



**Archdiocese of St. Louis  
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Lectio Divina**

**Saint Louis Mary De Montfort, Priest**

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**First Reading**

*1 Cor 1:18-25*

Brothers and sisters:

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the learning of the learned I will set aside." Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish? For since in the wisdom of God the world did not come to know God through wisdom, it was the will of God through the foolishness of the proclamation to save those who have faith. For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.



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**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10*

***R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.***

I wait for the LORD; who bends down to me and hears my cry, And puts a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God.

***R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.***

Sacrifice and offering you do not want; you opened my ears. Holocaust and sin-offering you do not request; then said I, "Behold I come."

***R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.***

"See; I come with an inscribed scroll written upon me. I delight to do your will, my God; your law is in my inner being!"

***R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.***

When I sing of your righteousness in a great assembly, See, I do not restrain my lips; as you, LORD, know.

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**Alleluia**

*Lk 4:18*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor and to proclaim liberty to captives.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

*Mt 28:16-20*

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."