



Archdiocese of St. Louis
Office of Sacred Worship
Lectio Divina
Saint Cajetan, Priest

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First Reading

Sir 2:7-11

You that fear the Lord, wait for his mercy, do not stray lest you fall. You that fear the Lord, trust in him, and your reward will not be lost. You that fear the LORD, hope for good things, for lasting joy and mercy. Consider the generations long past and see: has anyone trusted in the Lord and been disappointed? Has anyone persevered in his fear and been forsaken? Has anyone called upon him and been ignored? For the Lord is compassionate and merciful; forgives sins and saves in time of trouble.



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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9

R. Blessed the man who fears the Lord.

Or Alleluia.

Blessed the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commands. His descendants shall be mighty in the land, a generation of the upright will be blessed.

R. Blessed the man who fears the Lord.

Or Alleluia.

Wealth and riches shall be in his house; his righteousness shall endure forever. Light shines through the darkness for the upright; gracious, compassionate, and righteous.

R. Blessed the man who fears the Lord.

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It is good for the man gracious in lending, who conducts his affairs with justice. For he shall never be shaken; the righteous shall be remembered forever.

R. Blessed the man who fears the Lord.

Or Alleluia.

He shall not fear an ill report; his heart is steadfast, trusting the LORD. His heart is tranquil, without fear, till at last he looks down on his foes.

R. Blessed the man who fears the Lord.

Or Alleluia.

Lavishly he gives to the poor; his righteousness shall endure forever; his horn shall be exalted in honor.



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Alleluia

Mt 5:3

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 12:32-34

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."