



Archdiocese of St. Louis
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Saint Benedict, Abbot

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First Reading

Prv 2:1-9

My son, if you receive my words and treasure my commands, Turning your ear to wisdom, inclining your heart to understanding; Yes, if you call for intelligence, and to understanding raise your voice; If you seek her like silver, and like hidden treasures search her out, Then will you understand the fear of the LORD; the knowledge of God you will find; For the LORD gives wisdom, from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; He has success in store for the upright, is the shield of those who walk honestly, Guarding the paths of justice, protecting the way of his faithful ones, Then you will understand what is right and just, what is fair, every good path;



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11

R. I will bless the Lord at all times.

Or Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be always in my mouth. My soul will glory in the LORD; let the poor hear and be glad.

R. I will bless the Lord at all times.

Or Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Magnify the LORD with me; and let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me, delivered me from all my fears.

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Or Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look to him and be radiant, and your faces may not blush for shame. This poor one cried out and the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

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Or Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he saves them. Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the stalwart one who takes refuge in him.

R. I will bless the Lord at all times.

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Fear the LORD, you his holy ones; nothing is lacking to those who fear him. The rich grow poor and go hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.



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Alleluia

Mt 5:3

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs.

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Gospel

Mt 19:27-29

Peter said to Jesus, "We have given up everything and followed you. What will there be for us?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you that you who have followed me, in the new age, when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of glory, will yourselves sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times more, and will inherit eternal life.