



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

Saint John the Baptist De La Salle, Priest

Lectionary: 549: 2 Tm 1:13-14; 2:1-3/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 23:11, 12b/Mt 18:1-5

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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

2 Tm 1:13-14; 2:1-3

Beloved:

Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

So you, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And what you heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will have the ability to teach others as well. Bear your share of hardship along with me like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Or Blessed are they who delight in the law of the Lord.

Or The just will flourish like the palm tree in the garden of the Lord.

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in company with scoffers. Rather, the law of the LORD is his joy; and on his law he meditates day and night.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Or Blessed are they who delight in the law of the Lord.

Or The just will flourish like the palm tree in the garden of the Lord.

He is like a tree planted near streams of water that yields its fruit in season; its leaves never wither; whatever he does prospers.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Or Blessed are they who delight in the law of the Lord.

Or The just will flourish like the palm tree in the garden of the Lord.

Not so are the wicked, not so! They are like chaff driven by the wind. The LORD knows the way of the just, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Or Blessed are they who delight in the law of the Lord.

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Alleluia

Mt 23:11, 12b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 18:1-5

The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.