



**Archdiocese of St. Louis  
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Lectio Divina**

**Tuesday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time Year I**

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**Reading**

*Rm 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21*

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned.

If by that one person's transgression the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one the many will be made righteous. Where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through justification for eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17*

**R. (8a and 9a) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

Sacrifice or oblation you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Burnt offerings or sin offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

**R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"

**R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

**R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

May all who seek you exult and be glad in you, and may those who love your salvation say ever, "The LORD be glorified."

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**Alleluia**

*Lk 21:36*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you may have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.

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**Gospel**

*Lk 12:35-38*

Jesus said to his disciples: "Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants."