

THE CATHOLIC LECTIONARY FOR MASS WITH POVERTY REDUCTION THEMES AND ISSUES YEAR A, WEEKDAYS II, BEGINNING ADVENT 2013-2014

The Season of Advent initiates the new Liturgical Cycle A. The Gospel which shapes Cycle A is that of Matthew the Evangelist, and many of the First Readings are taken from the Prophetic Books of the Hebrew Scriptures.

The readings for Liturgical Cycle A provide good grist for reflections and allusions to social justice themes, and in particular to the themes which our Dialogue for Justice will highlight this year in our education and advocacy work: Housing and Essential Needs (HEN), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Health Care, Immigrants and Housing.

Matthew's Gospel was written after the Jewish temple had been destroyed in 70 AD. During that time much conflict arose among the Jews about how the tradition should continue. It is believed that Matthew's community members were Jewish Christians who had been shaped by the Jewish traditions and scriptures. So, Matthew shapes his telling of the Jesus story and Jesus' teachings through a Jewish lens, hoping to show how Jesus is indeed the fulfillment of the hopes and dreams of the Jewish community. His presence and teaching is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

In Matthew's Gospel, one of the key images for Jesus is Messiah, the Son of David, sent to Israel to heal those who counted for nothing in the eyes of the world. Jesus is the one who abides with his people accompanying them as the God of Israel abided with the Israelites on their Exodus journey, in their settlement of the Promised Land, in their exile and return.

In Matthew's Gospel, the Image of the Reign of God is central to the preaching of Jesus. By the Reign of God, he means God's dream of right relationship; what life would become if men and women would allow God to be the center of their hearts and lives, ordering their own human relationships and their relationships with all of creation. He also emphasizes God's judgment over how people, and in particular, the disciples, allow the Reign of God to be the rudder for their lives.

In this Gospel Jesus' disciples are seen not only as companions of the earthly, historical Jesus, but models for every Christian. So his teachings are directed to them, but also for all followers of every age.

The Gospel readings of Cycle A tie very well into the First Readings, especially those taken from the Prophetic books of Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Jeremiah. One image which seems to run through most of the Isaiah readings is that of light in the darkness. Other readings from Exodus and Deuteronomy also deepen the connection with the ties to the Covenant.

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The Second Readings also complement the First and Gospel Readings with their emphasis on how members of the Christian community are called to live justly, in harmony, and as signs of reconciliation and light for the world.

Thus, Cycle A provides fertile ground from which to harvest connections and references to Catholic Social Teaching and the need to address poverty issues in our own state, with special emphasis on those related to the most vulnerable men, women, children, immigrants, and people who are homeless.

Sunday	Reading	Psalm	New Testament	Alleluia	Gospel	Poverty Reduction Theme(s)	Poverty Issue(s)
1st Sunday of Advent Year A - Weekdays II 1st December 2013	Isaiah 2:1-5 Images: God's ways, paths; light	Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4a, 4b-5, 6-7, 8-9 (cf. 1)	Romans 13:11-14 Live awake! Cast off darkness. Put on Armor of light	cf. Psalm 85:8	Matthew 24:37-44 Be alert, concerned for God's coming	Be awake, concerned about the needs of the poor. Stop living in the dark about this. Be light.	All
2nd Sunday of Advent Year A - Weekdays II 8th December 2013	Isaiah 11:1-10 In God's Reign there is no harm or ruin, but justice for the poor	Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (cf. 7)	Romans 15:4-9 Accept each other, harmony	Luke 3:4+6	Matthew 3:1-12 Reign of God is near, reform lives	Be justice for the poor, cause no harm or ruin	All
3rd Sunday of Advent Year A - Weekdays II 15th December 2013	Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 feeble hands, weak knees, blind eyes, an end to mourning	Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (cf. Isa. 35:4)	James 5:7-10	Isaiah 61:1 [cited in Luke 4:18]	Matthew 11:2-11 Are you the one? Blind see, cripples walk, poor have good new...	Hope for the day when blind see, lame leap, mourning laugh	HEN, Health care
4th Sunday of Advent Year A - Weekdays II 22nd December 2013	Isaiah 7:10-14 Immanuel God with us is the sign	Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:23	Matthew 1:18-24 Joseph's yes, Pregnancy, faithfulness	Emanuel, God with us...care for pregnant mothers, families	TANF, Immigrants

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<i>The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph</i> [The Holy Family] Year A - Weekdays II 29th December 2013	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Family respect and parental values	Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (cf. 1)	Colossians 3:12-21	Colossians 3:15a+16a	Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 Flight into Egypt	Beginning of Migration Week	Immigrants
<i>Epiphany</i> Year A - Weekdays II 5th January 2014	Isaiah 60:1-6 Reign of God means Family reunification	Psalm 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13	Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6	Matthew 2:2	Matthew 2:1-12 Coming of Magi Migration, the least, the universal	Migration Week	Immigrants
<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> [1st Sunday in Ordinary Time] Year A - Weekdays II 12th January 2014	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Light, blind see, Prisoners freed	Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3b+9b-10 (11b)	Acts 10:34-38	cf. Mark 9:7	Matthew 3:13-17 Power given in baptism to serve	Reign of God: blind see, prisoners freed...theme of liberation of the vulnerable	HEN, Health care
<i>2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> Year A - Weekdays II 19th January 2014	Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 Light to nations	Psalm 40:2+4, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 (8a, 9a)	1 Corinthians 1:1-3	John 1:14a+12a	John 1:29-34 Jesus' baptism	Light to the nations – call to use prophetic gifts in service to the needy	All
<i>3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> Year A - Weekdays II 26th January 2014	Isaiah 8:23-9:3 Reign of God means yoke of injustice smashed, dawn of light	Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 (1a)	I Corinthians 1:10-13, 17	cf. Matthew 4:23	Matthew 4:12-23 <i>or</i> Matthew 4:12-17 Call of disciples, God's reign is near	Image of the smashed yoke that oppressed	All

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<i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i> Year A - Weekdays II 2nd February 2014	Malachi 3:1-4	Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10 (10b)	Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:32	Luke 2:22-40 <i>or</i> Luke 2:22-32	Family issues	TANF
<i>5th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> Year A - Weekdays II 9th February 2014	Isaiah 58:7-10 Feed, shelter, clothe, then your light will shine	Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)	1 Corinthians 2:1-5	John 8:12	Matthew 5:13-16 Be Salt and light	Salt and Light; when you feed, shelter and clothe, light shines	HEN, Housing
<i>6th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> Year A - Weekdays II 16th February 2014	Sirach 15:15-20 The Commandments	Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)	1 Corinthians 2:6-10	cf. Matthew 11:25	Matthew 5:17-37 <i>or</i> Matthew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37 Importance of Law and Commandments	The commandments	All
<i>7th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> Year A - Weekdays II 23rd February 2014	Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 No grudges	Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8+10, 12-13 (8a)	1 Corinthians 3:16-23	1 John 2:5	Matthew 5:38-48 Love your enemies, strangers	Love your enemies and the stranger	Immigrants
<i>8th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i> Year A - Weekdays II 2nd March 2014	Isaiah 49:14-15 God is like a mother	Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6a)	1 Corinthians 4:1-5	Hebrews 4:12	Matthew 6:24-34 God's providence; Birds of the air	God is like a mother	TANF

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Ash Wednesday Year A - Weekdays II 5th March 2014	Joel 2:12-18 Rend your hearts	Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14+17	2 Corinthians 5:20- 6:2	cf. Psalm 95:8	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 Conversion, prayer, fasting, alms	Let us be about prayer, fasting and almsgiving which lead us to conversion	All
1st Sunday of Lent Year A - Weekdays II 9th March 2014	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1- 7 Creation of humans...sin	Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14+17 (cf. 3a)	Romans 5:12-19 <i>or</i> Romans 5:12, 17- 19	Matthew 4:4b	Matthew 4:1-11 Where is our trust?	Call to conversion and trust	All
2nd Sunday of Lent Year A - Weekdays II 16th March 2014	Genesis 12:1-4a Call of Abraham to journey	Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20+22 (22)	2 Timothy 1:8b-10	cf. Matthew 17:5	Matthew 17:1-9 Transfiguration and journey back down	Call of Abraham and Transfiguration/ journey	Immigrants
3rd Sunday of Lent Year A - Weekdays II 23rd March 2014	Exodus 17:3-7 Grumbling for water/ in desert	Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)	Romans 5:1-2, 5-8	cf. John 4:42, 15	John 4:5-42 Woman at the well; thirst; the <i>stranger</i>	Thirst in the desert, woman at the well who was a foreigner	Immigrants
4th Sunday of Lent Year A - Weekdays II 30th March 2014	1 Samuel 16:1b, 6- 7, 10-13a Anointing of David— how God sees	Psalm 23:1- 3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)	Ephesians 5:8-14 Be people of the light	John 8:12	John 9:1-41 <i>or</i> John 9:1, 6-9, 13- 17, 34-38 Man born blind	Be people of light ...man born blind ...call to conversion	Health care

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5th Sunday of Lent [Passion Sunday] Year A - Weekdays II 6th April 2014	Ezekiel 37:12-14 I will put new spirit in you	Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)	Romans 8:8-11 Spirit living in you	John 11:25a, 26	John 11:1-45 or John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 Lazarus raised	New spirit, raising of Lazarus; justice helps people find new life	All
Passion Sunday Palm Sunday Year A - Weekdays II <i>Liturgy of the Mass</i> 13th April 2014	Isaiah 50:4-7 Speaking to the weary a word to rouse them	Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)	Philippians 2:6-11 He humbled himself	Philippians 2:8-9	Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54 The Passion	Isaiah...speaking to the weary to rouse them...our work on poverty gives a word of hope to the weary	All
Holy Thursday Evening [Mass of the Lord's Supper] Year A - Weekdays II 17th April 2014	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 Pilgrimage	Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (cf. 1 Cor. 10:16)	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:34	John 13:1-15 Foot washing	Christian as Servant	All
Good Friday [Celebration of the Lord's Passion] Year A - Weekdays II 18th April 2014	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Suffering servant	Psalm 31:2+6, 12-13, 15-16, 17+25 (Luke 23:46)	Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Philippians 2:8-9	John 18:1-19:42	Laying down our lives for the least among us	All

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Easter Sunday [Mass of the Resurrection] Year A - Weekdays II 20th April 2014	Acts 10:34a, 37-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)	Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 Sequence: <i>Victimae Paschali Laudes</i>	cf. 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a	John 20:1-9 <i>or</i> Matthew 28:1-10 <i>or</i> (at afternoon or evening Mass) Luke 24:13-35 Go to Galilee and announce	Go to Galilee and tell the good news ...call to announce the dream of God for justice in very practical ways	All
2nd Sunday of Easter Year A - Weekdays II 27th April 2014	Acts 2:42-47 Community unity in outreach and charity	Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)	1 Peter 1:3-9 Loving God and all God's children	John 20:29	John 20:19-31 I send you to reconcile; peace	Community unity in outreach and in charity	HEN
3rd Sunday of Easter Year A - Weekdays II 4th May 2014	Acts 2:14, 22-33 Bold witnesses	Psalm 16:1-2a+5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)	1 Peter 1:17-21	cf. Luke 24:32	Luke 24:13-35 Emmaus, Christ the stranger	Emmaus – hospitality, Christ in the stranger	HEN, Immigrants
4th Sunday of Easter Year A - Weekdays II 11th May 2014	Acts 2:1, 4a, 36-41 Bold witnesses	Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)	1 Peter 2:20b-25	John 10:14	John 10:1-10 Good shepherd; life to the full	Good shepherd, helping offer life to the full potential	TANF, Housing, Health care
5th Sunday of Easter Year A - Weekdays II 18th May 2014	Acts 6:1-7 Widows being neglected	Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)	1 Peter 2:4-9 You are chosen race, royal priesthood	John 14:6	John 14:1-12 Do not let your hearts be troubled...you know the way	Widows were being neglected	HEN, Housing

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<p>6th Sunday of Easter Year A - Weekdays II 25th May 2014 [Optional 2nd Reading and Gospel when <i>The Ascension</i> is celebrated on <i>The 7th Sunday of Easter</i>.]</p>	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Philip and healing of many	Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16+20 (1)	1 Peter 3:15-18 <i>opt.</i> 1 Peter 4:13-16 Be ready to reply with the reason for your hope	John 14:23	John 14:15-21 Love me, obey my commands	Be ready to give reason for your hope; obey my commands and show your love	All
<p>The Ascension of the Lord Year A - Weekdays II 1st June 2014 [When this Sunday is celebrated as the <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> use readings for <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>. Use readings for <i>The 7th Sunday of Easter</i> if <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> was celebrated on <i>Ascension Thursday</i>.]</p>	Acts 1:1-11 Why stand looking at the skies?	Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)	Ephesians 1:17-23	Mathew 28:19a+20b	Matthew 28:16-20 You are witnesses	Why stand looking up; look at each other and the needs; be witnesses	All

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<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> [Solemnity] Year A - Weekdays II <i>Mass during the Day</i> 8th June 2014	Acts 2:1-11 Pluricultural/ universal Spirit	Psalm 104: 1ab+24ac, 29bc-30, 31+34 (cf 30)	1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 Many gifts, same spirit... Sequence: <i>Veni Sancte Spiritus</i>	“ <i>Come Holy Spirit...</i> ”	John 20:19-23 As the Father sends me, so I send you	Pluricultural, universal spirit... be witnesses	All
<i>Trinity Sunday</i> [The Most Holy Trinity, Solemnity] Year A - Weekdays II 15th June 2014	Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 God, come along in our company	Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)	2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Mend your ways, encourage each other	cf. Revelation 1:8	John 3:16-18 God so loved the world not to condemn but save	Encourage each other; God came to save, not condemn	HEN
<i>The Body and Blood of Christ</i> [Corpus Christi, Solemnity] Year A - Weekdays II 22nd June 2014	Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a Trust in God who fed you on the journey	Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)	1 Corinthians 10:16-17 One loaf, one body Optional Sequence: <i>Lauda Sion</i>	John 6:51	John 6:51-58 I am living bread...	I am the living bread on your Journey – care for the hungry, care for the body	TANF, Health care, Immigrants
<i>Ss Peter and Paul Apostles</i> Year A - Weekdays II <i>Mass during the Day</i> 29th June 2014	Acts 12:1-11	Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (5b)	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18	Matthew 16:18	Matthew 16:13-19 Who do you say I am?	You are sent	All

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Weekdays II 6th July 2014	Zechariah 9:9-10 Dream of God's reign of justice with humble servant king	Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (cf. 1)	Romans 8:9, 11-13	cf. Matthew 11:25	Matthew 11:25-30 Come to me all who are weary	Come to me all who are weary	TANF, HEN
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Weekdays II 13th July 2014	Isaiah 55:10-11 God's fruitful word	Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)	Romans 8:18-23 All creation waiting for God to reveal children	"The seed is the word of God..."	Mathew 13:1-23 or Matthew 13:1-9 Parable of the sower; Abundant seed	Where has God's seed fallen with you when you see people who are poor and vulnerable	HEN
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Weekdays II 20th July 2014	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 God's might is justice's source; the just must be kind	Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)	Romans 8:26-27 Spirit intercedes for our groanings	cf. Matthew 11:25	Matthew 13:24-43 or Matthew 13:24-30 Reign of God is like: wheat/weeds, Mustard seed, yeast	God is the source of justice...do not judge prematurely	TANF, Immigrants
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Weekdays II 27th July 2014	1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Give your servant an understanding heart	Psalm 119:57+72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)	Romans 8:28-30	cf. Matthew 11:25	Matthew 13:44-52 or Matthew 13:44-46 Reign of God is like buried treasure, pearl of great price; dragnet	Give us understanding hearts; God's reign is like a pearl of great price	All
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Weekdays II 3rd August 2014	Isaiah 55:1-3 Come to the water, why spend on what is not bread	Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 (cf. 16)	Romans 8:35, 37-39	Matthew 4:4b	Matthew 14:13-21 Feeding of 5000 Give them something to eat yourselves	Come to the water; give them something to eat yourselves	TANF

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Weekdays II 10th August 2014	1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a God in the tiny whisper	Psalm 85:9a+10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)	Romans 9:1-5	cf. Psalm 130:5	Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus walking on water	Jesus walking on the water...call to crossover whatever obstacles there are to life	Immigrants
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Year A - Weekdays II Mass during the Day 15th August 2014	Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab	Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16 (10bc)	1 Corinthians 15:20-27	<i>"Mary is taken up to heaven; a chorus of angels exalts..."</i>	Luke 1:39-56 The Magnificat—song of the poor	Mary rejoices in her faith at the coming of Christ, our Savior	TANF
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Weekdays II 17th August 2014	Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Observe what is right, become servants	Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6+8 (4)	Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 God's gifts irrevocable	cf. Matthew 4:23	Matthew 15:21-28 Jesus heals the stranger's daughter	Jesus heals the stranger's daughter	Health care
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Weekdays II 24th August 2014	Isaiah 22:19-23 Call to right stewardship	Psalm 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6+8 (8bc)	Romans 11:33-36	Matthew 16:18	Matthew 16:13-20 Who do you say I am?	Call to right stewardship and confession of Jesus	All
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Weekdays II 31st August 2014	Jeremiah 20:7-9 Word of God Fire burning in my bones	Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)	Romans 12:1-2	cf. Ephesians 1:17-18	Matthew 16:21-27 Take up your cross; lose your life for Christ.	Take up your cross and follow	Immigrants

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Weekdays II 7th September 2014	Ezekiel 33:7-9	Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)	Romans 13:8-10 Love of God and neighbor is fulfillment of the law	2 Corinthians 5:19	Matthew 18:15-20 Forgive your brother	Love of neighbor is fulfillment of law	All
Exultation of the Holy Cross Year A - Weekdays II 14th September 2014	Numbers 21:4b-9	Psalm 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 (cf. 7b)	Philippians 2:6-11	<i>“We adore you O Christ, and we bless you...”</i>	John 3:13-17 Love unto death	Love unto death	All
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Weekdays II 21st September 2014	Isaiah 55:6-9 My thoughts are not yours	Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)	Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a Life means Christ	Acts 16:14b	Matthew 20:1-16a Generous employer	The too generous employer	Health care, Immigrants
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Weekdays II 28th September 2014	Ezekiel 18:25-28	Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (6a)	Philippians 2:1-11 Philippians 2:1-5 Jesus emptied himself...	John 10:27	Matthew 21:28-32 Two sons sent to the vineyard...sluggard perseveres	Jesus emptied himself	HEN
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Weekdays II 5th October 2014	Isaiah 5:1-7 Vineyard of the Lord	Psalm 80:9+12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isa. 5a)	Philippians 4:6-9 Think about what is true, honest, then peace will be with you	cf. John 15:16	Matthew 21:33-43 Unworthy tenants of the vineyard	God’s vineyard – think about what is true and honest, and peace will come	All

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Weekdays II 12th October 2014	Isaiah 25:6-10a Promise of God's Reign...rich food, places for all, tears wiped away	Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)	Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20	cf. Ephesians 1:17-18	Matthew 22:1-14 <i>or</i> Matthew 22:1-10 All invited to wedding banquet	Isaiah's version of heaven-rich food, places for all	Housing
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Weekdays II 19th October 2014	Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Called by name	Psalm 96:1+3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b Continuous thanks for all the witness	Philippians 2:15d-16a	Matthew 22:15-21 Give God what is God's. And to Caesar what is Caesar's	Called by name; give God what is God's	HEN, TANF
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Weekdays II 26th October 2014	Exodus 22:20-26 Do not oppress the alien, the poor, the widow	Psalm 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47+51 (2)	1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Be imitators of the Lord	John 14:23	Matthew 22:34-40 The first and second great commands	Do not oppress the alien, the poor; great commandments of love	HEN, Immigrants
All Saints Year A - Weekdays II 1st November 2014	Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14	Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (cf. 6)	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 11:28	Matthew 5:1-12a Beatitudes	Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be satisfied – advocacy for the poor and vulnerable is needed now	All
All Souls [The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed] Year A - Weekdays II 2nd November 2014	Readings from <i>Masses for the Dead</i>					Our good deeds go before us and are seen by God	All

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<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome</i> [Feast] Year A - Weekdays II 9th November 2014	Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12	Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 (5)	1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17	2 Chronicles 7:16	John 2:13-22 Cleansing of the temple	Cleansing and healing waters flow and the cleansing of the temple	Health care
<i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Year A - Weekdays II 16th November 2014	Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 A worthy wife	Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (cf. 1a)	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 The dark is coming...but we are children of light. Stay awake	John 15:4a, 5b	Matthew 25:14-30 Parable of the talents	Stay awake and steward God's gifts faithfully and wisely	All
<i>Christ the King</i> [Last Sunday in Ordinary Time, 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time] Year A - Weekdays II 23rd November 2014	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 I myself will shepherd, find the lost, bind up the injured	Psalm 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5-6 (1)	1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28	Mark 11:9b, 10a	Matthew 25:31-46 Last Judgment	Final judgment – how will we answer when asked did we see God in the people who were hungry, thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick or in prison	All