



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

**Saints John De Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priest and Martyrs, and their Companions,  
Martyrs**

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**First Reading**

*2 Cor 4:7-15*

Brothers and sisters:

We hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being given up to death for the sake of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since, then, we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we too believe and therefore speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.



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**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6*

***R. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.***

When the LORD restored the captives of Zion, we thought we were dreaming. Then our mouths were filled with laughter; our tongues sang for joy.

***R. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.***

Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD had done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; Oh, how happy we were!

***R. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.***

Restore our captives, LORD, like the dry stream beds of the Negeb. Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy.

***R. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.***

Those who go forth weeping, carrying sacks of seed, Will return with cries of joy, carrying their bundled sheaves.

***R. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.***



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**Alleluia**

*Mt 28:19a, 20b*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

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**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."