

## Lectionary Readings for the Weekdays of Christmas

### Dec. 26: Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr

Lectionary: 696

#### Reading 1: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Stephen, filled with grace and power,  
was working great wonders and signs among the people.  
Certain members of the so-called Synagogue of Freedmen,  
Cyrenians, and Alexandrians,  
and people from Cilicia and Asia,  
came forward and debated with Stephen,  
but they could not withstand the wisdom and the spirit with which he  
spoke.  
When they heard this, they were infuriated,  
and they ground their teeth at him.  
But he, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
looked up intently to heaven  
and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,  
and he said,  
"Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man  
standing at the right hand of God."  
But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears,  
and rushed upon him together.  
They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him.  
The witnesses laid down their cloaks  
at the feet of a young man named Saul.  
As they were stoning Stephen, he called out  
"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 31:3cd-4, 6+8ab, 16bc+17

R. (6) **Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**  
Be my rock of refuge,  
a stronghold to give me safety.  
You are my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake you will lead and guide me.  
R. **Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**  
Into your hands I commend my spirit;  
you will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God.  
I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy.  
R. **Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**  
Rescue me from the clutches of my enemies and my persecutors.  
Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your kindness.  
R. **Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

#### Alleluia: Ps 118:26a, 27a

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD:  
the LORD is God and has given us light.  
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

#### Gospel: Matt 10:17-22

Jesus said to his disciples:  
"Beware of men, for they will hand you over to courts  
and scourge you in their synagogues,  
and you will be led before governors and kings for my sake  
as a witness before them and the pagans.  
When they hand you over,  
do not worry about how you are to speak  
or what you are to say.  
You will be given at that moment what you are to say.  
For it will not be you who speak  
but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.  
Brother will hand over brother to death,  
and the father his child;  
children will rise up against parents and have them put to death.  
You will be hated by all because of my name,  
but whoever endures to the end will be saved."

## Dec. 27: Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist

Lectionary: 697

### Reading 1: 1 John 1:1-4

Beloved:

What was from the beginning,  
what we have heard,  
what we have seen with our eyes,  
what we looked upon  
and touched with our hands  
concerns the Word of life —  
for the life was made visible;  
we have seen it and testify to it  
and proclaim to you the eternal life  
that was with the Father and was made visible to us—  
what we have seen and heard  
we proclaim now to you,  
so that you too may have fellowship with us;  
for our fellowship is with the Father  
and with his Son, Jesus Christ.  
We are writing this so that our joy may be complete.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

R. (12) **Rejoice in the Lord, you just!**

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;  
let the many isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness are around him,  
justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

R. **Rejoice in the Lord, you just!**

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the LORD of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his justice,  
and all peoples see his glory.

R. **Rejoice in the Lord, you just!**

Light dawns for the just;  
and gladness, for the upright of heart.

Be glad in the LORD, you just,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

R. **Rejoice in the Lord, you just!**

### Alleluia:

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

We praise you, O God,  
we acclaim you as Lord;  
the glorious company of Apostles praise you.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel: John 20:1a, 2-8

On the first day of the week,  
Mary Magdalene ran and went to Simon Peter  
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,  
“They have taken the Lord from the tomb,  
and we do not know where they put him.”  
So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.  
They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter  
and arrived at the tomb first;  
he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.  
When Simon Peter arrived after him,  
he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,  
and the cloth that had covered his head,  
and not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.  
Then the other disciple also went in,  
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,  
and he saw and believed.

## Dec. 28: Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs

Lectionary: 698

### Reading 1: 1 John 1:5—2:2

Beloved:

This is the message that we have heard from Jesus Christ and proclaim to you:

God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

If we say, "We have fellowship with him,"

while we continue to walk in darkness,

we lie and do not act in truth.

But if we walk in the light as he is in the light,

then we have fellowship with one another,

and the Blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

If we say, "We are without sin,"

we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just

and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.

If we say, "We have not sinned," we make him a liar,

and his word is not in us.

My children, I am writing this to you

so that you may not commit sin.

But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,

Jesus Christ the righteous one.

He is expiation for our sins,

and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.

### Gospel: Matt 2:13-18

When the magi had departed, behold,

the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,

"Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt,

and stay there until I tell you.

Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him."

Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night

and departed for Egypt.

He stayed there until the death of Herod,

that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled,

*Out of Egypt I called my son.*

When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi,

he became furious.

He ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity

two years old and under,

in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the magi.

Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet:

*A voice was heard in Ramah,*

*sobbing and loud lamentation;*

*Rachel weeping for her children,*

*and she would not be consoled,*

*since they were no more.*

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8

R. (7) **Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare.**

Had not the LORD been with us—

When men rose up against us,

then would they have swallowed us alive,

When their fury was inflamed against us.

R. **Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare.**

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us;

The torrent would have swept over us;

over us then would have swept the raging waters.

R. **Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare.**

Broken was the snare,

and we were freed.

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

R. **Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare.**

### Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We praise you, O God,

we acclaim you as Lord;

the white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Dec. 29: The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

Lectionary: 202

### Reading 1: 1 John 2:3-11

Beloved:

The way we may be sure that we know Jesus  
is to keep his commandments.

Whoever says, "I know him," but does not keep his commandments  
is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

But whoever keeps his word,  
the love of God is truly perfected in him.

This is the way we may know that we are in union with him:  
whoever claims to abide in him ought to walk just as he walked.

Beloved, I am writing no new commandment to you  
but an old commandment that you had from the beginning.

The old commandment is the word that you have heard.

And yet I do write a new commandment to you,  
which holds true in him and among you,

for the darkness is passing away,  
and the true light is already shining.

Whoever says he is in the light,  
yet hates his brother, is still in the darkness.

Whoever loves his brother remains in the light,  
and there is nothing in him to cause a fall.

Whoever hates his brother is in darkness;  
he walks in darkness

and does not know where he is going  
because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6

R. (11a) **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R. **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

Announce his salvation, day after day.

Tell his glory among the nations;

among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

The LORD made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty go before him;

praise and grandeur are in his sanctuary.

R. **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

### Alleluia: Luke 2:32

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A light of revelation to the Gentiles  
and glory for your people Israel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel: Luke 2:22-35

When the days were completed for their purification  
according to the law of Moses,

the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem

to present him to the Lord,

just as it is written in the law of the Lord,

*Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,*

and to offer the sacrifice of

*a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,*

in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.

This man was righteous and devout,

awaiting the consolation of Israel,

and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit

that he should not see death

before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

He came in the Spirit into the temple;

and when the parents brought in the child Jesus

to perform the custom of the law in regard to him,

he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

"Lord, now let your servant go in peace;

your word has been fulfilled:

my own eyes have seen the salvation

which you prepared in the sight of every people,

a light to reveal you to the nations

and the glory of your people Israel."

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him;

and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,

"Behold, this child is destined

for the fall and rise of many in Israel,

and to be a sign that will be contradicted

(and you yourself a sword will pierce)

so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

## Dec. 30: The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

Lectionary: 203

### Reading 1: 1 John 2:12-17

I am writing to you, children,  
because your sins have been forgiven for his name's sake.  
I am writing to you, fathers,  
because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you,  
young men,  
because you have conquered the Evil One.  
I write to you, children,  
because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers,  
because you know him who is from the beginning.  
I write to you, young men,  
because you are strong and the word of God remains in you,  
and you have conquered the Evil One.  
Do not love the world or the things of the world.  
If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.  
For all that is in the world,  
sensual lust, enticement for the eyes, and a pretentious life,  
is not from the Father but is from the world.  
Yet the world and its enticement are passing away.  
But whoever does the will of God remains forever.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10

R. (11a) **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

Give to the LORD, you families of nations,  
give to the LORD glory and praise;  
give to the LORD the glory due his name!

R. **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

Bring gifts, and enter his courts;  
worship the LORD in holy attire.  
Tremble before him, all the earth.

R. **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

Say among the nations: The LORD is king.  
He has made the world firm, not to be moved;  
he governs the peoples with equity.

R. **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

### Alleluia

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

A holy day has dawned upon us.  
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.  
Today a great light has come upon the earth.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel: Luke 2:36-40

There was a prophetess, Anna,  
the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.  
She was advanced in years,  
having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage,  
and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.  
She never left the temple,  
but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.  
And coming forward at that very time,  
she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child  
to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.  
When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions  
of the law of the Lord,  
they returned to Galilee,  
to their own town of Nazareth.  
The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.

## Dec. 31: The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

Lectionary: 204

(Opt. Mem. Sylvester; Lect. 700)

### Reading 1: 1 John 2:18-21

Children, it is the last hour;

and just as you heard that the antichrist was coming,  
so now many antichrists have appeared.

Thus we know this is the last hour.

They went out from us, but they were not really of our number;  
if they had been, they would have remained with us.

Their desertion shows that none of them was of our number.

But you have the anointing that comes from the Holy One,  
and you all have knowledge.

I write to you not because you do not know the truth  
but because you do, and because every lie is alien to the truth.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13

R. (11a) **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name;

announce his salvation, day after day.

R. **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;

let the sea and what fills it resound;

let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!

Then shall all the trees of the forest exult before the LORD.

R. **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

The LORD comes,

he comes to rule the earth.

He shall rule the world with justice

and the peoples with his constancy.

R. **Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!**

### Alleluia: John 1:14a, 12a

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

To those who accepted him

he gave power to become the children of God.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel: John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came to be through him,  
and without him nothing came to be.

What came to be through him was life,

and this life was the light of the human race;

the light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness has not overcome it.

A man named John was sent from God.

He came for testimony, to testify to the light,  
so that all might believe through him.

He was not the light,

but came to testify to the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world,

and the world came to be through him,

but the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own,

but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him

he gave power to become children of God,

to those who believe in his name,

who were born not by natural generation

nor by human choice nor by a man's decision

but of God. And the Word became flesh

and made his dwelling among us,

and we saw his glory,

the glory as of the Father's only-begotten Son,

full of grace and truth.

John testified to him and cried out, saying,

"This was he of whom I said,

'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me  
because he existed before me.'"

From his fullness we have all received,

grace in place of grace,

because while the law was given through Moses,

grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God.

The only-begotten Son, God, who is at the Father's side,  
has revealed him.

## Jan. 2: Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Lectionary: 205

### Reading 1: 1 John 2:22-28

Beloved:

Who is the liar?

Whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ.

Whoever denies the Father and the Son, this is the antichrist.

Anyone who denies the Son does not have the Father, but whoever confesses the Son has the Father as well.

Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you.

If what you heard from the beginning remains in you,

then you will remain in the Son and in the Father.

And this is the promise that he made us: eternal life.

I write you these things about those who would deceive you.

As for you,

the anointing that you received from him remains in you,

so that you do not need anyone to teach you.

But his anointing teaches you about everything and is true and not false;

just as it taught you, remain in him.

And now, children, remain in him,

so that when he appears we may have confidence

and not be put to shame by him at his coming.

### Responsorial Psalm: 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

**R. (3cd) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

Sing to the LORD a new song,

for he has done wondrous deeds;

His right hand has won victory for him,

his holy arm.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

The LORD has made his salvation known:

in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness

toward the house of Israel.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

All the ends of the earth have seen

the salvation by our God.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;

break into song; sing praise.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

### Alleluia: Heb 1:1-2

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

In times, past, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets:

in these last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel: John 1:19-28

This is the testimony of John.

When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?"

He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted,

"I am not the Christ."

So they asked him,

"What are you then? Are you Elijah?"

And he said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

So they said to him,

"Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us?"

What do you have to say for yourself?"

He said:

"I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert,*

*'Make straight the way of the Lord,'*

as Isaiah the prophet said."

Some Pharisees were also sent.

They asked him,

"Why then do you baptize

if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"

John answered them,

"I baptize with water;

but there is one among you whom you do not recognize,

the one who is coming after me,

whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

This happened in Bethany across the Jordan,

where John was baptizing.

## Jan. 3 (if before Epiphany)

Lectionary: 206

### Reading 1: 1 John 2:29-3:6

If you consider that God is righteous,  
you also know that everyone who acts in righteousness  
is begotten by him.

See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.  
Yet so we are.  
The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.  
Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.  
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.  
Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure,  
as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin commits lawlessness,  
for sin is lawlessness.  
You know that he was revealed to take away sins,  
and in him there is no sin.  
No one who remains in him sins;  
no one who sins has seen him or known him.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6

R. (3cd) **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done wondrous deeds;  
His right hand has won victory for him,  
his holy arm.

R. **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation by our God.  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;  
break into song; sing praise.

R. **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and melodious song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

R. **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

### Alleluia: John 1:14a, 12a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.  
To those who accepted him  
he gave power to become the children of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel: John 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.  
He is the one of whom I said,  
'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me  
because he existed before me.'  
I did not know him,  
but the reason why I came baptizing with water  
was that he might be made known to Israel."  
John testified further, saying,  
"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky  
and remain upon him.  
I did not know him,  
but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me,  
'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain,  
he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'  
Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."



## Jan. 4 (if before Epiphany)

Lectionary: 207

(or Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious)

### Reading 1: 1 John 3:7-10

Children, let no one deceive you.

The person who acts in righteousness is righteous,  
just as he is righteous.

Whoever sins belongs to the Devil,  
because the Devil has sinned from the beginning.

Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the Devil.

No one who is begotten by God commits sin,  
because God's seed remains in him;

he cannot sin because he is begotten by God.

In this way,

the children of God and the children of the Devil are made plain;

no one who fails to act in righteousness belongs to God,

nor anyone who does not love his brother.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9

R. (3cd) **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

Sing to the LORD a new song,

for he has done wondrous deeds;

His right hand has won victory for him,

his holy arm.

R. **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

Let the sea and what fills it resound,

the world and those who dwell in it;

Let the rivers clap their hands,

the mountains shout with them for joy before the LORD.

R. **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

The LORD comes;

he comes to rule the earth;

He will rule the world with justice

and the peoples with equity.

R. **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

### Alleluia: Heb 1:1-2

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets:

in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel: John 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples,  
and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said,  
"Behold, the Lamb of God."

The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,

"What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher),

"where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come, and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying,

and they stayed with him that day.

It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter,

was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus.

He first found his own brother Simon and told him,

"We have found the Messiah," which is translated Christ.

Then he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said,

"You are Simon the son of John;

you will be called Cephas," which is translated Peter.

## Jan. 5 (if before Epiphany)

Lectionary: 208

(or Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop)

### Reading 1: 1 John 3:11-21

Beloved:

This is the message you have heard from the beginning:

we should love one another,  
unlike Cain who belonged to the Evil One  
and slaughtered his brother.

Why did he slaughter him?

Because his own works were evil,  
and those of his brother righteous.

Do not be amazed, then, brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.

We know that we have passed from death to life  
because we love our brothers.

Whoever does not love remains in death.

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer,  
and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him.

The way we came to know love  
was that he laid down his life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

If someone who has worldly means  
sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion,  
how can the love of God remain in him?

Children, let us love not in word or speech  
but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth  
and reassure our hearts before him  
in whatever our hearts condemn,  
for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.  
Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us,  
we have confidence in God.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5

R. (2a) **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;  
serve the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful song.

R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Know that the LORD is God;  
he made us, his we are;  
his people, the flock he tends.

R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
his courts with praise;  
Give thanks to him; bless his name.

R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

The LORD is good:  
the LORD, whose kindness endures forever,  
and his faithfulness, to all generations.

R. **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

### Alleluia:

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.

Today a great light has come upon the earth.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel: John 1:43-51

Jesus decided to go to Galilee, and he found Philip.

And Jesus said to him, "Follow me."

Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the town of Andrew and Peter.

Philip found Nathanael and told him,

"We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law,  
and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth."

But Nathanael said to him,

"Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him,

"Here is a true child of Israel.

There is no duplicity in him."

Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered and said to him,

"Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree."

Nathanael answered him,

"Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

Jesus answered and said to him,

"Do you believe

because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree?

You will see greater things than this."

And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you,

you will see the sky opened and the angels of God  
ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

## Jan. 6 (if before Epiphany)

Lectionary: 209

### Reading 1: 1 John 5:5-13

Beloved:

Who indeed is the victor over the world  
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and Blood, Jesus Christ,  
not by water alone, but by water and Blood.

The Spirit is the one who testifies,  
and the Spirit is truth.

So there are three that testify,  
the Spirit, the water, and the Blood,  
and the three are of one accord.

If we accept human testimony,  
the testimony of God is surely greater.

Now the testimony of God is this,  
that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

Whoever believes in the Son of God  
has this testimony within himself.

Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar  
by not believing the testimony God has given about his Son.

And this is the testimony:

God gave us eternal life,  
and this life is in his Son.

Whoever possesses the Son has life;  
whoever does not possess the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you so that you may know  
that you have eternal life,  
you who believe in the name of the Son of God.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

R. (12a) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

or: R. Alleluia.

Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem;  
praise your God, O Zion.

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;  
he has blessed your children within you.

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

or: R. Alleluia.

He has granted peace in your borders;  
with the best of wheat he fills you.

He sends forth his command to the earth;  
swiftly runs his word!

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

or: R. Alleluia.

He has proclaimed his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and his ordinances to Israel.

He has not done thus for any other nation;  
his ordinances he has not made known to them. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

or: R. Alleluia.

### Alleluia: Mark 9:6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:

"One mightier than I is coming after me.

I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.

I have baptized you with water;

he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee  
and was baptized in the Jordan by John.

On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open  
and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens,

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

### or Luke 3:23-38

When Jesus began his ministry he was about thirty years of age.

He was the son, as was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli,  
the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi,

the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, the son of Mattathias,  
the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli,

the son of Naggai, the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias,  
the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda,

the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel,  
the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, the son of Melchi,

the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam,  
the son of Er, the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer,

the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,  
the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph,

the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, the son of Melea,  
the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan,

the son of David, the son of Jesse, the son of Obed,  
the son of Boaz, the son of Sala, the son of Nahshon,

the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni,  
the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,

the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham,  
the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, the son of Serug,

the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber,  
the son of Shelah, the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad,

the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,  
the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared,

the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, the son of Enos,  
the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

### or short form: Luke 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

When Jesus began his ministry he was about thirty years of age.

He was the son, as was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli,  
the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha,

the son of Nathan, the son of David, the son of Jesse,  
the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Sala,

the son of Nahshon, the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin,  
the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez,

the son of Judah, the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac,  
the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,

the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem,  
the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, the son of Enos,

the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

## Jan. 7 (if before Epiphany)

Lectionary: 210

### Reading 1: 1 John 5:14-21

Beloved:

We have this confidence in God,  
that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.  
And if we know that he hears us in regard to whatever we ask,  
we know that what we have asked him for is ours.  
If anyone sees his brother sinning, if the sin is not deadly,  
he should pray to God and he will give him life.  
This is only for those whose sin is not deadly.  
There is such a thing as deadly sin,  
about which I do not say that you should pray.  
All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that is not deadly.

We know that no one begotten by God sins;  
but the one begotten by God he protects,  
and the Evil One cannot touch him.  
We know that we belong to God,  
and the whole world is under the power of the Evil One.  
We also know that the Son of God has come  
and has given us discernment to know the one who is true.  
And we are in the one who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ.  
He is the true God and eternal life.  
Children, be on your guard against idols.

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5+6a+9b

R. (see 4a) **The Lord takes delight in his people.**

or: R. **Alleluia.**

Sing to the LORD a new song  
of praise in the assembly of the faithful.  
Let Israel be glad in their maker,  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their king.

R. **The Lord takes delight in his people.**

or: R. **Alleluia.**

Let them praise his name in the festive dance,  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.  
For the LORD loves his people,  
and he adorns the lowly with victory.

R. **The Lord takes delight in his people.**

or: R. **Alleluia.**

Let the faithful exult in glory;  
let them sing for joy upon their couches;  
Let the high praises of God be in their throats.  
This is the glory of all his faithful. Alleluia.

R. **The Lord takes delight in his people.**

or: R. **Alleluia.**

### Alleluia: Luke 7:16

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

A great prophet has arisen in our midst  
and God has visited his people.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel: John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee,  
and the mother of Jesus was there.  
Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.  
When the wine ran short,  
the mother of Jesus said to him,  
"They have no wine."  
And Jesus said to her,  
"Woman, how does your concern affect me?  
My hour has not yet come."  
His mother said to the servers,  
"Do whatever he tells you."  
Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial  
washings,  
each holding twenty to thirty gallons.  
Jesus told them,  
"Fill the jars with water."  
So they filled them to the brim.  
Then he told them,  
"Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter."  
So they took it.  
And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine,  
without knowing where it came from  
(although the servers who had drawn the water knew),  
the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,  
"Everyone serves good wine first,  
and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one;  
but you have kept the good wine until now."  
Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee  
and so revealed his glory,  
and his disciples began to believe in him.

## Monday after Epiphany

Lectionary: 212

### Reading 1: 1 John 3:22-4:6

Beloved:

We receive from him whatever we ask,  
because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And his commandment is this:

we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,  
and love one another just as he commanded us.

Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them,  
and the way we know that he remains in us  
is from the Spirit whom he gave us.

Beloved, do not trust every spirit

but test the spirits to see whether they belong to God,

because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

This is how you can know the Spirit of God:

every spirit that acknowledges Jesus Christ come in the flesh  
belongs to God,

and every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus  
does not belong to God.

This is the spirit of the antichrist

who, as you heard, is to come,

but in fact is already in the world.

You belong to God, children, and you have conquered them,

for the one who is in you

is greater than the one who is in the world.

They belong to the world;

accordingly, their teaching belongs to the world,

and the world listens to them.

We belong to God, and anyone who knows God listens to us,  
while anyone who does not belong to God refuses to hear us.

This is how we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of deceit.

### Responsorial Psalm: 2:7bc-8, 10-12a

**R. (8ab) I will give you all the nations for an inheritance.**

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;

this day I have begotten you.

Ask of me and I will give you

the nations for an inheritance

and the ends of the earth for your possession."

**R. I will give you all the nations for an inheritance.**

And now, O kings, give heed;

take warning, you rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice before him;

with trembling rejoice.

**R. I will give you all the nations for an inheritance.**

### Alleluia: See Matt 4:23

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom  
and cured every disease among the people.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel: Matt 4:12-17, 23-25

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested,  
he withdrew to Galilee.

He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea,  
in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali,

that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet  
might be fulfilled:

*Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,*

*the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan,*

*Galilee of the Gentiles,*

*the people who sit in darkness*

*have seen a great light,*

*on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death*  
*light has arisen.*

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say,

"Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand."

He went around all of Galilee,

teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom,  
and curing every disease and illness among the people.

His fame spread to all of Syria,

and they brought to him all who were sick with various diseases

and racked with pain,

those who were possessed, lunatics, and paralytics,

and he cured them.

And great crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, and Judea,  
and from beyond the Jordan followed him.

## Tuesday after Epiphany

Lectionary: 213

### Reading 1: 1 John 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another,  
because love is of God;  
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.  
Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.  
In this way the love of God was revealed to us:  
God sent his only-begotten Son into the world  
so that we might have life through him.  
In this is love:  
not that we have loved God, but that he loved us  
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

### Responsorial Psalm: 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8

**R. (see 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
He shall govern your people with justice  
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

The mountains shall yield peace for the people,  
and the hills justice.

He shall defend the afflicted among the people,  
save the children of the poor.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

Justice shall flower in his days,  
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.

May he rule from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

### Alleluia: Luke 4:18

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor  
and to proclaim liberty to captives.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel: Mark 6:34-44

When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them,  
for they were like sheep without a shepherd;  
and he began to teach them many things.  
By now it was already late and his disciples approached him and said,  
"This is a deserted place and it is already very late.  
Dismiss them so that they can go  
to the surrounding farms and villages  
and buy themselves something to eat."  
He said to them in reply,  
"Give them some food yourselves."  
But they said to him,  
"Are we to buy two hundred days' wages worth of food  
and give it to them to eat?"  
He asked them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see."  
And when they had found out they said,  
"Five loaves and two fish."  
So he gave orders to have them sit down in groups on the green grass.  
The people took their places in rows by hundreds and by fifties.  
Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven,  
he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples  
to set before the people;  
he also divided the two fish among them all.  
They all ate and were satisfied.  
And they picked up twelve wicker baskets full of fragments  
and what was left of the fish.  
Those who ate of the loaves were five thousand men.

## Wednesday after Epiphany

Lectionary: 214

### Reading 1: 1 John 4:11-18

Beloved, if God so loved us,  
we also must love one another.

No one has ever seen God.

Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,  
and his love is brought to perfection in us.

This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us,  
that he has given us of his Spirit.

Moreover, we have seen and testify  
that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world.

Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,  
God remains in him and he in God.

We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.  
God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in  
him.

In this is love brought to perfection among us,  
that we have confidence on the day of judgment  
because as he is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love,

but perfect love drives out fear

because fear has to do with punishment,

and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love.

### Gospel: Mark 6:45-52

After the five thousand had eaten and were satisfied,  
Jesus made his disciples get into the boat  
and precede him to the other side toward Bethsaida,  
while he dismissed the crowd.

And when he had taken leave of them,  
he went off to the mountain to pray.

When it was evening,  
the boat was far out on the sea and he was alone on shore.

Then he saw that they were tossed about while rowing,  
for the wind was against them.

About the fourth watch of the night,  
he came toward them walking on the sea.

He meant to pass by them.

But when they saw him walking on the sea,  
they thought it was a ghost and cried out.

They had all seen him and were terrified.

But at once he spoke with them,

"Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!"

He got into the boat with them and the wind died down.

They were completely astounded.

They had not understood the incident of the loaves.

On the contrary, their hearts were hardened.

### Responsorial Psalm: 72:1-2, 10, 12-13

**R. (see 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
He shall govern your people with justice  
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;  
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,  
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.

He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;  
the lives of the poor he shall save.

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

### Alleluia: See 1 Tm 3:16

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the Gentiles.

Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Thursday after Epiphany

Lectionary: 215

### Reading 1: 1 John 4:19-5:4

Beloved, we love God because  
he first loved us.

If anyone says, "I love God,"  
but hates his brother, he is a liar;  
for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen  
cannot love God whom he has not seen.

This is the commandment we have from him:  
Whoever loves God must also love his brother.  
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God,  
and everyone who loves the Father  
loves also the one begotten by him.

In this way we know that we love the children of God  
when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this,  
that we keep his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome,  
for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.  
And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

### Responsorial Psalm: 72:1-2, 14+15bc, 17

R. (see 11) **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, with your judgment endow the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
He shall govern your people with justice  
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

From fraud and violence he shall redeem them,  
and precious shall their blood be in his sight.  
May they be prayed for continually;  
day by day shall they bless him.

R. **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

May his name be blessed forever;  
as long as the sun his name shall remain.  
In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed;  
all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

R. **Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

### Alleluia: Luke 4:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor  
and to proclaim liberty to captives.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel: Luke 4:14-22

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit,  
and news of him spread throughout the whole region.  
He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.  
He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up,  
and went according to his custom  
into the synagogue on the sabbath day.

He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah.  
He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

*He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down,  
and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.

He said to them,

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

And all spoke highly of him

and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.



## Friday after Epiphany

Lectionary: 216

### Reading 1: 1 John 5:5-13

Beloved:

Who indeed is the victor over the world  
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?  
This is the one who came through water and Blood, Jesus Christ,  
not by water alone, but by water and Blood.  
The Spirit is the one who testifies,  
and the Spirit is truth.  
So there are three who testify,  
the Spirit, the water, and the Blood,  
and the three are of one accord.  
If we accept human testimony,  
the testimony of God is surely greater.  
Now the testimony of God is this,  
that he has testified on behalf of his Son.  
Whoever believes in the Son of God  
has this testimony within himself.  
Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar  
by not believing the testimony God has given about his Son.  
And this is the testimony:  
God gave us eternal life,  
and this life is in his Son.  
Whoever possesses the Son has life;  
whoever does not possess the Son of God does not have life.  
I write these things to you so that you may know  
that you have eternal life,  
you who believe in the name of the Son of God.

### Responsorial Psalm: 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

R. (12a) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

or: R. Alleluia.

Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem;  
praise your God, O Zion.

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;  
he has blessed your children within you.

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

or: R. Alleluia.

He has granted peace in your borders;  
with the best of wheat he fills you.

He sends forth his command to the earth;  
swiftly runs his word!

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

or: R. Alleluia.

He has proclaimed his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and his ordinances to Israel.

He has not done thus for any other nation;  
his ordinances he has not made known to them. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

or: R. Alleluia.

### Gospel: Luke 5:12-16

It happened that there was a man full of leprosy in one of the towns  
where Jesus was;  
and when he saw Jesus,  
he fell prostrate, pleaded with him, and said,  
"Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean."  
Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said,  
"I do will it. Be made clean."  
And the leprosy left him immediately.  
Then he ordered him not to tell anyone, but  
"Go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing  
what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."  
The report about him spread all the more,  
and great crowds assembled to listen to him  
and to be cured of their ailments,  
but he would withdraw to deserted places to pray.

### Alleluia: See Matt 4:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom  
and cured every disease among the people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Saturday after Epiphany

Lectionary: 217

### Reading 1: 1 John 5:14-21

Beloved:

We have this confidence in him  
that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.  
And if we know that he hears us in regard to whatever we ask,  
we know that what we have asked him for is ours.  
If anyone sees his brother sinning, if the sin is not deadly,  
he should pray to God and he will give him life.  
This is only for those whose sin is not deadly.  
There is such a thing as deadly sin,  
about which I do not say that you should pray.  
All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that is not deadly.  
We know that anyone begotten by God does not sin;  
but the one begotten by God he protects,  
and the Evil One cannot touch him.  
We know that we belong to God,  
and the whole world is under the power of the Evil One.  
We also know that the Son of God has come  
and has given us discernment to know the one who is true.  
And we are in the one who is true,  
in his Son Jesus Christ.  
He is the true God and eternal life.  
Children, be on your guard against idols.

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Let Israel be glad in their maker,  
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For the LORD loves his people,  
and he adorns the lowly with victory.

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Let the faithful exult in glory;  
let them sing for joy upon their couches;  
Let the high praises of God be in their throats.  
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or: R. **Alleluia.**

### Alleluia: Matt 4:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light,  
on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death  
light has arisen.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel: John 3:22-30

Jesus and his disciples went into the region of Judea,  
where he spent some time with them baptizing.  
John was also baptizing in Aenon near Salim,  
because there was an abundance of water there,  
and people came to be baptized,  
for John had not yet been imprisoned.  
Now a dispute arose between the disciples of John and a Jew  
about ceremonial washings.  
So they came to John and said to him,  
"Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan,  
to whom you testified,  
here he is baptizing and everyone is coming to him."  
John answered and said,  
"No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven.  
You yourselves can testify that I said that I am not the Christ,  
but that I was sent before him.  
The one who has the bride is the bridegroom;  
the best man, who stands and listens for him,  
rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice.  
So this joy of mine has been made complete.  
He must increase; I must decrease."

Lect. #	Day – Feast	First Reading
697	<b>Dec. 27</b> – Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	<b>1 John 1:1-4</b>
698	<b>Dec. 28</b> – Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs	<b>1 John 1:5—2:2</b>
202	<b>Dec. 29</b> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas	<b>1 John 2:3-11</b>
203	<b>Dec. 30</b> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas	<b>1 John 2:12-17</b>
204	<b>Dec. 31</b> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas	<b>1 John 2:18-21</b>
205	<b>Jan. 2</b> – Christmas Weekday ( <i>if before Epiphany</i> )	<b>1 John 2:22-28</b>
206	<b>Jan. 3</b> – Christmas Weekday ( <i>if before Epiphany</i> )	<b>1 John 2:29—3:6</b>
207	<b>Jan. 4</b> – Christmas Weekday ( <i>if before Epiphany</i> )	<b>1 John 3:7-10</b>
208	<b>Jan. 5</b> – Christmas Weekday ( <i>if before Epiphany</i> )	<b>1 John 3:11-21</b>
212	<b>Monday</b> after Epiphany ( <i>or Jan. 7</i> )	<b>1 John 3:22—4:6</b>
213	<b>Tuesday</b> after Epiphany ( <i>or Jan. 8</i> )	<b>1 John 4:7-10</b>
214	<b>Wednesday</b> after Epiphany ( <i>or Jan. 9</i> )	<b>1 John 4:11-18</b>
215	<b>Thursday</b> after Epiphany ( <i>or Jan. 10</i> )	<b>1 John 4:19—5:4</b>
209/ 216	<b>Jan. 6</b> , <i>if Epiphany is celebrated Jan. 7 or 8</i> <b>or Friday</b> after Epiphany ( <i>or Jan. 11</i> )	<b>1 John 5:5-13</b>
210/ 217	<b>Jan. 7</b> , <i>if Epiphany is celebrated Jan. 8</i> <b>or Saturday</b> after Epiphany ( <i>or Jan. 12</i> )	<b>1 John 5:14-21</b>

Lect. #	Day - Feast	Gospel
696	<b>Dec. 26</b> – Feast of St. Stephen	<b>Matt 10:17-22</b> – Jesus Says to Expect Persecutions
697	<b>Dec. 27</b> – Feast of St. John	<b>John 20:1a, 2-8</b> – Peter & B.D. Run to Jesus' Tomb
698	<b>Dec. 28</b> – Feast of Holy Innocents	<b>Matt 2:13-18</b> – Babies Are Slaughtered in Bethlehem
202	<b>Dec. 29</b> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Day in Xmas Octave	<b>Luke 2:22-35</b> – Presentation in Temple: Simeon
203	<b>Dec. 30</b> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Day in Xmas Octave	<b>Luke 2:36-40</b> – Presentation in Temple: Anna
204	<b>Dec. 31</b> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Day in Xmas Octave	<b>John 1:1-18</b> – Johannine Prologue
205	<b>Jan. 2</b> – Xmas Weekday ( <i>if &lt;Epiphany</i> )	<b>John 1:19-28</b> – John the Baptist's Testimony
206	<b>Jan. 3</b> – Xmas Weekday ( <i>if &lt;Epiphany</i> )	<b>John 1:29-34</b> – “Behold the Lamb of God”
207	<b>Jan. 4</b> – Xmas Weekday ( <i>if &lt;Epiphany</i> )	<b>John 1:35-42</b> – Jesus' First Three Disciples
208	<b>Jan. 5</b> – Xmas Weekday ( <i>if &lt;Epiphany</i> )	<b>John 1:43-51</b> – Disciples Philip & Nathanael
209	<b>Jan. 6</b> , <i>if Epiphany is Jan. 7 or 8</i>	<b>Mark 1:7-11</b> – John's Testimony & Jesus' Baptism <b>or Luke 3:23-38</b> – Genealogy of Jesus <b>or Luke 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38</b> – Genealogy (excerpts)
210	<b>Jan. 7</b> , <i>if Epiphany is Jan. 8</i>	<b>John 2:1-11</b> – Wedding at Cana
212	<b>Monday</b> after Epiphany ( <i>or Jan. 7</i> )	<b>Matt 4:12-17, 23-25</b> – Jesus Preaches in Galilee
213	<b>Tuesday</b> after Epiphany ( <i>or Jan. 8</i> )	<b>Mark 6:34-44</b> – Jesus Feeds 5000
214	<b>Wednesday</b> after Epiphany ( <i>or Jan. 9</i> )	<b>Mark 6:45-52</b> – Jesus Walks on Water
215	<b>Thursday</b> after Epiphany ( <i>or Jan. 10</i> )	<b>Luke 4:14-22a</b> – Jesus Preaches at Nazareth
216	<b>Friday</b> after Epiphany ( <i>or Jan. 11</i> )	<b>Luke 5:12-16</b> – Jesus Cleanses a Leper
217	<b>Saturday</b> after Epiphany ( <i>or Jan. 12</i> )	<b>John 3:22-30</b> – John B. Testifies more about Jesus