

THE "ROAD MAP" OF READINGS IN THE BEGINNING OF ORDINARY TIME

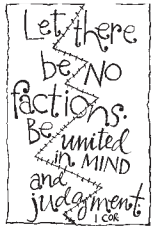
In Cycle A (1st year of the 3 year cycle) of the Lectionary for Mass we encounter Jesus at the beginning of his

public ministry. We then proceed to portions of the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5, 6, 7) and the "greater righteousness" to which we are called now that Jesus gives us the life of the Spirit.



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Recognizing the Lord's Presence

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| Is 49:3, 5-6 | God's Servant, Light of the Nations • I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. |
| Ps 40 | Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. |
| 1 Cor 1:1-3 | Grace and Peace be with You All • Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. |
| Jn 1:29-34 | John's Testimony for Our Faith • The Lamb of God • Son of God • Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. |



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Light of the Gospel Shines in the Darkness

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| Is 8:23-9:3 | In Galilee of the Gentiles, the people have seen a great light. |
| Ps 27 | The Lord is my light and my salvation. |
| 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 | That all of you may agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you. |
| Mt 4:12-23 or Mt 4:12-17 | Jesus went to Capernaum, so that what had been said through Isaiah might be fulfilled. |



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Good News of the Master, Meek and Humble of Heart

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| Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 | I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. |
| Ps 146 | Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! |
| 1 Cor 1:26-31 | God chose the weak of the world. |
| Mt 5:1-12a | Blessed are the poor in spirit. |



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Salt of the Earth, Light of the World

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| Is 58:7-10 | Your light shall break forth like the dawn. |
| Ps 112 | The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. |
| 1 Cor 2:1-5 | I have announced to you the mystery of Christ crucified. |
| Mt 5:13-16 | You are the light of the world. |



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jesus, Wisdom of God, Law of the Christian

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| Sir 15:15-20 | No one does he command to act unjustly. |
| Ps 110 | Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! |
| 1 Cor 2:6-10 | God predestined wisdom before the ages for our glory |
| Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37 | So it was said to your ancestors; but I say this to you. |



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Human Holiness, Reflection of God's Holiness

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| Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 | You must love your neighbor as yourself. |
| Ps 103 | The Lord is kind and merciful. |
| 1 Cor 3:16-23 | All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God. |
| Mt 5:38-48 | Love your enemies. |

