

## PRAYING THROUGH LENT, EASTER & (A BIT) BEYOND – 2021 YEAR B

### 1. According to this year's lectionary

Ash Wednesday Feb 17	Joel 2: 1 – 2, 12 – 17 or Isaiah 58: 1 – 12 Psalm 51: 1 – 17 2 Cor 5: 20b – 6:10 Matt 6: 1 – 6, 16 – 21	Holy Week Monday Mar 29	Isaiah 42: 1 – 9 Psalm 36: 5 – 11 Hebrews 9: 11 – 15 John 12: 1 – 11
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent Feb 21	Genesis 9: 8 – 17 Psalm 25: 1 – 10 1 Peter 3: 18 – 22 Mark 1: 9 – 15	Tuesday Mar 30	Isaiah 49: 1 – 7 Psalm 71: 1 – 14 1 Cor 1: 18 – 31 John 12: 20 – 36
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent Feb 28	Genesis 17: 1 – 7, 15 – 16 Psalm 22: 23 – 31 Romans 4: 13 – 25 Mark 8: 31 – 38 Mark 9: 2 – 9	Wednesday Mar 31	Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12: 1 – 3 John 13: 21 – 32
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent Mar 7	Isaiah 55: 1 – 9 Psalm 63: 1 – 8 1 Cor 10: 1 – 13 Luke 13: 1 – 9	Thursday Apr 1	Exodus 12: 1 – 4, (5 – 10), 11 – 14 Psalm 116: 1 – 2, 12 – 19 1 Cor 11: 23 – 26 John 13: 1 – 17, 31b – 35
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Mar 14	Joshua 5: 9 – 12 Psalm 32 2 Cor 5: 16 – 21 Luke 15: 1 – 3, 11b – 32	Good Friday Apr 2	Isaiah 52: 13 – 53: 12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10: 16 – 25 or Hebrews 4: 14 – 16, 5: 7 – 9 John 18: 1 – 19: 42
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Mar 21	Isaiah 43: 16 – 21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3: 4b – 14 John 12: 1 – 8	Saturday Apr 3	Job 14: 1 – 14 or Lamentations 3: 1 – 9, 19 – 24 Psalm 31: 1 – 4, 15 – 16 1 Peter 4: 1 – 8 Matt 27: 57 – 66 or John 19: 38 – 42
Palm/Passion Sunday Mar 28	Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 19 – 29 Philippians 2: 5 – 11 Luke 19: 28 – 40 - or - Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a Psalm 31: 9 – 16 Philippians 2: 5 – 11 Luke 22: 14 – 23: 5b or Luke 23: 1 – 49	Easter Sunday Apr 4	Acts 10: 34 – 43 or Isaiah 65: 17 – 25 Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 14 – 24 I Cor 15: 19 – 26 or Acts 10: 34 – 43 John 20: 1 – 18 or Luke 24: 1 – 12
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Apr 11	Acts 5: 27 – 32 Psalm 118: 14 – 29 or Psalm 150 Rev 1: 4 – 8 John 20: 19 – 31

2. According to "basic" texts, daily

Feb 17 Jer 23: 1 – 8  
18 Isaiah 11: 1 – 10  
19 Isaiah 7: 10 – 14  
20 Micah 5: 2 – 4

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

22 The Incarnation Contemplation\*  
23 Luke 1: 26 – 38 (after read vs 46 – 55)  
24 repetition  
25 Luke 2: 1 – 14  
26 Luke 2: 22 – 39  
27 repetition

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Mar 1 Luke 2: 40 – 52  
2 repetition  
3 Matt 3: 13 – 17  
4 repetition  
5 Luke 4: 1 – 13  
6 repetition

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

8 Luke 4: 14 – 30  
9 repetition  
10 Matt 4: 18 – 22, Matt 9: 9  
11 John 2: 1 – 11  
12 Matt 5: 1 – 17  
13 repetition

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

15 Matt 14: 22 – 33  
16 repetition  
17 Matt 10: 1 – 16 or Luke 5: 12 – 16  
18 Luke 7: 36 – 50  
19 Matt 14: 13 – 21  
20 repetition

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

22 Mark 8: 27 – 33  
23 Matt 17: 1 – 21  
24 repetition  
25 John 11: 1 – 46  
26 repetition  
27 John 12: 1 – 11

Palm/Passion Sunday

Mar 29 Luke 19: 41 – 48, Matt 26: 14 – 16  
30 John 13: 1 – 15, Matt 26: 20 – 30  
31 Matt 26: 30 – 47, 55 – 56  
Apr 1 Matt 27: 1 – 2, 11 – 26  
2 John 19: 17 – 22, 25b – 30, 38 – 42  
3 \*Below

Easter Sunday ★★ Below

## The Graces

- from February 17 through 20 - ask for the grace to receive what the Lord wants to give you.
- beginning on February 21 - and in every prayer period thereafter, ask for the grace to know Jesus intimately in order to love him more intensely and follow him more closely.

## \*The Incarnation Contemplation

- prepare in the usual way
- then.....try to look upon the world through God's eyes: see its people, of great diversity in colour, dress, state, manner of acting. Some are white, some black, some yellow; some live in peace, others are at war; some are weeping, others laughing; some well, some sick; some are being born, some dying. There are the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the powerful and the powerless. Then there is the leap of divine joy: God knows that the time has come..... "let us work the redemption of the human race."
- write your review

**★ April 3** Jesus is dead, his body in the tomb. His friends are devastated. For them this is a terrible day ....shattered hopes, confusion, fear, sense of loss. It's all over! Try to enter their feelings (with no Easter Sunday in prospect, remember). Ask for the grace to experience the loss and emptiness felt by Jesus' friends. Then, having prepared in the usual way, visit some of them (eg. Peter, Mary Judas)....and get into the conversation.

**★★ April 4** As background, read John 20: 11 – 18. The risen Lord appears to some (though not all) of his friends to share his joy. He visits you....speak with him (having asked for the grace to enter his joy).

**Texts for going on with:**

- Luke 24: 13 – 35
- John 20: 19 – 29
- John 21: 1 – 17
- Luke 24: 44 – 53
- Acts 1: 1 – 12