



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

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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

Sir 44:1, 10-15

Yet these also were godly; their virtues have not been forgotten. Their wealth remains in their families, their heritage with their descendants. Through God's covenant their family endures, and their offspring for their sake. And for all time their progeny will endure, their glory will never be blotted out; Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name lives on and on. At gatherings their wisdom is retold, and the assembly proclaims their praises.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 132:11, 13-14, 17-18

R. God will give him the throne of David, his father.

The LORD swore an oath to David in truth, he will never turn back from it: "Your own offspring I will set upon your throne.

R. God will give him the throne of David, his father.

Yes, the LORD has chosen Zion, desired it for a dwelling: "This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I desire it.

R. God will give him the throne of David, his father.

There I will make a horn sprout for David; I will set a lamp for my anointed. His foes I will clothe with shame, but on him his crown shall shine."

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Alleluia

see Lk 2:25c

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

They yearned for the comforting of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested upon them.

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Gospel

Mt 13:16-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."