



**Archdiocese of St. Louis
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Lectio Divina**

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial

Lectionary: 516: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 23:1b-3a, 4, 5, 6/Jn 15:9b, 5b/Mt 13:44-46

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First Reading

1 Cor 1:26-31

Consider your own calling, brothers. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1b-3a, 4, 5, 6

R. The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul.

R. The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.

R. The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.

You set a table before me in front of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil my cup overflows.

R. The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.

Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the LORD for endless days.



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Alleluia

Jn 15:9b, 5b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in my love, says the Lord; whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.

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Gospel

Mt 13:44-46

Jesus said to his disciple:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.