Hebrews 12: 4-7, 11-15

The Lord trains the ones he loves.

Responsorial Psalm:

The love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Man does live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6

A prophet is only despised in his own country.

Communion Antiphon:

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

THURSDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 21-24

What you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God.

Responsorial Psalm:

O God, we ponder your love within your temple.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13

He began to send them out.

Communion Antiphon:

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

FRIDAY

St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Agatha was martyred in Sicily in the 3rd century. She has been venerated in Rome since the 6th century and is included in Eucharistic Prayer I. In legend she is remembered for her faith and remaining resolute under torture.

Entrance Antiphon:

Behold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us, powerful in virginity, modesty her offering, a sacrifice on the altar of chastity.

First Reading: Hebrews 13: 1-8

Jesus Christ is the same today as he was yesterday and as he will be for ever.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my help

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are those who, with a noble and generous heart, take the word of God to themselves and yield a harvest through their perseverance. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6: 14-29

The beheading of John the Baptist

Communion Antiphon:

The Lamb who is at the centre of the throne will lead them to the springs of the waters of life.