



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

Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

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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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First Reading

2 Cor 6:4-10

Brothers and sisters:

In everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God, through much endurance, in afflictions, hardships, constraints, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, vigils, fasts; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, in a holy spirit, in unfeigned love, in truthful speech, in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness at the right and at the left; through glory and dishonor, insult and praise. We are treated as deceivers and yet are truthful; as unrecognized and yet acknowledged; as dying and behold we live; as chastised and yet not put to death; as sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet possessing all things.



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Responsorial Psalm

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



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Alleluia

Jn 17:19

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I consecrate myself for them, so they also may be consecrated in the truth.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 10:11-16

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd."