



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

Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Lectionary: 567: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 119:9, 10, 11,12,13,14/Jn 6:63, 68c/Mt 7:21-29

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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

1 Cor 2:10b-16

Brothers and sisters:

The Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God. Among human beings, who knows what pertains to a person except the spirit of the person that is within? Similarly, no one knows what pertains to God except the Spirit of God. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the things freely given us by God. And we speak about them not with words taught by human wisdom, but with words taught by the Spirit, describing spiritual realities in spiritual terms.

Now the natural person does not accept what pertains to the Spirit of God, for to him it is foolishness, and he cannot understand it, because it is judged spiritually. The spiritual person, however, can judge everything but is not subject to judgment by anyone.

For "who has known the mind of the Lord, so as to counsel him?" But we have the mind of Christ.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

R. Lord, teach me your statutes.

How can the young keep his way without fault? Only by observing your words.

R. Lord, teach me your statutes.

With all my heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

R. Lord, teach me your statutes.

In my heart I treasure your promise that I may not sin against you.

R. Lord, teach me your statutes.

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

R. Lord, teach me your statutes.

With my lips I recite all the judgments you have spoken.

R. Lord, teach me your statutes.

I find joy in the way of your testimonies more than in all riches.



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Alleluia

Jn 6:63, 68c

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 7:21-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?' Then I will declare to them solemnly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.'"

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined."

When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.