



**Archdiocese of St. Louis**  
**Office of Sacred Worship**  
**Lectio Divina**  
**Friday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time Year I**  
**Lectionary: 501**

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Notice if any phrase, sentence or word stands out and gently begin to repeat it to yourself, allowing it to touch you deeply. No elaboration. In a group setting, you can share that word/phrase or simply pass.
- The third reading, pause for 2-3 minutes reflecting on "*Where does the content of this reading touch my life today?*"  
Notice what thoughts, feelings, and reflections arise within you. Let the words resound in your heart. What might God be asking of you through the scripture? In a group setting, you can share your reflection or simply pass.
- The fourth reading, pause for 2-3 minutes reflecting on "*I believe that God wants me to . . . . . today/this week.*"  
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**Reading**

*1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59*

Judas and his brothers said, "Now that our enemies have been crushed, let us go up to purify the sanctuary and rededicate it." So the whole army assembled, and went up to Mount Zion.

Early in the morning on the twenty-fifth day of the ninth month, that is, the month of Chislev, in the year one hundred and forty-eight, they arose and offered sacrifice according to the law on the new altar of burnt offerings that they had made. On the anniversary of the day on which the Gentiles had defiled it, on that very day it was reconsecrated with songs, harps, flutes, and cymbals. All the people prostrated themselves and adored and praised Heaven, who had given them success.

For eight days they celebrated the dedication of the altar and joyfully offered burnt offerings and sacrifices of deliverance and praise. They ornamented the facade of the temple with gold crowns and shields; they repaired the gates and the priests' chambers and furnished them with doors. There was great joy among the people now that the disgrace of the Gentiles was removed. Then Judas and his brothers and the entire congregation of Israel decreed that the days of the dedication of the altar should be observed with joy and gladness on the anniversary every year for eight days, from the twenty-fifth day of the month Chislev.

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**Responsorial Psalm**

*1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd*

**R. (13b) We praise your glorious name, O mighty God.**

"Blessed may you be, O LORD, God of Israel our father, from eternity to eternity."

**R. We praise your glorious name, O mighty God.**

"Yours, O LORD, are grandeur and power, majesty, splendor, and glory. For all in heaven and on earth is yours."

**R. We praise your glorious name, O mighty God.**

"Yours, O LORD, is the sovereignty; you are exalted as head over all. Riches and honor are from you."

**R. We praise your glorious name, O mighty God.**

"You have dominion over all, in your hand are power and might; it is yours to give grandeur and strength to all."

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**Alleluia**

*Jn 10:27*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

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**Gospel**

*Lk 19:45-48*

Jesus entered the temple area and proceeded to drive out those who were selling things, saying to them, “It is written, My house shall be a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves.” And every day he was teaching in the temple area. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people, meanwhile, were seeking to put him to death, but they could find no way to accomplish their purpose because all the people were hanging on his words.