



**Archdiocese of St. Louis**  
**Office of Sacred Worship**  
**Lectio Divina**  
**Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

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- 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 9-16, 22-23*

Brothers and sisters:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!

To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.



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**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 117:1bc, 2*

***R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.***

Praise the LORD, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples!

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His mercy for us is strong; the faithfulness of the LORD is forever.

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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**

*Mk 16:15-20*

Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them:

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents [with their hands], and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.] [And they reported all the instructions briefly to Peter's companions. Afterwards Jesus himself, through them, sent forth from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. Amen.]