

# Gospel Themes 11/15/2020-5/23/2021

## ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C

11/15	33	Matthew 25:14-30	<b>Responsible for Bearing Fruit</b> The Parable of the Talents Come share your master's joy.	Our talents are the good allotment of grace that God gives us to become disciples. We are to take risks, do our best to build up God's kingdom. If we are complacent, we will not bear fruit.
11/22	Christ The King	Matthew 25:31-46	<b>Celebrating Christ the King</b> End Times: Separating the sheep & goats.	God shepherds – serves, heals, seeks out and cares for those in need. We have a responsibility to do as Christ would in the world in which we find ourselves.

## ADVENT: YEAR B

DATE	WEEK	GOSPEL	THEMES	COMMENTS
11/29	1st Sunday Of Advent	Mark 13:33-37	<b>Each of us is a Gatekeeper</b> Be Watchful! Be Alert! Be faithful to our work.	We live between the now of Jesus' victory over death and the not yet of his return to glory. Being alert is not passive. We work to further the master's interest.
12/06	2nd Sunday Of Advent	Mark 1:1-8	<b>Hear What God Proclaims</b> Mark begins to tell the story Make straight the path of the Lord	The Good News is that the promise has happened! The Good News is victory over evil, sin and death. Jesus Christ is the Good News. The messenger prepared the way.
12/13	3rd Sunday Of Advent	John 1:6-8; 19-28	<b>The Coming of the Light</b> The Baptist testifies to the light Why then do you baptize?	John's primary role is to testify or bear witness to Jesus. John points to the Expected One – who is already in their (and our) midst. Do we recognize Him?
12/20	4th Sunday Of Advent	Luke 1:26-38	<b>The Annunciation</b> God's plan & Mary's acceptance	God's grace overshadows Mary and transforms her. God requires just a simple, "yes." May we surrender and say "yes" to God's will with the same confidence as Mary.

## CHRISTMAS SEASON

DATE	WEEK	GOSPEL	THEMES	COMMENTS
12/25	Christmas	John 1:1-18	<b>The Word Becomes Flesh</b> God's own Son is the Message God becomes human in Jesus.	The Word continues to be born in us who by baptism have received a share of his fullness. Can we live a life that takes the incarnation of God seriously?
12/27	Holy Family	Luke 2:22-40	<b>Holy Families</b> The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him.	Jesus is salvation, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for Israel. All of our relationships ought to bring the presence of Christ to the world, one holy family.
01/01	Mary Mother of God	Luke 2: 16-21	<b>Restful Contemplation</b> We ponder the "All" of our experiences.	Mary responds to the shepherds and their message by reflecting – from the heart, with painful realities and delightful surprises.
01/03	Epiphany	Matthew 2:1-12	<b>Celebrating Spiritual Growth</b> The human race follows the star	Epiphany means "manifestation." Our faith is based on God who entered into human history. We celebrate Jesus in the world.
01/10	Baptism Of The Lord	Mark 1:7-11	<b>Chosen to Serve</b> This is my beloved Son	Jesus is Chosen, blessed, broken, and given as are we when we connect our lives to him.

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01/17	2	John 1: 35-42	<b>God Draws us into Service</b> Jesus calls the first disciples And they stayed with him.	Jesus calls ordinary people: "What are you looking for." Come and see he tells them and us. And they follow and remain with Jesus, in His presence.
01/24	3	Mark 1:14-20	<b>Responding to the Call of Jesus</b> Disciples leave everything to follow Him.	The decision to make God our first priority is a thoughtful choice. The decision to follow Jesus will disrupt our daily lives.
01/31	4	Mark 1:21-28	<b>On the Authority of Jesus' teaching</b> Jesus in the synagogue at Capernaum. He taught them as one having authority	There is a link between teaching and exorcisms – they go together: Reign of God destroys demons. Demons are real but the power and authority of Christ is infinitely superior.

02/07	5	Mark 1:29-39	<b>On the Urgency of Jesus' Mission</b> For this is the purpose I have come Discipleship gives purpose to our lives.	Peters' mother-in-law is sick. Disciples immediately tell Jesus about their troubles. And healing happens. Peter's mother in-law immediately serves Jesus, a mark of discipleship.
02/14	6	Mark 1:40-45	<b>On Being Made Clean</b> The healing of a leper	The leper is healed; he responds like an evangelist, spreading the Good News.

## SEASON OF LENT

DATE	WEEK	GOSPEL	THEMES	COMMENTS
02/17	Ash Wednesday	Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18	<b>For God's Eyes Only</b> Almsgiving, Fasting & Prayer	These fundamental acts of piety ought to be done in a true spirit of worship from the heart.
02/21	1 Lent	Mark 1:12-15	<b>Temptation in the Desert</b> Trust God whatever the circumstance	It's risky to let ourselves be led by the Spirit, often it leads to the wilderness. We must trust.
02/28	2 Lent	Mark 9:2-10	<b>On a Mountain with Jesus</b> A Glimpse of Glory	Our Task: to bring the mountain top experience of knowing Jesus with us on our daily journey.
03/07	3 Lent	John 4:5-42	<b>Jesus Offers Living Water</b> Jesus & The Woman at the Well	Jesus reveals Himself to a person who is an outcast, resistant to growth. She & we are called.
03/14	4 Lent	John 9: 1-41	<b>Jesus Brings Creation to Completion</b> The Man Born Blind	Jesus Heals: The light of the world gave sight to the man born blind, who listened & believed.
03/21	5 Lent	John 11: 1-45	<b>Jesus' Love: The Source of our Hope</b> The Raising of Lazarus	Love allows for deep grief; love is stronger than darkness & death. God's love fills us with hope.
03/28	Palm Sunday	Mark 14:1 - 15:47	<b>Jesus' Last Journey of Joy &amp; Sorrow</b> Into Jerusalem and to the hill of Calvary	Jesus comes from the Father bringing life. We pray that we will follow Jesus faithfully.

## THE TRIDUUM

DATE	WEEK	GOSPEL	THEMES	COMMENTS
04/01	Holy Thursday	John 13: 1-15	<b>Jesus Loved to the End</b> Jesus Washes his Disciples' Feet As I have done for you, you shall also do	The meal is tied to the Jewish Passover to emphasize the passage through death to new life. We follow Jesus' example and learn to live in service for one another. We celebrate Jesus' love for us with the Eucharist.
04/02	Good Friday	John 18:1 to 19:42	<b>Jesus – Obedient to Death</b> The New Lamb of God The Way of Nonviolence	The key here is the life-giving faith in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God. Jesus is faithful; freely chooses to lay down his life in order to draw all people to life in him.
04/03	Easter Vigil	Mark 16: 1-7	<b>You Seek Jesus. He has been Raised</b> Go tell his disciples. You will see him!	We too are invited to open our eyes, in faith, and see the risen Christ in our midst, and be sent.

## THE SEASON OF EASTER

DATE	WEEK	GOSPEL	THEMES	COMMENTS
04/11	2 Easter	John 20:19-31	<b>Jesus Offers the Gift of Peace</b> Jesus stands in their midst. Thomas says, "My Lord and my God!"	The Disciples hid in fear. Jesus gives them peace so that they – and we – may have life in his name.
04/18	3 Easter	Luke 24: 35-48	<b>Jesus Again Offers Peace</b> They were incredulous with joy "You are a witness of these things."	Jesus opened the minds of those in the upper room to understand scripture. This gift is available to us as well.
04/25	4 Easter	John 10: 11-18	<b>Jesus is the Good Shepherd</b> I know mine and mine know me	Jesus seeks to guide, guard, and nurture. He knows his sheep and they know him. He lays down his life for his sheep.
05/02	5 Easter	John 15: 1-8	<b>Stay Connected to the Lord</b> I am the vine; you are the branches	Jesus is the true vine planted by the Father. What is important is that we remain connected.

05/09	6 Easter	John 15: 9-17	<b>On Being Friends with Jesus</b> There is no greater love	If we love one another with the love of God through Jesus, our loneliness will be overcome.
05/16	Ascension	Mark 16:15-20	<b>The End of Mark</b> Is the beginning of discipleship	Jesus commissions us to be his hands and feet in the world; Jesus will be with us always.
05/23	Pentecost	John 20: 19-23	<b>The Gifts of Pentecost</b> Peace, Mission, and the Holy Spirit	The gift of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for the disciples-and us- to be Christ to the world.

