



**Archdiocese of St. Louis  
Office of Sacred Worship  
Lectio Divina**

**Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial**

**Lectionary: 527: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/1 Pt 4:14/Lk 9:23-26**

Read the following passage four times.

- The first reading, simply read the scripture and pause for a minute.  
Listen to the passage with the ear of the heart. Don't get distracted by intellectual types of questions about the passage. Just listen to what the passage is saying to you, right now.
- The second reading, look for a key word or phrase that draws your attention.  
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.*"  
Notice any prayerful response that arises within you, for example a small prayer of gratitude or praise. In a group setting, you can share your reflection or simply pass.

**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."



**Archdiocese of St. Louis  
Office of Sacred Worship  
Lectio Divina**

**Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial**

**Lectionary: 527: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/1 Pt 4:14/Lk 9:23-26**

Read the following passage four times.

- The first reading, simply read the scripture and pause for a minute.  
Listen to the passage with the ear of the heart. Don't get distracted by intellectual types of questions about the passage. Just listen to what the passage is saying to you, right now.
- The second reading, look for a key word or phrase that draws your attention.  
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.*"  
Notice any prayerful response that arises within you, for example a small prayer of gratitude or praise. In a group setting, you can share your reflection or simply pass.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17*

***R. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.***

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to save me. For you are my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me.

***R. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.***

Into your hands I commend my spirit; you will redeem me, LORD, God of truth. I will rejoice and be glad in your mercy.

***R. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.***

Rescue me from my enemies, from the hands of my pursuers. Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your mercy.

***R. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.***



**Archdiocese of St. Louis  
Office of Sacred Worship  
Lectio Divina**

**Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial**

**Lectionary: 527: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/1 Pt 4:14/Lk 9:23-26**

Read the following passage four times.

- The first reading, simply read the scripture and pause for a minute.  
Listen to the passage with the ear of the heart. Don't get distracted by intellectual types of questions about the passage. Just listen to what the passage is saying to you, right now.
- The second reading, look for a key word or phrase that draws your attention.  
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.*"  
Notice any prayerful response that arises within you, for example a small prayer of gratitude or praise. In a group setting, you can share your reflection or simply pass.

**Alleluia**

*1 Pt 4:14*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

*Lk 9:23-26*

Jesus said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself? Whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.