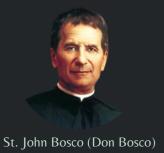


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As the Lord blesses me, I will build for the Lord



Endeavour to come to the house of God with a decent heart, and a decent dress.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-11)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

The word of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104

R. Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, how great you are. How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your creatures. **R.**

You take away their breath, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, and they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last forever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I will rejoice in the Lord. **R.**

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (Romans 8:8-17)

Brethren: those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh, you are in the spirit, if the spirit of God really dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. If the spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raise Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to

the flesh you will die, but if by the spirit you put to death the deeds of the body you will live. For all who are led by the spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord!

Sequence

Come, Holy Spirit, and from heaven direct on man the rays of your light. Come, Father of the poor; come, giver of God's gifts; come, light of men's hearts. Kindly Paraclete, in your gracious visits to man's soul you bring relief and consolation. If it is weary with toil, you bring it ease; in the heat of temptation, your grace cools it; if sorrowful, your words console it. Light most blessed, shine on the hearts of your faithful—even into their darkest corners;

for without your aid man can do nothing good, and everything is sinful. Wash clean the sinful soul, rain down your grace on the parched soul and heal the injured soul. Soften the hard heart, cherish and warm the ice-cold heart, and give direction to the

wayward.

Give your seven holy gifts to your faithful, for their trust is in you.

Give them reward for their virtuous acts; give them a death that ensures salvation;

give them unending bliss. Amen. Alleluia.

Allelvia

Alleluia. Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 14:15-16 .23-26)

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor, to be with you for ever. "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me does not keep my words; and the word which you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. "These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your

remembrance all that I have said to you."

The Gospel of the Lord!

MONDAY

9th June, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis 3:9-15, 20

After Adam had eaten of the tree, the Lord God called him and asked him, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me – she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it. "The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will

stride at you head, while you strike at his heel." The man called his wife Eve, because she became the mother of all those who live...

The word of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 86

R. Of you are told glorious things, O city of God!

On the holy mountain is his city cherished by the Lord. The Lord prefers the gates of Zion to all Jacob's dwellings. **R.**

Of you are told glorious things, O city of God! 'Zion shall be called "Mother" for all shall be her children **R**.

It is he, the Lord Most High, who gives each his place. In his register of peoples he writes: 'These are her children,' and while they dance they will sing: 'In you all find their home,' R.

Allelvia

Alleluia. Happy are you, holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise, for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God. Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (John 19:25-34)

Stand by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciples there whom he loved, he said to his mother. "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold you mother," And from that hour the disciples took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head he handed over the spirit. Now since it was preparation day, in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the Sabbath, for the Sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and them of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.

The Gospel of the Lord!

TUESDAY

10th June, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 1:18-22)

Brethren: As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we preached among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No; but in him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

The word of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119

R. Lord, let your face shine forth on your servant.

Your decrees are wonderful indeed; therefore my soul obeys them. **R.**

The unfolding of your word gives light, and understanding to the simple. **R.**

I have opened my mouth and I sigh, for I yearn for your commands. R.

Turn and have mercy on me, as is your rule for those who love your name. **R.**

Let my steps be guided by your promise; may evil never rule me. **R**.

Let your face shine forth on your servant, and teach me your decrees. R.

Allelvia

Matthew 5:16

Alleluia. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father. Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 5:13-16)

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

WEDNESDAY

11th June, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 11:21-26; 13.1-3)

In those days: A great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the Church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company

was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the Church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in the Church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Symeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98

R. The Lord has shown his deliverance to the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation, has shown his deliverance to the nations. He has remembered his merciful love and his truth for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song, and sing out your praise. **R.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn, raise a shout before the King, the Lord. **R**.

Allelvia

Alleluia. Teach me your paths, O Lord. Guide me in your truth. Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 5: 17-19)

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

THURSDAY

12th June, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1.3-6)

Brethren: To this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over the minds of the Israelites; but when a man turns to the Lord the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the likeness of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let

light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85

R. The Lord's glory will dwell in our land.

I will hear what the Lord God speaks; he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful. His salvation is near for those who fear him, and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Merciful love and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have kissed. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth, and justice look down from heaven. **R**.

Also the Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase. Justice will march before him, and guide his steps on the way. **R**.

Allelvia

Alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, even as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 5:2-26)

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgement. 'But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgement; whoever insults his brother shall be liable to the council, and whoever says, 'You fool! shall be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Make friends quickly with your accuser, while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison; truly, I say to you, you will never get out till you have paid the last penny."

The word of the Lord.

FRIDAY

13th June, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 4:7-15)

Brethren: We have the treasure [of the apostolate] in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken;' struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

The word of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116

R. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make to you, O Lord.

I trusted, even when I said, "I am sorely afflicted," and when I said in my alarm, "These people are all liars." R.

How precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I, the son of your handmaid; you have loosened my bonds. **R.**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I will call on the name of the Lord. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. **R.**

Allelvia

Alleluia. You will shine as lights in the world, holding fast the world of life. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 5:27-32)

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better that

you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that every one who divorces his wife, except on the ground of un-chastity, makes her an adulteress; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery."

The Gospel of the Lord!

SATURDAY

14th June, 2025

First Reading

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 5:14-21)

Brethren: The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh; even though we once regarded Christ according to the

flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103

R. The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits. R.

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with mercy and compassion. R.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich

in mercy. He will not always find fault; nor persist in his anger forever. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so strong his mercy for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far from us does he remove our transgressions. **R.**

Allelvia

Alleluia. Bend my heart, O God, to your decrees, grant me mercy by your law. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 5:33-37)

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, "Again you have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' But I say to you, do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from the Evil One."

The Gospel of the Lord!