

# Benediction Hymns and Prayer

## O SAVING VICTIM

O saving victim, op'ning wide  
The gate of heav'n to us below.  
Our foes press on from ev'ry side,  
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend  
For evermore, blest One in Three;  
O grant us life that shall not end,  
In our true native land with thee.  
Amen.

## HYMN OF ADORATION

Down in adoration falling,  
This great sacrament we hail;  
Ancient types have long departed  
Newer rites of grace prevail  
Faith for all defects supplying  
Where the feeble senses fail.

Glory let us give and blessing  
To the Father and the Son,  
honour, might and praise addressing  
while eternal ages run;  
Equal praise to him confessing  
who proceeds from both as one.  
AMEN

V. You have given them bread from heaven  
R. Having in itself all delight.

## 1 SWEET SACRAMENT DIVINE

Sweet Sacrament Divine,  
hid in thy earthly home,  
Lo! Round thy lowly shrine,  
with suppliant hearts we come.  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise  
in songs of love and heartfelt praise,  
Sweet Sacrament Divine.

Sweet Sacrament of Peace,  
dear home of every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease,  
and sorrows all depart.  
There in thine ear, all trustfully  
We tell our tale of misery  
Sweet Sacrament of Peace.

## PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

**Celebrant:** At the sight of the crowds,  
Jesus' heart was moved.

**Response:** *For they were like sheep  
without a shepherd.*

**Celebrant:** Jesus said, 'The harvest is  
ready.'

**Response:** *But the labourers are few.*

**Celebrant:** Ask the Lord to send our  
labourers for the harvest.

**Response:** *O Lord, we pray for more  
young people to answer the call to  
become priests and religious in your  
harvest.*

**Celebrant:** And shepherd for your people.

**Response:** *Amen.*



## MONDAY 31 JULY 2023

*Saint Ignatius of Loyola (M)*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

At the name of Jesus, every knee should  
bend,  
of those in heaven and on earth and under  
the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is  
Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### FIRST READING:

Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34 (JB)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 105:19-23 (JB)

**R.** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.  
**or**  
**R.** Alleluia!

They fashioned a calf at Horeb  
and worshipped an image of metal,  
exchanging the God who was their glory  
for the image of a bull that eats grass. **R.**

They forgot the God who was their saviour,  
who had done such great things in Egypt,  
such portents in the land of Ham,  
such marvels at the Red Sea. **R.**

For this he said he would destroy them,  
but Moses, the man he had chosen,  
stood in the breach before him,  
to turn back his anger from destruction. **R.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of  
truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his  
creation.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL:

Matthew 13:31-35 (JB)

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Thus says the Lord: I have come to cast fire  
on the earth,  
and how I wish that it were kindled!

## WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET

### 30 JULY—5 AUGUST 2023 SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

## TUESDAY 01 AUGUST 2023

*Saint Alphonsus Mary de Liguori (M)*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The mouth of the just man utters wisdom,  
and his tongue tells forth what is just;  
the law of his God is in his heart (E.T. alleluia).

### FIRST READING:

Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28 (JB)

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 102:6-13 (JB)

**R.** The Lord is kind and merciful.

The Lord does deeds of justice,  
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses  
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
His wrath will come to an end:  
he will not be angry for ever. **R.**

He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the  
sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL:

Matthew 13:36-43 (JB)

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

He who ponders the law of the Lord day and  
night  
will yield his fruit in due season (E.T. alleluia).

### **WEDNESDAY 02 AUGUST 2023**

*Wednesday of the seventeenth week in Ordinary Time  
Saint Eusebius of Vercelli (OM)  
Saint Peter Julian Eymard (JM)*

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

#### **FIRST READING:**

Exodus 34:29-35 (JB)

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 98:5-7, 9 (JB)

**R.** Holy is the Lord our God.

Exalt the Lord our God;  
bow down before Zion, his footstool.  
He the Lord is holy. **R.**

Among his priests were Aaron and Moses,  
among those who invoked his name were Samuel.  
They invoked the Lord and he answered. **R.**

To them he spoke in the pillar of cloud.  
They did his will; they kept the law,  
which he, the Lord, had given. **R.**

Exalt the Lord our God;  
bow down before his holy mountain  
for the Lord our God is holy. **R.**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you my friends, says the Lord,  
for I have made known to you all that the Father  
has told me.  
Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL:**

Matthew 13:44-46 (JB)

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

**OR**

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive  
mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see  
God.

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### **THURSDAY 03 AUGUST 2023**

*Saint Dominic (M)*

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth,  
and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom  
and understanding  
and clothed him in a robe of glory.

#### **FIRST READING:**

Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 (JB)

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 83:3-6, 8, 11 (JB)

**R.** How lovely is your dwelling-place,  
Lord, mighty God!

My soul is longing and yearning,  
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my soul ring out their joy  
to God, the living God. **R.**

The sparrow herself finds a home  
and the swallow a nest for her brood;  
she lays her young by your altars,  
Lord of hosts, my king and my God. **R.**

They are happy, who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.  
They are happy, whose strength is in you,  
they walk with ever growing strength. **R.**

One day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
The threshold of the house of God  
I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked. **R.**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL:**

Matthew 13:47, 53 (JB)

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

This is the steward, faithful and prudent,  
whom the Lord set over his household  
to give them their allowance of food at the  
proper time.

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### **FRIDAY 04 AUGUST 2023**

*Saint John Vianney (M)*

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed  
with justice;  
your holy ones shall ring out their  
joy (**E.T.** alleluia).

#### **FIRST READING:**

Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37  
(JB)

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 80:3-6, 10-11 (JB)

**R.** Sing with joy to God our help.

Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the sweet-sounding harp and the lute,  
blow the trumpet at the new moon,  
when the moon is full, on our feast. **R.**

For this is Israel's law,  
a command of the God of Jacob.  
He imposed it as a rule on Joseph,  
when he went out against the land of  
Egypt. **R.**

Let there be no foreign god among you,  
no worship of an alien god.  
I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you from the land of  
Egypt. **R.**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
it is the word given to you, the Good  
News.  
Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL:**

Matthew 13:54-58 (JB)

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Blessed is the servant whom the Lord  
finds watching  
when he comes. Amen, I say to you:  
He will put that servant in charge of all  
his property (**E.T.** alleluia).

### **SATURDAY 05 AUGUST 2023**

*Saturday of the seventeenth week in Ordinary Time  
Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary (OM)  
The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary (OM)*

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his  
house;  
he himself gives might and strength to  
his people.

#### **FIRST READING:**

Leviticus 25:1, 8-17 (JB)

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 66:2-3, 5, 7-8 (JB)

**R.** O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

The earth has yielded its fruit  
for God, our God, has blessed us.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who suffer persecution  
for justice' sake;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.  
Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL:**

Matthew 14:1-12 (JB)

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

**OR**

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall  
receive mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they  
shall see God.