



**Archdiocese of St. Louis**

**Office of Sacred Worship**

**Lectio Divina**

**Saint Francis of Palo, Hermit**

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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?*"  
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- The fourth reading, pause for 2-3 minutes reflecting on "*I believe that God wants me to . . . . . today/this week.*"  
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### **First Reading**

*Phil 3:8-14*

Brothers and sisters:

I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and [the] sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ [Jesus]. Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.



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**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11*

***R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.***

Keep me safe, O God; in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, you are my Lord, you are my only good.

***R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.***

I bless the LORD who counsels me; even at night my heart exhorts me. I keep the LORD always before me; with him at my right hand, I shall never be shaken.

***R. Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.***

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

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**Alleluia**

*Mt 5:3*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

*Lk 12:32-34*

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."