

**A Proposal to Expand
the **Sunday** Lectionary**

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ABBREVIATIONS

GIL	<i>General Introduction to the Lectionary</i>
Gk	Greek
Heb	Hebrew
OLM	<i>Ordo Lectionum Missae</i>

Biblical Books (in Neo-Vulgate order)

Gen	Genesis	Obad	Obadiah
Exod	Exodus	Jonah	Jonah
Lev	Leviticus	Mic	Micah
Num	Numbers	Nah	Nahum
Deut	Deuteronomy	Hab	Habakkuk
Josh	Joshua	Zeph	Zephaniah
Judg	Judges	Hag	Haggai
Ruth	Ruth	Zech	Zechariah
1, 2 Sam	1, 2 Samuel	Mal	Malachi
1, 2 Kgs	1, 2 Kings	1, 2 Macc	1, 2 Maccabees
1, 2 Chr	1, 2 Chronicles		
Ezra	Ezra	Matt	Matthew
Neh	Nehemiah	Mark	Mark
Tob	Tobit	Luke	Luke
Jdt	Judith	John	John
Esth	Esther	Acts	Acts of the Apostles
Job	Job	Rom	Romans
Ps (<i>pl.:</i> Pss)	Psalms	1, 2 Cor	1, 2 Corinthians
Prov	Proverbs	Gal	Galatians
Qoh	Qoheleth (= Ecclesiastes)	Eph	Ephesians
Song	Song of Songs	Phil	Philippians
Wis	Wisdom	Col	Colossians
Sir	Sirach (= Ecclesiasticus)	1, 2 Thess	1, 2 Thessalonians
Isa	Isaiah	1, 2 Tim	1, 2 Timothy
Jer	Jeremiah	Titus	Titus
Lam	Lamentations	Phlm	Philemon
Bar	Baruch	Heb	Hebrews
Ezek	Ezekiel	Jas	James
Dan	Daniel	1, 2 Pet	1, 2 Peter
Hos	Hosea	1, 2, 3 John	1, 2, 3 John
Joel	Joel	Jude	Jude
Amos	Amos	Rev	Revelation

INTRODUCTION

The following is a draft proposal to expand the Sunday readings in the Lectionary for Mass¹ in the Latin Rite of the Roman Catholic Church. The goal is to read more of Sacred Scripture on Sundays by increasing the three-year cycle of Sunday readings to a four-year cycle. This would be accomplished by adding a Year D that would be based on the Gospel according to John, just as the Years A, B, and C are based on the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, respectively. This draft proposal for the Sunday Lectionary is a sequel to *A Proposal to Expand the Weekday Lectionary*. The purpose of the first proposal was to read *all* of the Sacred Scriptures during the Liturgy of the Word, primarily by increasing the two-year cycle of First Readings for weekdays in Ordinary Time to a ten-year cycle. The purpose of this second proposal is simply to provide a year for the fourth Gospel, thereby allowing more readings from Sacred Scripture to be read on Sundays, when far more of the faithful attend Mass.

This second proposal (for Sundays) incorporates basically the same principles contained in the Introduction to the first proposal (for weekdays). The pertinent principles for Sundays are repeated here in this second proposal. As in the first proposal, no changes are proposed to the liturgical calendar. The *structure* of the Liturgy of the Word is also maintained, that is, a Gospel passage would be read at every Mass, the First Reading would be followed by a Responsorial Psalm, and on Sundays and festive days there would be a Second Reading before the Gospel.

The motivation for the proposed changes is to provide a way for more of the Sacred Scriptures to be heard on Sundays in the liturgical context where the faithful gather to nourish and express their faith together. The church teaches that the Scriptures are the inspired word of God. As Saint Paul says, “All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Tim 3:16-17). The 2008 Synod of Bishops on the theme of “The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church” recommended “that an examination be carried out of the Roman Lectionary to see if the current selection and ordering of the readings is truly adequate to the mission of the church in this historical moment.”² The Introduction to the Lectionary reminds us, “The people of God have a spiritual right to receive abundantly from the treasury of God’s word.”³ And again, “the Church’s desire is that a more lavish table of the word of God be spread before the faithful” (GIL 83). “The Sacred Scriptures, above all in their liturgical proclamation, are the source of life and strength” (GIL 47).

Each of the years in the Sunday cycle is designated by the letter A, B, C, or D. The following is the procedure to determine which year is A, B, C, or D. The letter D designates a year whose number is divisible into four equal parts, as though the cycle had taken its beginning from the first year of the Christian era. Thus, the year 1 would have been Year A; year 2, Year B;

¹ *Ordo Lectionum Missae* [literally, The Order of Readings for Mass], 2nd ed. (Rome: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1981).

² John L. Allen Jr., “Synod: Final Propositions of the Synod of Bishops on the Bible,” *National Catholic Reporter*, October 27, 2008, <http://ncronline.org/news/synod-final-propositions-synod-bishops-bible>; the recommendation appears as Proposition 16.

³ *General Introduction to the Lectionary*, 2nd ed. (Irondale, AL: EWTN, 1981), n. 45; a translation of the Introduction in OLM, available online at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/general-introduction-to-the-lectionary-second-edition-2189>. Hereafter cited parenthetically as GIL.

year 3, Year C; year 4, Year D (as would years 8, 12, and 16). Thus, for example, year 2020 is Year D; 2021, Year A; 2022, Year B; 2023, Year C; and 2024, Year D again. And so forth. The Gospel readings for Ordinary Time of each year of the four-year cycle are drawn from one of the four Gospels. Thus the first Year of the cycle is the Year for the reading of the Gospel of Matthew and is so named; the second, third, and fourth Years are the Year of Mark, the Year of Luke, and the Year of John (see GIL 66, footnote 102).

Special Treatment for Particular Books

In the liturgical year, the Proper of Seasons is defined by the episodes in the life of Christ that are presented in the Gospels, and appropriate Gospel passages are assigned to be read during those seasons. Thus, passages concerning the birth, childhood, and baptism of Jesus are read during the Advent and Christmas seasons (except for the baptism narrative from the Gospel according to John, which is currently read on the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A). The passages about the temptations of Christ in the desert are read on the First Sunday of Lent. And the passion and resurrection narratives are read during Holy Week and the Easter season, respectively. The current Lectionary states, “In the semicontinuous reading of Luke for Year C, the introduction of this Gospel has been prefixed to the first text (that is, on the Third Sunday). This passage expresses the author’s intention very beautifully and there seemed to be no better place for it” (GIL 105). This draft proposal instead prefixes the introduction of Luke’s Gospel (1:1-4) to the weekday Gospel reading (Luke 1:5-25) for December 19 in Advent, thus providing a continuous reading. So, Luke 1:1-4 will not be read on a Sunday. Also, the baptism narrative from John’s Gospel will be moved to the new Year D.

On the Sundays of Easter, all of the passages in the last chapter of each of the Synoptic Gospels and the last two chapters of the Gospel of John will be read. See *Appendix 1* for the rationale of these decisions.

The tradition of reading the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter season is maintained. But the Sundays of Easter have been integrated with the weekdays so that a continuous reading of the whole book could take place from Easter Sunday until the Saturday before Pentecost. (Ascension Thursday breaks the continuous reading, but the First Reading on that day is nevertheless from Acts, as is the First Reading on Pentecost, the last day of the Easter season.) So the First Readings for the Sundays of Easter would be the same each year. There would no longer be a three-year (nor a four-year) cycle for the First Readings on these Sundays. An average of twenty-one verses per day from the Acts of the Apostles would thus be read during the Easter season. (See *Appendix 2* for details.)

A portion (eight verses) of the Letter of St. Paul to Philemon is currently read on the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. Since the letter is relatively short (twenty-five verses), it is proposed that the entire letter be read (on the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C). It is not until verse 16 that the situation of the letter becomes clear with the mention that Onesimus is a fugitive slave, so it would not be easy to break up the letter into two parts for reading on weekdays in Ordinary Time.

In the Liturgy of the Word, the Responsorial Psalm “should correspond [*respondeat*]” to the First Reading and “fosters meditation on the Word of God”⁴ in that reading. Appropriate Psalm verses are selected to follow a given First Reading.

The Length of the Texts

In the current Lectionary, the longest readings are the passion narratives of the four Gospels, from Matthew (128 verses), from Mark (119 verses), from Luke (114 verses), and from John (82 verses). Aside from the passion narratives, one of the longest readings is the passage from John 11:1-45 about the raising of Lazarus (45 verses). The reading from the Susanna story (in Daniel 13) on Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent is 54 verses. So there are some long readings already in the current Lectionary.

As in the current Lectionary, in regard to the length of texts, “A distinction has been made between narratives, which require reading a fairly long passage, but which usually hold the attention of the faithful, and texts that should not be lengthy because of the profundity of their doctrine” (GIL 75) or the complexity or density of their content. Subjective decisions had to be made as to where to divide the verses of a particular book. This draft proposal is just that—a first attempt to provide a way to read more of the books of the Bible in the liturgy. Obviously, other choices could have been made and can still be made to accomplish that same end.

In the current Lectionary, “In the case of certain rather lengthy texts, longer and shorter versions are provided to suit different situations” (GIL 75). In this draft proposal, any verses that were omitted in a reading in the current Lectionary have been included in the newly proposed longer version.

Difficult Texts

The current Lectionary states:

In readings for Sundays and solemnities, texts that present real difficulties are avoided for pastoral reasons. The difficulties may be objective, in that the texts themselves raise profound literary, critical, or exegetical problems; or the difficulties may lie, at least to a certain extent, in the ability of the faithful to understand the texts. But there could be no justification for concealing from the faithful the spiritual riches of certain texts on the grounds of difficulty if the problem arises from the inadequacy either of the religious education that every Christian should have or of the biblical formation that every pastor of souls should have. Often a difficult reading is clarified by its correlation with another in the same Mass. (GIL 76)

⁴ *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2011), n. 61, <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/general-instruction-of-the-roman-missal/girm-chapter-2.cfm>.

In 2010, in his apostolic exhortation *Verbum Domini* (The Word of the Lord) following the 2008 Synod of Bishops on the Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church, Pope Benedict XVI wrote:

In discussing the relationship between the Old and the New Testaments, the Synod also considered those passages in the Bible which, due to the violence and immorality they occasionally contain, prove obscure and difficult. Here it must be remembered first and foremost that *biblical revelation is deeply rooted in history*. God's plan is manifested *progressively* and it is accomplished slowly, *in successive stages* and despite human resistance. God chose a people and patiently worked to guide and educate them. Revelation is suited to the cultural and moral level of distant times and thus describes facts and customs, such as cheating and trickery, and acts of violence and massacre, without explicitly denouncing the immorality of such things. This can be explained by the historical context, yet it can cause the modern reader to be taken aback, especially if he or she fails to take account of the many "dark" deeds carried out down the centuries, and also in our own day. In the Old Testament, the preaching of the prophets vigorously challenged every kind of injustice and violence, whether collective or individual, and thus became God's way of training his people in preparation for the Gospel. *So it would be a mistake to neglect those passages of Scripture that strike us as problematic* [italics added]. Rather, we should be aware that the correct interpretation of these passages requires a degree of expertise, acquired through a training that interprets the texts in their historical-literary context and within the Christian perspective which has as its ultimate hermeneutical key "the Gospel and the new commandment of Jesus Christ brought about in the paschal mystery" [*Propositio* 29]. I encourage scholars and pastors to help all the faithful to approach these passages through an interpretation which enables their meaning to emerge in the light of the mystery of Christ.⁵

This draft proposal does not avoid any texts of the canonical Scriptures, but obviously even a four-year Sunday Lectionary cannot include all of the Sacred Scriptures, so subjective decisions have been made as to which new passages to include and which passages not to include. No passages in the current Lectionary for Sundays have been intentionally omitted in the proposed Sunday Lectionary, except Luke 1:1-4 as mentioned above.

The Omission of Certain Verses within a Reading

The current Lectionary states:

The omission of verses in readings from Scripture has at times been the tradition of many liturgies, including the Roman liturgy. Admittedly such omissions may not be made lightly, for fear of distorting the meaning of the text or the intent and style of Scripture. Yet on pastoral grounds it was decided to continue the traditional practice in the present Order of Readings, but at the same time to ensure that the essential meaning of the text

⁵ Pope Benedict XVI, Post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini*, September 30, 2010, n. 42, http://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_ben-xvi_exh_20100930_verbum-domini.html.

remained intact. One reason for the decision is that otherwise some texts would have been unduly long. It would also have been necessary to omit completely certain readings of high spiritual value for the faithful because those readings include some verse that is pastorally less useful or that involves truly difficult questions. (GIL 77)

This draft proposal recommends that whenever any canonical verses are omitted in a given reading, an optional full version also be provided so that the meaning of the passage will be more fully available from the context and structure of the passage. This draft proposal has tried to divide long or difficult passages into short pieces wherever possible to make them more digestible, but it seems that there is a pastoral usefulness for the faithful to know that there are difficult passages in the inspired Scriptures, so that the faithful do not have a simplistic view of the word of God. Even passages that are seemingly boring or hard to read aloud, such as genealogies, lists of place names, and so on, are part of the inspired text, part of the way God has spoken and still speaks to his people. Such texts tell us something about God, at least that he is the kind of God who would inspire such texts. This draft proposal maintains the option of longer and shorter versions for certain readings on Sundays and festive days.

The Biblical References

The books of the Sacred Scriptures were delineated by the Council of Trent in 1546. After listing all of the canonical books, the Council continued, “If anyone does not accept as sacred and canonical the aforesaid books in their entirety and with all their parts, as they have been accustomed to be read in the Catholic Church and as they are contained in the old Latin Vulgate Edition, and knowingly and deliberately rejects the aforesaid traditions, let him be anathema.”⁶ Thus the Vulgate is the standard for identifying the canonical Scriptures. The 2001 instruction *Liturgiam Authenticam*, On the Use of Vernacular Languages in the Publication of the Books of the Roman Liturgy, from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, states that “the *Nova Vulgata Editio* is the point of reference as regards the delineation of the canonical text.”⁷ So that is the text of the Bible that has been used in the preparation of this draft proposal. Sometimes the *Nova Vulgata* omits a verse or verses (e.g., Matt 17:21) along with the verse number. So in Matthew 17, verse 20 is followed by verse 22. In this draft proposal, as in the current Lectionary, “[t]he text reference (that is, to chapter and verses) is given according to the Neo-Vulgate edition . . . But a second reference according to the original text (Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek) has been added wherever there is a discrepancy” (GIL 119).

The following are the texts used in referencing:

⁶ “Decree Concerning the Canonical Scriptures,” Council of Trent, 1546, <http://www.ewtn.com/library/COUNCILS/TRENT4.HTM#1>. See the Latin text in Heinrich Denzinger, ed., *Enchiridion symbolorum, definitionum et declarationum de rebus fidei et morum*, n. 1504 784, <http://patristica.net/denzinger/enchiridion-symbolorum.html>.

⁷ Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Instruction *Liturgiam Authenticam*, March 28, 2001, n. 37, http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccdds/documents/rc_con_ccdds_doc_20010507_liturgiam-authenticam_en.html.

Neo-Vulgate Latin: online *Nova Vulgata Bibliorum Sacrorum Editio*. 2nd ed. Vatican: Libreria editrice Vaticana, 1986, http://www.vatican.va/archive/bible/nova_vulgata/documents/nova-vulgata_index_lt.html.

Hebrew and Aramaic: Elliger, Karl and Wilhelm Rudolph, eds. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. 2nd ed., minor ed. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelstiftung, 1984.

Greek Old Testament: Rahlfs, Alfred, ed. *Septuaginta*. minor ed. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1979.

Greek New Testament: Aland, Kurt, Matthew Black, Carlo M. Martini, Bruce M. Metzger, and Allen Wikren, eds. *The Greek New Testament*. 3rd ed. New York/London/Edinburgh/Amsterdam/Stuttgart: United Bible Societies, 1975.

Explanation of the Apparatus Used for the Listings

In the following list of readings, the current Lectionary references are printed in black. New chapter and verse numbers are **printed in red**. A red asterisk (*) means that the proposed longer form of the reading would be a new alternative to the original reading which thus becomes a “shorter form.” A black asterisk (*) indicates that the reading already had a longer and a shorter form. Readings that have been moved to a new location are **highlighted in yellow**.

The guiding text for referencing the psalms will be the same as the referencing text used in the first proposal for weekdays, namely the *Nova Vulgata*, 2nd edition online. The chapter and verse numbering of the psalms in the *Nova Vulgata* basically follows that of the Hebrew text found in the *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. The old Vulgate numbering coincided with the numbering in the Greek Septuagint. Where the *Nova Vulgata* chapter numbering differs from the old Vulgate chapter numbering the *Nova Vulgata* includes the old Vulgate chapter numbering in parentheses after the Hebrew chapter numbering. The following listings will use only the Hebrew chapter numbering as found in the *Nova Vulgata*. As in the current Lectionary, in any reference to the first or second verse that includes part of a superscription, the superscription is not to be sung or read. For example, Ps 11:1 contains the superscription “For the Choirmaster. Of David.” and the beginning of the psalm proper “In the Lord I take refuge . . .” The Responsorial Psalm reference will be Ps 11:1, but the superscription will not be sung or read.

Principles Used in the Selection of Readings

For the selection of the Gospel reading, the First Reading with its Responsorial Psalm, and the Second Reading, the following principles have been used.

- 1) Where possible, all the current readings from John's Gospel in the Years A, B, and C have been moved to Year D. Some passages from John's Gospel will still be read in Years A, B, and C.
- 2) Over the course of the four-year cycle of Sundays, all the verses of John's Gospel and all the verses of Mark's Gospel will be read. Certain passages from Matthew's and Luke's Gospels that were omitted in the current Lectionary have been included in the proposed Lectionary by dropping other passages that will have parallels in the proposed Lectionary.
- 3) Over the course of the four-year cycle, there will be at least one reading from each book of the canon.
- 4) In the four-year cycle of Sundays, a reading will not be used more than once, except when it is used on multiple years (A, B, C, and/or D) of a given Sunday. The three exceptions are John 1:1-18* on Christmas Day and the Second Sunday after Christmas, John 18:1-19:42 on Palm Sunday D and Good Friday, and Matt 28:16-20 on Ascension A and Holy Trinity B.
- 5) The priority in the sequence of days to follow in selecting or confirming readings coincides with the precedence of liturgical days, namely:
 - The Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday)
 - Christmas, Epiphany, Ascension, and Pentecost
 - Sundays of the Advent, Lent, and Easter seasons
 - Ash Wednesday
 - Weekdays of Holy Week from Monday up to and including Thursday
 - Days within the Octave of Easter
 - Solemnities of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Saints
 - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
 - Feasts of the Lord
 - Sundays of Christmas Time and the Sundays in Ordinary Time
 - Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the Saints.⁸
- 6) In order to facilitate ecumenical use of this Lectionary, readings from deuterocanonical books of the Old Testament found currently in the Proper of Seasons have been moved to Ordinary Time. The four readings are:
 - Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 formerly in the Easter Vigil
 - Bar 5:1-9 formerly on Second Sunday of Advent, Year C
 - Sir 3:3-7, 14-17a formerly on First Sunday after Christmas (Holy Family), Year A
 - Sir 24:1-4, 12-16 formerly on Second Sunday after Christmas.

⁸ *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the New General Roman Calendar*, Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Rome, 1969, n. 59,
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?id=10842#Table>.

- 7) In selecting readings for a given day, the Gospel has been picked first, then the First Reading, then the Responsorial Psalm, then the Second Reading.
- 8) When a current Gospel reading has been moved to a different location, the accompanying First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, and Second Reading have been moved along with the Gospel, unless the current First or Second Reading does not correspond directly to the Gospel reading, or in the new location the First or Second Reading would not correspond directly to the Gospel reading. This would happen, for example, when, in the Season of Lent, the First Readings are about “the main elements of salvation history from its beginning until the promise of the New Covenant” (GIL 97), or when, in the Easter Season or Ordinary Time, the Second Readings are semicontinuous. In these cases, the First Reading with its Responsorial Psalm and/or the Second Reading are replaced with completely new readings.
- 9) The selection of completely new Scripture readings has been guided by the themes in the current Lectionary (GIL 92-108), namely:
 - a. Advent
 - i. Gospel:
 1. First Sunday: the Lord’s coming at the end of time
 2. Second and Third Sunday: John the Baptist
[Proposed Lectionary Third Sunday Year C: the Annunciation]
 3. Fourth Sunday: events that prepared immediately for the Lord’s birth
 - ii. First Reading: prophecies about the Messiah and the Messianic age, especially from the book of Isaiah
 - iii. Second Reading: exhortations and proclamations in keeping with the different themes of Advent
 - b. The Christmas Season
 - i. Christmas: readings chosen from the Roman tradition
 - ii. Sunday within the Octave of Christmas (Holy Family):
 1. Gospel: Jesus’ childhood
 2. First and Second Readings: virtues of family life
 - iii. Octave of Christmas: Virgin Mother of God and the Name of Jesus
 - iv. Second Sunday after Christmas: the mystery of the incarnation
 - v. Epiphany:
 1. Gospel and First Reading: from the Roman tradition
 2. Second Reading: the calling of the nations to salvation
 - vi. Baptism of the Lord: texts about this mystery
 - c. Lent
 - i. Gospel
 1. First Sunday: the temptation of the Lord
 2. Second Sunday: the transfiguration of the Lord
 3. Third Sunday

- a. Year A [proposed Year D]: the Samaritan woman
[Proposed Year A: from Matthew about repentance]
 - b. Year B: from John about Christ's coming glorification through his cross and resurrection
 - c. Year C: from Luke about conversion
 - d. [Year D: the Samaritan woman]
4. Fourth Sunday
- a. Year A [proposed Year D]: the man born blind
[Proposed Year A: from John about Jesus' prediction of betrayal]
 - b. Year B: from John about Christ's coming glorification through his cross and resurrection
 - c. Year C: from Luke about conversion
 - d. [Year D: the man born blind]
5. Fifth Sunday
- a. Year A [Proposed Year D]: the raising of Lazarus
[Proposed Year A: from John about the world's hatred]
 - b. Year B: from John about Christ's coming glorification through his cross and resurrection
 - c. Year C: from John about Jesus' forgiveness
 - d. [Year D: the raising of Lazarus]
6. Palm Sunday
- a. Procession: the Lord's solemn entry into Jerusalem
 - b. Mass: the Lord's passion
 - ii. First Reading: the main elements of salvation history from its beginning until the promise of the New Covenant
 - iii. Second Reading: selected to fit the Gospel and the First Reading and, to the extent possible, to provide a connection between them
- d. The Easter Season
- i. Gospel: See *Appendix 1*
 - ii. First Reading: from the Acts of the Apostles
 - iii. Second Reading: the spirit of joyous faith and sure hope proper to this season
 - 1. Year A: 1 Peter
 - 2. Year B: 1 John
 - 3. Year C: the book of Revelation [1–7; summary of appearances of the risen Lord (1 Cor 15:1-11)]
 - 4. [Year D: the book of Revelation 19–22]
- e. Solemnity of the Ascension
- i. First Reading: the ascension according to the Acts of the Apostles
 - ii. Second Reading: Christ in exaltation at the right hand of the Father
 - iii. Gospel: text in accord with the differences in the Gospels

- f. Solemnity of Pentecost
 - i. Vigil
 - 1. First four readings: from the Old Testament
 - 2. The Apostle: the actual working of the Holy Spirit in the Church
 - 3. Gospel: the promise of the Spirit made by Christ before his own glorification
 - ii. Day
 - 1. First Reading: the account in the Acts of the Apostles of the great occurrence on Pentecost day
 - 2. Second Reading: the effect of the action of the Spirit in the life of the Church
 - 3. Gospel:
 - a. Year A: Jesus bestowing his Spirit on the disciples on the evening of Easter day
 - b. Other Years: the action of the Spirit on the disciples and on the Church
- g. Ordinary Time
 - i. Gospel
 - 1. Second Sunday: continues to center on the manifestation of the Lord with the traditional passage about the wedding feast at Cana and two other passages from John [these three passages have been moved to the First Sunday (Baptism), the Second Sunday, and the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year D]
 - 2. Beginning with the Third Sunday [the Second Sunday in the proposed Lectionary], there is a semicontinuous reading of all four Gospels through the Thirty-Third Sunday
 - ii. First Reading: from the Old Testament, corresponds to the Gospel passage, to bring out the unity between the Old and the New Testament; many Old Testament texts of major significance are read on the basis of what the Gospel reading requires; nearly all the principal pages of the Old Testament will be read
 - iii. Second Reading: a semicontinuous reading of the Letters of Paul, James, [Jude, 2 John, 3 John, and 2 Peter] (1 Peter and 1 John being read during the Easter and Christmas seasons); the table at the end of this Introduction indicates the distribution of the Second Readings over the three-year cycle [four-year cycle in the proposed Lectionary] of the Sundays of Ordinary Time; [in the proposed Lectionary, more books are read, and the books are presented in chronological order,⁹ except for three of the longest books, which are presented in Year A (1 Corinthians and 2 Corinthians) and Year B (Romans) so that they would not have to be split over two years]

⁹ The specific chronological order is that found in Raymond E. Brown, Joseph A. Fitzmyer, and Roland E. Murphy, eds., *New Jerome Biblical Commentary* (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1990).

- h. Solemnities of the Lord in Ordinary Time
 - i. Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi, and the Sacred Heart: texts chosen correspond to the principal themes of these celebrations
 - ii. Thirty-Fourth and last Sunday celebrates Christ the Universal King, prefigured by David and proclaimed as king amid the humiliations of his passion and cross, who reigns in the Church and will come again at the end of time

Some of the principles used in the selection of new psalm passages are the following:

- 1) If a psalm is mentioned explicitly in the First Reading, then appropriate parts of that psalm are chosen as the Responsorial Psalm.
- 2) If a First Reading is already found in the current Lectionary, then the Responsorial Psalm associated with that reading is the basis for the new Responsorial Psalm, unless principle 1 above applies.
- 3) Only continuous verses are used, that is, no verses are omitted in the range of verses chosen for the Responsorial Psalm.
- 4) The number of verses and “stanzas” in the Responsorial Psalms reflects the various lengths of the Responsorial Psalms in the current lectionary. (A “stanza” here means the combination of verses sung or read between one response and the next.) In the current lectionary for Sundays and weekdays, the number of verses varies from two to ten, and the number of stanzas varies from two to seven. (See Sunday in Ordinary Time Week 9 Year C [Ps 117:1, 2], Week 21 Year B [Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23], and Thursday in Ordinary Time Week 34 Year I [Dan 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74].) A Common Text (OLM 174, Psalms) that may be used if sung on the Easter Vigil has twelve verses (Ps 136:1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 24-26). The more frequent structures are eight verses in four stanzas, and six verses in three stanzas. In the proposed Lectionary, a Responsorial Psalm consists of no more than nine verses.
- 5) On Sundays in the four-year cycle, the verses of the Responsorial Psalm are not used more than once, except that Ps 104:29-30 (“If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth”) are used on the vigil of Pentecost and also on the day of Pentecost, as in the current Lectionary.
- 6) Verses from the book of Psalms are chosen to replace Old or New Testament canticles so that all the “Responsorial Psalms” are indeed from the book of Psalms. The four Sunday canticles replaced are:

Exod 15:1-18 from the Easter Vigil (Exod 15:1-21* will be the First Reading on Ordinary Time 26B);

Isa 12:2-6 from Advent 3C, Baptism B, the Easter Vigil, and Sacred Heart B (Isa 12:1-6* will be the First Reading on Advent 3B);

Dan 3:52-56 from the Vigil of Pentecost, extended form, and Holy Trinity A (Dan 3:46-56* will be the First Reading on Ordinary Time 33C); and

Luke 1:46-54 from Advent 3B (Luke 1:39-56 is still the Gospel reading on the Solemnity of the Assumption).

Order of Second Readings for Sundays in Ordinary Time

Sunday	Year A	Year B	Year C	Year D
2	1 Corinthians	Romans	1 Thessalonians	Titus
3	“	“	“	“
4	“	“	“	1 Timothy
5	“	“	“	“
6	“	“	“	“
7	“	“	Galatians	2 Timothy
8	“	“	“	“
9	“	“	“	“
10	“	“	“	“
11	“	“	“	“
12	“	“	“	James
13	“	“	“	“
14	“	“	“	“
15	“	“	Philippians	“
16	“	“	“	“
17	“	“	“	“
18	“	“	“	“
19	“	“	Philemon	“
20	“	“	2 Thessalonians	Jude
21	“	“	“	Hebrews
22	“	“	“	“
23	“	“	Colossians	“
24	“	“	“	“
25	2 Corinthians	“	“	“
26	“	“	Ephesians	“
27	“	“	“	“
28	“	“	“	“
29	“	“	“	“
30	“	“	“	2 John
31	“	“	“	3 John
32	“	“	“	2 Peter
33	“	“	“	“

PROPOSED ORDER OF READINGS

PROPER OF SEASONS

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Readings for Sundays in Advent

(New verses are **printed in red**. Moved readings are **highlighted in yellow**.)

Year A (Matthew)

Sun-day	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
1 A	Isa 2:1-5	122:1-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 , 6-7, 8-9	Rom 13:11- 14*	Matt 24:37-44
2 A	Isa 11:1-10	72: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Rom 15:4-9	Matt 3:1-12
3 A	Isa 35:1-10*	146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 (Heb 7, 8-9a, 9bc-10ab)	Jas 5:7-10	Matt 11:2- 19*
4 A	Isa 7:10-14	24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Rom 1:1-7	Matt 1:18-24

Year B (Mark)

Sun-day	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
1 B	Isa 63:16b–64:7*	80: 2-3, 4, 5-7, 8	1 Cor 1:4-9	Mark 13: 24-37*
2 B	Isa 40:1-11*	85: 9-10 , 11-12, 13-14	2 Pet 3:8-14	Mark 1:1-8
3 B	Isa 12:1-6*	94:16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22	Heb 10:32-39	Mark 11:27-33
4 B	Zeph 3:14-18a	46:2-4, 5-7, 8	Phil 4:4-7	Mark 6:1-6

Note: The new Gospel for 1B consists of a merger of the Gospel from Ordinary Time 33B with the original Gospel of Advent 1B.

The first part of the original Gospel for 3B has been dropped. (John 1:1-18* will still be read on Christmas Day and on the Second Sunday after Christmas.) The second part of the original Gospel for 3B, along with the original First and Second Readings for 3B, have been moved to 2D. The original “Responsorial Psalm” for 3B has been dropped. (Luke 1:39-56 will still be read on the Solemnity of the Assumption.) The new First Reading for 3B has been taken from the “Responsorial Psalm” for 3C.

The original readings for 4B have been moved to 3C. The new Gospel for 4B has been taken from Ordinary Time 14B. The new First and Second Readings for 4B have been taken from 3C.

Year C (Luke)

Sun-day	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
1 C	Jer 33:14-16	25:4-5, 6, 7	1 Thess 3:12-4:2	Luke 21:25-38*
2 C	Mal 3:1-4	50:16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23	Phil 1:4-11*	Luke 3:1-20*
3 C	2 Sam 7:1-17*	89:2-3, 4-5, 6-8	Rom 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
4 C	Mic 5:1-4a	80:15-16, 17-18, 19-20	Heb 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45

Note: The original Gospel for 3C has been appended to 2C. In order to facilitate ecumenical use of this Lectionary the original deuterocanonical First Reading and the Responsorial Psalm for 2C have been moved to Ordinary Time 23D.

The original First and Second Readings for 3C have been moved to 4B. The original “Responsorial Psalm” for 3C has been moved to the First Reading on 3B. The new readings for 3C have been taken from 4B.

Year D (John)

Sun-day	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
1 D	Obad 15-21	9:10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-17	Rev 22:6-11	John 6:35-40
2 D	Isa 61:1-11*	22:25, 26-27, 28-30, 31-32	1 Thess 5:16-24	John 1:19-28
3 D	Song 3:6-11	100:2, 3, 4, 5 (Heb 1-2, 3, 4, 5)	1 John 2:24-28	John 3:22-30
4 D	Hag 2:20-23	132:11, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18	1 Tim 3:14-16	John 7:37-44

Note: The Gospel for 2D has been taken from the second part of the Gospel for 3B. The First Reading and the Second Reading for 2D have also been taken from 3B.

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Readings for Sundays and Feast Days of Christmas Season

(New verses are **printed in red**. Moved readings are **highlighted in yellow**.)

Day	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	
Christmas Vigil	Isa 62:1-5	89:14-15, 16-17, 18-19	Acts 13:16-25*	Matt 1:1-25*	
Christmas Night	Isa 9:1-6	96:8b-9, 10, 11-12a, 12b-13	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14	
Christmas Dawn	Isa 62:11-12	97:9, 10, 11-12	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:15-20	
Christmas Day	Isa 52:7-10	98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6	Heb 1:1-6	John 1:1-18*	
Holy Family	A	Prov 23:22-26	128:1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Col 3:12-21	Matt 2:13-23*
	B	Gen 2:18-25*	45:10b, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16	Heb 11:8-19*	Mark 10:1-16*
	C	1 Sam 1:20-28*	84:2-3, 4, 5-6, 7-8	1 John 4:17-21	Luke 2:41-52
	D	Gen 21:1-8*	131:1, 2, 3	Rom 12:9-18	John 6:41-47
Mother of God	Num 6:22-27	67:2-3, 4, 5, 6, 7-8	Gal 4:4-7	Luke 2:16-21	
2 nd Sun. after Christmas	Zech 2:14-17	76:2-4, 5-7, 8-10	Eph 1:3-6	John 1:1-18*	
Epiphany	Isa 60:1-6	72:7-9, 10-11, 12-13	Eph 3:2-6*	Matt 2:1-12	
Baptism	A	Isa 42:1-7*	29:3-4, 5-6, 7-9, 10-11	Acts 10:34-38	Matt 3:13-17
	B	Josh 3:7-17	114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (Heb 1ab-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8)	1 John 5:6-9	Mark 1:9-11
	C	1 Chr 17:1-15	89:25-26, 27-28, 29-30	1 Cor 6:1-11	Luke 3:21-22
	D	Isa 49:3-6*	40:6, 7, 8-9, 10	1 Cor 10:1-4	John 1:29-34

Note: In order to facilitate ecumenical use of this Lectionary, the former deuterocanonical First Reading for Holy Family A has been moved to Ordinary Time 4D. The former Gospel reading for Holy Family B has been dropped. (Luke 2:22-40* will still be read on February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which has precedence over a Sunday in Ordinary Time.) The first half of the former First Reading and the Responsorial Psalm for Holy Family B have been moved to Ordinary Time 10B. The second half of the former First Reading for Holy Family B has been moved to Holy Family D. The former Second Reading for Holy Family C has been dropped. (1 John 3:1-3 will be read on Easter Sunday 4B, and 1 John 3:19-24 will be read on Easter Sunday 5B.) The new Gospel and First Reading for Holy Family B have been taken from Ordinary Time 27B.

In order to facilitate ecumenical use of this Lectionary, the former deuterocanonical First Reading for the Second Sunday after Christmas has been moved to Ordinary Time 28D. The second part of the former Second Reading for the Second Sunday after Christmas has been dropped. (Eph 1:15-23 will be read on Ascension A.)

The first part of the former Gospel reading for Baptism B has been dropped. (Mark 1:1-8 will still be read on Advent 2B.) The former First Reading for Baptism B has been dropped. (Isa 55:1-11 will still be read on Easter Vigil.) The former “Responsorial Psalm” for Baptism B has been dropped. (Isa 12:1-6* will be the First Reading on Advent 3B.) The first part of the former Second Reading for Baptism B has been dropped. (1 John 5:1-5 will be read on Easter Sunday 7B.) The first part of the former Gospel reading for Baptism C has been dropped. (Luke 3:1-20* will be read on Advent 2C.) The former First Reading for Baptism C has been dropped. (Isa 40:1-11* will be read on Advent 2B.) The former Second Reading for Baptism C has been dropped. (Titus 2:11-14 will still be read on Christmas Night; and Titus 3:4-7 will still be read on Christmas Dawn.) The new Gospel, First Reading, and Responsorial Psalm for Baptism D have been taken from Ordinary Time 2A. The new Second Reading for Baptism D has been taken from the first part of the Second Reading for Lent 3C.

LENT

Readings for Sundays in Lent

(New verses are **printed in red**. Moved readings are **highlighted in yellow**.)

Year A (Matthew)

Sun-day	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
1 A	Gen 3:1-8*	51:3-4, 5-6, 7-9	Rom 5:12-15	Matt 4:1-11
2 A	Gen 12:1-4a	33:18-19, 20-22	2 Tim 1:8-14*	Matt 17:1-13*
3 A	Nah 2:9-14	37:8-9, 10-11, 12-13	2 Tim 2:22-26	Matt 12:38-42
4 A	Jer 40:13-41:3	41:8-9, 10-11, 12-13	Rom 3:9-20	John 13:16-30
5 A	Jer 32:36-41	69:2-3, 4, 5, 6-7	1 John 3:11-15	John 15:18-25
Palm Sun.	Isa 50:4-7	22:16-17, 18-19, 20-22, 23-24	Phil 2:6-11	A Matt 21:1-11 A Matt 26:1-27:66*

Note: The first part of the original First Reading for 1A has been moved to 1D. The second part of the original Second Reading for 1A has been moved to Ordinary Time 14B. The original Second Reading for 3A has been dropped. (Rom 5:1-5 will still be read on Holy Trinity C; Rom 5:5-11 will be read on Sacred Heart C.) The rest of the readings for 3A have been moved to 3D. The original Responsorial Psalm for 4A has been dropped. (Ps 23:1-6 will still be sung or read on Sacred Heart C.) The rest of the readings for 4A have been moved to 4D. The original Gospel for 5A has been moved to 5D. The First Reading from 5A has been dropped. (Ezek 37:1-14 will be read on Pentecost Vigil C and Pentecost Extended Vigil.) The Second Reading from 5A has been dropped. (Rom 8:7-13 will be read on Pentecost Day C.)

Year B (Mark)

Sunday	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
1 B	Gen 9:8-15	25:8-9, 10-11, 12-14	2 Pet 3:1-7	Mark 1:12-13
2 B	Gen 32:23-31	17:1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7	Rom 8:31-34*	Mark 9:2-13*
3 B	Exod 20:1-17*	19:8, 9, 10, 11	1 Cor 1:22-25	John 2:13-25
4 B	2 Chr 36:14-23*	137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6	Eph 2:4-10	John 3:16-21
5 B	Jer 31:31-34	51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17, 18-19	Heb 5:7-9	John 12:20-26
Palm Sun.	Procession: B Mark 11:1-11*			
	Same as Year A	Same as Year A	Same as Year A	B Mark 14:1-15:47*

Note: The second part of the Gospel reading for 1B has been dropped. (Mark 1:14-20 will be read on Ordinary Time 2B.) The Second Reading for 1B has been dropped. (1 Pet 3:13-22* will be read on Easter 6A.) The First Reading and Responsorial Psalm for 2B have been dropped. (Gen 22:1-18* will be read on Easter Vigil; Ps 116:12-18 will be sung or read on Holy Thursday.) The new Responsorial Psalm for 2B has been taken from Ordinary Time 32C. The first part of the Gospel reading for 4B has been dropped. (John 3:7-15 will be read on Ordinary Time 6D.) The second part of the Gospel reading for 5B has been moved to 2D. The alternative Gospel reading for the Palm Sunday procession B has been moved to Palm Sunday procession D.

Year C (Luke)

Sunday	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
1 C	Deut 26:1-11*	91:10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16	Rom 10:8-13	Luke 4:1-13
2 C	Gen 15:7-21*	27:7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14	Phil 3:17-4:1*	Luke 9:28-36*
3 C	Exod 3:1-15*	103:1-2, 3-5, 6-7	1 Cor 10:5-12*	Luke 13:1-9
4 C	Josh 5:9-12*	34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9	2 Cor 5:17-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
5 C	Isa 43:16-21	149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a	Phil 3:8-14	John 8:2-11
Palm Sun.	Procession: C Luke 19:28-40			
	Same as Year A	Same as Year A	Same as Year A	C Luke 22:1-23:56*

Note: The first part of the First Reading for 2C has been dropped. (Gen 15:1-6 will be read on Ordinary Time 10B.) The first part of the Second Reading for 3C has been dropped. (1 Cor 10:1-4 will be read on Baptism D.) The first verse of the Gospel for 5C has been dropped. (John 7:45-8:1 will be read on Ordinary Time 22D.)

Year D (John)

Sunday	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
1 D	Gen 2:4-17*	119:73-74, 75-76, 77-78, 79-80	Rev 19:11-16	John 6:1-15
2 D	Gen 17:1-24	111:5-6, 7-8, 9, 10	Heb 2:14-18	John 12:27-33
3 D	Exod 17:1-7*	95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7, 8-9 (Heb 1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab, 7c-9)	Rev 22:1-5	John 4:1-42*
4 D	1 Sam 16:1-13a*	89:34-35, 36-38	Eph 5:8-14	John 9:1-41*
5 D	Ezra 1:1-6	85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8	Rom 8:1-6	John 11:1-45*
Palm Sun.	Procession: D John 12:12-19*			
	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	D John 18:1-19:42

Note: The Gospel reading for 1D has been taken from Ordinary Time 17B. The First Reading for 1D has been taken from the first part of the First Reading for 1A. The Gospel reading for 2D has been taken from the second part of 5B. The Gospel, First Reading, and Responsorial Psalm for 3D have been taken from 3A. The Gospel, First Reading, and Second Reading for 4D have been taken from 4A. The Gospel reading for 5D has been taken from 5A. The Gospel reading for the Palm Sunday procession D has been taken from the alternative Palm Sunday procession B.

PASCHAL TRIDUUM AND EASTER SEASON

Readings for Paschal Triduum and Sundays of Easter Season

(New verses are **printed in red**. Moved readings are **highlighted in yellow**.)

Day	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Holy Thurs	Exod 12:1-14*	116:12-14, 15-16, 17-18	1 Cor 11:23-26	John 13:1-15
Good Friday	Isa 52:13-53:12	31:12-13, 14-15, 16-17	Heb 4:14-16	John 18:1-19:42

Note: The second half (Heb 5:7-9) of the Second Reading for Good Friday has been dropped. (It will still be read on Lent 5B.)

Year A (Matthew)

Day	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Easter Vigil	Gen 1:1-2:3*	104:5-7, 8-9, 10-12, 13	Rom 6:3-11	A Matt 28:1-8
	Gen 22:1-18*	16:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11	Responsorial	
	Exod 14:15-31	106:7-8, 9-10, 11-12	Psalm	
	Isa 54:5-14	30:2, 3-4, 5-6	118:1-2, 3-4, 5-7	
	Isa 55:1-11	107:15-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-22		
	Prov 8:22-36*	8:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-10		
Easter Day	Acts 1:1-5	118:16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-24	Col 3:1-4	A Matt 28:8-15
Easter Afternoon				Same as Year C
2nd S.	Acts 5:12-42	30:7-8, 9-10, 11-13	A 1 Pet 1:3-9	Same as Year D
3rd S.	Acts 9:32-43	56:10c-12, 13-14	A 1 Pet 1:17-21	A John 13:31-38*
4th S.	Acts 13:13-43	2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11	A 1 Pet 2:4-9	A John 14:1-7
5th S.	Acts 16:11-40	138:1-2a, 2bcd-3, 4-5, 6-7ab, 7c-8 (Heb 1bc-2a, 2bcd-3, 4-5, 6-7ab, 7c-8)	A 1 Pet 2:20b-25	A Matt 9:35-10:8*
6th S.	Acts 20:17-38	68:29-30, 31-32, 33-35a, 35bc-36	A 1 Pet 3:13-22*	A John 14:8-14*
Ascen Thurs	Acts 1:1-12	47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10	A Eph 1:15-23*	A Matt 28:16-20
7th S.	Acts 24:1-6, 8-27	40:11, 12, 13	A 1 Pet 4:5-16*	A John 16:25-33

Pent. Vigil	A Gen 11:1-9	104:24, 25-26, 27-28, 29-30	Rom 8:22-27	<i>Same as Year D</i>
Pent. Ex-extended Vigil	Gen 11:1-9	33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15		
	Exod 19:1-20*	18:8, 9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16		
	Ezek 37:1-14	107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9		
	Joel 3:1-5	104:24, 25-26, 27-28, 29-30		
Pent. Day	Acts 2:1-41*	104:29-30, 31-32, 33-34	A 1 Cor 12:3b-13*	A John 20:19-23

Note: The original Gospel reading for Easter Day has been moved to Easter Vigil D. The original Gospel readings for Easter 3A and 4A have been moved to 3C and 5B. The first part of the original Gospel reading for 5A has been moved to 4A, and the second part has been moved to 6A. The original Gospel reading for 6A has been moved to Holy Trinity A. The original Gospel reading for 7A has been moved to 7B. The Gospel reading for Easter 2A is the same as 2B, 2C, and 2D. The new Gospel reading for Easter 3A has been taken from Easter 5C. The new Gospel reading for Easter 5A has been taken from Ordinary Time 11A.

The sixth Old Testament Reading at the Easter Vigil (Bar 3:9-15, 32–4:4) is from a deuterocanonical book. In order to facilitate ecumenical use of this Lectionary, it has been removed from the paramount liturgical feast day—Easter. The first part has been moved to Ordinary Time 20D. The second part has been moved to Ordinary Time 33D. The Responsorial Psalm has been dropped. (Ps 19:8-11 will still be sung or read on Lent 3B.) The new sixth Old Testament Reading and its Psalm have been taken from Holy Trinity C.

The First Reading for Pentecost Vigil A is the first reading (optional) of Pentecost Vigil, extended form.

The “Responsorial Psalm” following the reading from Exod 14:15-31 on the Easter Vigil has been dropped. (Exod 15:1-21* will be the First Reading on Ordinary Time 26B.) The “Responsorial Psalm” following the reading from Isa 55:1-11 on the Easter Vigil has been dropped. (Isa 12:1-6* will be the First Reading on Advent 3B.) The Responsorial Psalm for Easter 2A has been taken from Easter 3C. The Responsorial Psalm for Easter 5A has been taken from Ordinary Time 5C. The “Responsorial Psalm” following the reading from Exod 19:1-20* on Pentecost Vigil, extended form, has been dropped. (Dan 3:46-56 will be read on Ordinary Time 33C.) The alternate Responsorial Psalm following the reading from Exod 19:1-20* on Pentecost Vigil, extended form, has been dropped. (Ps 19:8-11 will still be sung or read on Lent 3B.)

The Second Readings for 4A and 5A have been exchanged so that the sequence of readings will correspond to the sequence of the canonical text. Coincidentally, the mention of the shepherd in 1 Pet 2:20b-25 makes it appropriate to be read on the new Good Shepherd Sunday.

Year B (Mark)

Day	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Easter Vigil	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	B Mark 16:1-8*
Easter Day	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	B Mark 16:9-13
Easter Afternoon				<i>Same as Year C</i>
2nd S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	B 1 John 1:1-4	<i>Same as Year D</i>
3rd S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	B 1 John 2:1-5a	B Mark 16:14-18
4th S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	B 1 John 3:1-3*	B John 15:1-8
5th S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	B 1 John 3:19-24	B John 10:1-10
6th S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	B 1 John 4:11-16	B John 15:9-17
Ascen Thurs	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	B Eph 4:1-13*	B Mark 16:14-20*
7th S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	B 1 John 5:1-5	B John 17:1-11a
Pent. Vigil	B Exod 19:1-20*	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year D</i>
Pent. Extended Vigil	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>		
Pent. Day	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	B Gal 5:16-25	B John 15:26-16:4a*

Note: The original Gospel reading for Easter Day has been moved to Easter Vigil D. The original Gospel readings for 3B, 4B, 5B, and 7B have been moved to 4C, 5C, 4B, and 7C. The second half of the Gospel reading for Pentecost Day B has been dropped. (John 16:12-15 will still be read on Holy Trinity C.) The Gospel reading for Easter 2B is the same as 2A, 2C, and 2D. The new Gospel readings for 4B, 5B, and 7B have been taken from Easter 5B, 4A, and 7A.

The First Reading for Pentecost Vigil B is the second reading (optional) of Pentecost Vigil, extended form.

The last verse of the original Second Reading for 2B has been dropped. (1 John 5:6-9 will be read on Baptism B.) The Second Readings for 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B, 6B, and 7B have been rearranged to follow the sequence of the canonical text. Thus, 1 John 5:1-5 comes last in the sequence, rather than first. The first verse of the Second Reading for 5B has been dropped. (1 John 3:16-18 will be read on Sacred Heart B.) The former Second Reading for 6B has been dropped. (1 John 4:7-10 will be read on Sacred Heart A.)

Year C (Luke)

Day	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Easter Vigil	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	C Luke 24:1-12
Easter Day	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year D</i>
Easter Afternoon				Luke 24:13-35
2nd S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	C Rev 1:9-20*	<i>Same as Year D</i>
3rd S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	C Rev 3:20-22	C Luke 24:13-35
4th S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	C Rev 5:1-10	C Luke 24:33-49*
5th S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	C Rev 5:11-14	C John 10:11-21*
6th S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	C Rev 7:9-17*	C John 16:4b-11
Ascen Thurs	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	C Heb 9:24-28	C Luke 24:44-53*
7th S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	C 1 Cor 15:1-11*	C John 17:11b-19
Pent. Vigil	C Ezek 37:1-14	<i>Same as Year A</i>		
Pent. Extended Vigil	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year D</i>
Pent. Day	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	C Rom 8:7-13*	C John 14:21-26*

Note: The original Gospel reading for Easter Day has been moved to Easter Vigil D. The original Gospel reading for 3C has been split in two. The first part has been moved to 3D; the second part has been moved to 4D. The original Gospel readings for 4C and 5C have been moved to 5D and 3A. The original Gospel reading for 6C has been moved to Holy Trinity D. The original Gospel reading for 7C has been moved to 7D. The first part of the original Gospel reading for Pentecost Day C has been dropped. (John 14:15-20 will be read on Holy Trinity A.) The Gospel reading for Easter 2C is the same as 2A, 2B, and 2D. The new Gospel readings for 3C, 4C, 5C, and 7C have been taken from 3A, 3B, 4B, and 7B.

The First Reading for Pentecost Vigil C is the third reading (optional) of Pentecost Vigil, extended form.

The original Second Reading for 3C has been moved to 5C. The original Second Reading for 4C has been moved to 6C. The original Second Reading for 5C has been moved to 3D. The first part of the original Second Reading for 6C has been moved to 4D; the second part has been moved to 5D. The second part of the original Second Reading for Ascension C has been moved

to Ascension D. The first part of the original Second Reading for 7C has been moved to 6D; the second part has been moved to 7D. The new Second Reading for 7C has been taken from Ordinary Time 5C. The second part of the Second Reading for Pentecost Day C has been dropped. (Rom 8:14-17 will still be read on Holy Trinity B.)

Year D (John)

Day	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Easter Vigil	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	D John 20:1-10*
Easter Day	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	D John 20:11-18
Easter Afternoon				<i>Same as Year C</i>
2nd S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	D Rev 19:4-10	John 20:19-31
3rd S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	D Rev 21:1-7*	D John 21:1-14
4th S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	D Rev 21:9-14*	D John 21:15-19
5th S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	D Rev 21:22-27*	D John 10:22-30*
6th S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	D Rev 22:12-16*	D John 16:16-24
Ascen Thurs	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	D Heb 10:19-23	D John 21:20-25
7th S.	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	D Rev 22:17-21*	D John 17:20-26
Pent. Vigil	D Joel 3:1-5	<i>Same as Year A</i>		
Pent. Extended Vigil	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	John 7:37-39
Pent. Day	<i>Same as Year A</i>	<i>Same as Year A</i>	D 1 Cor 2:11-16	D John 3:31-36

Note: The Gospel reading for Easter Vigil D has been taken from Easter Day. The Gospel reading for Easter 2D is the same as for Easter 2A, 2B, and 2C. The Gospel readings for 3D and 4D have been taken from 3C part one and 3C part two. The Gospel readings for 5D and 7D have been taken from 4C and 7C. The Gospel reading for Pentecost Vigil D is the same as for Pentecost Vigil A, B, and C.

The First Reading for Pentecost Vigil D is the fourth reading (optional) of Pentecost Vigil, extended form.

The Second Reading for 3D was taken from 5C. The Second Readings for 4D and 5D were taken from 6C part one and 6C part two. The Second Readings for 6D and 7D were taken from 7C part one and 7C part two. The Second Reading for Ascension D was taken from Ascension C part two.

ORDINARY TIME

Readings for Sundays in Ordinary Time

(New verses are **printed in red**. Moved readings are **highlighted in yellow**.)

The First Sunday in Ordinary Time is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (see above, in Christmas season).

Year A (Matthew)

Sunday	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
2 A	Isa 8:21-9:1*	27:1, 2, 3, 4	1 Cor 1:1-3	Matt 4:12-25*
3 A	Zeph 2:1-3	70:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5, 6	1 Cor 1:10-21*	Matt 5:1-12*
4 A	Isa 58:7-10	112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9	1 Cor 1:26-31	Matt 5:13-16
5 A	Sir 15:16-21 (Gk 15-20)	119:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (Heb 1ab-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8)	1 Cor 2:1-5	Matt 5:17-37*
6 A	Lev 19:1-18*	101:5, 6, 7	1 Cor 2:6-10	Matt 5:38-48
7 A	Isa 49:14-15	62:2-3, 4, 5, 6-7	1 Cor 3:16-23	Matt 6:19-34*
8 A	Tob 4:14-19	119:57-58, 59-60, 61-62, 63-64	1 Cor 4:1-5	Matt 7:1-12
9 A	Deut 11:18-32*	31:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-7	1 Cor 5:1-8	Matt 7:13-29*
10 A	Hos 6:3-6	50:8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15	1 Cor 5:9-13	Matt 9:9-13
11 A	Zeph 3:11-13	119:41-42, 43-44, 45-46, 47-48	1 Cor 6:12-20*	Matt 10:16-23
12 A	Jer 20:10-13	69:8-10, 11-13, 14	1 Cor 7:1-7	Matt 10:24-33*
13 A	2 Kgs 4:8-17*	127:1, 2, 3-4, 5	1 Cor 7:8-16	Matt 10:34-42; 11:1*
14 A	Isa 41:17-20	65:10abcd, 10e-11, 12-13, 14	1 Cor 7:29-31	Matt 13:1-23*
15 A	Wis 12:13-19*	86:5-6, 7-8, 9-10	1 Cor 7:32-35	Matt 13:24-43*
16 A	1 Kgs 3:5-12*	119:129-130, 131-132, 133-134, 135-136	1 Cor 9:16-23*	Matt 13:44-53*
17 A	1 Kgs 19:9-13a*	55:4, 5-6, 7-9	1 Cor 10:31-11:1	Matt 14:22-36*
18 A	Isa 56:1-7*	65:2-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6	1 Cor 11:2-16	Matt 15:21-28
19 A	Isa 22:19-23	106:1-2, 3-4a, 4b-5	1 Cor 12:14-30*	Matt 16:13-20
20 A	Jer 20:7-9	63:7-9, 10-11, 12	1 Cor 12:31-13:13*	Matt 17:22-27
21 A	Ezek 33:7-9	78:39-40, 41-43	1 Cor 14:33b-40	Matt 18:15-20

22 A	Sir 27:33-28:9 (Gk 27:30-28:7)	103:15-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-22	1 Cor 15:12-20*	Matt 18:21-35
23 A	Deut 24:1-5	119:49-50, 51-52, 53-54, 55-56	1 Cor 15:45-49	Matt 19:1-12
24 A	Deut 24:10-15	25:1-2, 3	1 Cor 15:54-58	Matt 20:1-16
25 A	Ezek 18:25-28	79:8, 9	2 Cor 1:18-22	Matt 21:28-32
26 A	Isa 5:1-7	80:9-10, 11-12, 13-14	2 Cor 3:1b-6	Matt 21:33-46*
27 A	Isa 25:6-10a	36:6-7, 8, 9-10, 11	2 Cor 3:12-18	Matt 22:1-14*
28 A	Mal 1:14b-2:10*	37:35-36, 37-38, 39-40	2 Cor 4:6-12*	Matt 23:1-12
29 A	Isa 45:1-8*	96:1-3, 4-6, 7-8a	2 Cor 4:13-5:1	Matt 23:13, 15-22
30 A	Exod 22:20-26	18:44-45a, 45b-46, 47-48ab, 48c-50, 51 (Heb 44-45a, 45b-46, 47-48, 49-50, 51)	2 Cor 5:1-10*	Matt 23:23-28
31 A	Zech 9:9-10	145:1-3, 4-5, 6-7	2 Cor 5:14-17	Matt 23:29-39
32 A	Wis 6:12-16	63:2, 3-4, 5-6	2 Cor 8:7-15*	Matt 25:1-13
33 A	Prov 31:10-31*	112:1, 2, 3	2 Cor 12:7-10	Matt 25:14-30*
34 A	Ezek 34:17-24	37:1-2, 3-4, 5-6	1 Cor 15:20-28*	Matt 25:31-46
Christ King				

Note: The former readings for 2A have been moved to the Baptism in Christmas Season Year D. The last two verses of the former First Reading for 3A have been dropped. (Isa 9:1-6 will still be read on Christmas Night.) The second part of the former First Reading for 4A has been moved down to 11A. The former Gospel reading for 11A has been moved to Easter 5A. The former First Reading for 11A has been dropped. (Exod 19:1-20* will be read on Pentecost Vigil B and Pentecost Extended Vigil.) The former Gospel reading for 14A has been dropped. (Matt 11:25-30 will still be read on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart A.) The former First Reading and Responsorial Psalm for 14A have been moved down to 31A. The former First Reading for 15A has been dropped. (Isa 55:1-11 will still be read on the Easter Vigil.) The former readings for 18A have been dropped. (The parallel passages for Matt 14:13-21 will be read on 17B for Mark and Body and Blood C for Luke; Isa 55:1-11 will still be read on the Easter Vigil.) The former Gospel reading for 22A has been dropped. (The parallel passage for Matt 16:21-27 in Mark will be read on 34B.) The former First Reading and Responsorial Psalm for 22A have been moved up to 20A. The former First Reading for 25A has been dropped. (Isa 55:1-11 will still be read on the Easter Vigil.) The former Gospel reading for 29A has been dropped. (The parallel passage for Matt 22:15-21 in Mark will be read on 29B.) The former Gospel reading for 30A has been dropped. (The parallel passage for Matt 22:34-40 in Mark will be read on 30B.) The former First Reading for 34A has been dropped. (Ezek 34:11-16 will still be read on Sacred Heart C.)

The former Gospel Reading, the first part of the First Reading, and the Responsorial Psalm for 3A have been moved up to 2A. The former Gospel reading and the first part of the former First Reading for 4A have been moved up to 3A. The former readings for 5A through 8A have been moved up to 4A through 7A. The former Gospel reading and the former Responsorial Psalm for 15A have been moved up to 14A. The former readings for 16A through 17A have been moved up to 15A through 16A. The former readings for 19A through 21A have been moved up to 17A through 19A. The former readings for 23A through 24A have been moved up to 21A through 22A. The former Gospel reading for 25A has been moved up to 24A. The former readings for 26A through 28A have been moved up to 25A through 27A. The former readings for 31A have been moved up to 28A.

The sequence of Second Readings is semicontinuous. For that reason, the Second Readings do not correspond to any of the other readings for that Sunday. The Second Reading for 11A has been taken from 2B. The Second Readings for 14A through 17A have been taken from 3B through 6B. The Second Reading for 19A has been taken from the second part of 3C. The Second Readings for 20A has been taken from 4C. The Second Readings for 22A through 24A have been taken from 6C through 8C. The Second Readings for 25A and 26A have been taken from 7B and 8B. The Second Readings for 28A through 33A have been taken from 9B through 14B.

Year B (Mark)

Sun-day	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
2 B	Jonah 3:1-10*	78:30-31, 32-33, 34-35, 36-37, 38	Rom 1:13-17	Mark 1:14-20
3 B	Deut 18:15-20	81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17	Rom 1:18-25	Mark 1:21-34*
4 B	Lev 13:1-2, 44-46	32:1-2, 3-4, 5, 6	Rom 1:26-32	Mark 1:35-45*
5 B	Isa 43:22-25*	41:2-3, 4-5	Rom 2:1-11	Mark 2:1-12
6 B	Hos 2:16b-22*	46:9-11, 12	Rom 2:12-16	Mark 2:13-22*
7 B	Deut 5:12-15	81:3-4, 5-6ab, 6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11	Rom 2:17-24	Mark 2:23-3:6
8 B	Job 7:1-7*	147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Rom 2:25-29	Mark 3:7-19
9 B	Gen 3:9-20*	130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8	Rom 3:21-31*	Mark 3:20-35
10 B	Gen 15:1-6	105:1-2, 3-4, 5-7, 8-9 (Heb 1ab-2, 3-4, 5-7, 8-9)	Rom 4:1-5	Mark 4:1-20
11 B	Ezek 17:22-24	92:10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16	Rom 4:6-12	Mark 4:21-34*
12 B	Job 38:1-11*	107:23-24, 25-27, 28-29, 30-31	Rom 4:13-17	Mark 4:35-41
13 B	Ruth 1:1-22	146:1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Rom 4:18-25	Mark 5:1-20
14 B	Wis 1:12-16*	107:10-12, 13-14	Rom 5:16-21*	Mark 5:21-43
15 B	Amos 7:12-15	71:14-15, 16-17	Rom 6:12-18	Mark 6:7-13
16 B	Lev 20:21-26	99:1-2, 3-4, 5	Rom 6:19-23	Mark 6:14-29
17 B	Isa 50:8-10	116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9 (Heb 1ab-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9)	Rom 7:18-25	Mark 6:34-56
18 B	Deut 4:1-8*	15:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-5	Rom 8:18-21	Mark 7:1-15, 17-23*
19 B	Isa 42:16-23	94:7-8, 9-11, 12-13, 14-15	Rom 8:28-30	Mark 7:24-37*
20 B	2 Kgs 4:42-44	145:15-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21	Rom 8:35-39*	Mark 8:1-10
21 B	Prov 9:1-6	34:10-11, 12-13, 14-15	Rom 9:1-5	Mark 8:11-26
22 B	Jdt 8:2-17	66:16-17, 18-19, 20	Rom 11:1-7	Mark 9:14-29
23 B	Wis 2:12-24*	54:3-4, 5, 6-7, 8-9	Rom 11:11-15*	Mark 9:30-37
24 B	Num 11:25-29	19:12-13, 14, 15	Rom 11:16-24	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-50*
25 B	Wis 7:7-11	107:37-38, 39-40, 41-42, 43	Rom 11:25-32*	Mark 10:17-31*
26 B	Exod 15:1-21*	59:2-3, 4-5ab, 5c-6a (Heb 2-3, 4-5a, 5b-6a)	Rom 11:33-36	Mark 10:32-45*
27 B	Jer 31:7-9	28:6-7, 8-9	Rom 12:1-8*	Mark 10:46-52
28 B	Ezek 2:2-5	123:1, 2, 3-4	Rom 12:19-21	Mark 11:12-25

29 B	Hab 1:1-4*	119:17-18, 19-20, 21-22, 23-24	Rom 13:1-7	Mark 12:1-17
30 B	Deut 6:1-6*	18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7	Rom 13:8-10	Mark 12:18-34*
31 B	1 Kgs 17:1-16*	4:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9	Rom 14:7-12*	Mark 12:35-44*
32 B	Dan 12:1-3	18:21-22, 23-25, 26-28	Rom 15:14-21	Mark 13:1-13
33 B	1 Macc 1:54-59	74:8-9, 10-11	Rom 16:1-9	Mark 13:14-23
34 B Christ King	Dan 7:15-27	10:12-13, 14, 15-16, 17-18	Rev 11:15-18	Mark 8:27-9:1*

Note: The former readings for 2B have been moved to 2D. The former readings for 3B and 4B have been moved up to 2B and 3B. The first part of the former Gospel reading for 5B has been appended to the former 4B, newly moved up to 3B. The second part of the former Gospel for 5B has been prefixed to the former 6B, then moved up to 4B. The First Reading and Responsorial Psalm for 5B have been moved down to 8B. The First Reading and Responsorial Psalm for 6B have been moved up to 4B. The first part of the First Reading for 7B has been dropped. (Isa 43:16-21 will still be read on Lent 5C.) The rest of the former readings for 7B through 9B have been moved up to 5B through 7B. The former readings for 10B have been moved up to 9B. The new First Reading for 10B has been taken from the first half of the First Reading for Holy Family B. The new Responsorial Psalm for 10B has been taken from Holy Family B. The former Gospel and the first half of the former First Reading for 13B have been moved down to 14B. The second half of the former First Reading for 13B has been appended to 25B, then moved to 23B. The former Gospel reading for 14B has been moved to Advent 4B. The former First Reading and Responsorial Psalm for 14B have been moved down to 28B. The former Gospel reading and First Reading for 16B have been moved to Sacred Heart B. The former Responsorial Psalm for 16B has been dropped. (Ps 23:1-6 will still be sung or read on Sacred Heart C.) The former Gospel reading for 17B has been moved to Lent 1D. The former First Reading and Responsorial Psalm for 17B have been moved down to 20B. The former Gospel reading part one for 18B has been moved to 14D. The former Gospel reading part two and the First Reading and Responsorial Psalm for 18B have been moved to 15D. The former Gospel and First Reading for 19B have been moved to 16D. The former Responsorial Psalm for 19B has been dropped. (Ps 34:2-9 will be sung or read on Lent 4C.) The former Gospel reading for 20B has been moved to Body and Blood D. The former First Reading and Responsorial Psalm for 20B have been moved down to 21B. The former readings for 21B have been moved to 17D. The former readings for 22B have been moved up to 18B. The former Gospel reading for 23B has been moved up to 19B. The former First Reading for 23B has been dropped. (Isa 35:1-10 will be read on Advent 3A.) The former Responsorial Psalm for 23B has been dropped. (Ps 146:7-10 will still be sung or read on Advent 3A.) The former Gospel reading for 24B has been moved down to 34B. The first half of the former First Reading for 24 B has been dropped. (Isa 50:4-7 will still be read on Palm Sunday.) The second half of the former First Reading and the Responsorial Psalm for 24B have been moved up to 17B. The former Gospel and Responsorial Psalm for 25B have been moved up

to 23B. The former readings for 26B have been moved up to 24B. The new First Reading for 26B has been taken from the “Responsorial Psalm” following the reading of Exod 14:15-31 in the Easter Vigil. The former Gospel and First Reading for 27B have been moved to Holy Family B. The Responsorial Psalm for 27B has been dropped. (Ps 128:1-6 will be sung or read on Holy Family A.) The former Gospel reading and the First Reading for 28B have been moved up to 25B. The former Responsorial Psalm for 28B has been dropped. (Ps 90:9-17 will be sung or read on 17C.) The former Gospel reading for 29B has been moved up to 26B. The former First Reading for 29B has been dropped. (Isa 52:13–53:12 will still be the First Reading on Good Friday.) The former Responsorial Psalm for 29B has been dropped. (Ps 33:18-22 will be sung or read on Lent 2A.) The new First Reading for 29B has been taken from 27C part one. The former Gospel and the First Reading for 30B have been moved up to 27B. The former Responsorial Psalm for 30B has been dropped. (Ps 126:1-6 will be sung or read on 23D.) The former readings for 31B have been moved up to 30B. The former Gospel and First Reading for 32B have been moved up to 31B. The former Responsorial Psalm for 32B has been dropped. (Ps 146:7-10 will still be sung or read on Advent 3A.) The former Gospel reading for 33B has been prefixed to the Gospel reading for Advent 1B. The former First Reading for 33B has been moved up to 32B. The former Responsorial Psalm for 33B has been dropped. (Ps 16:5-11 will still be sung or read at the Easter Vigil.) The former readings for 34B have been moved to 34D.

The Second Reading for 9B has been taken from 9A. The Second Reading for 13B has been taken from 10A. The Second Reading for 14B has been taken from the second part of the Second Reading for Lent 1A. The Second Reading for 18B has been taken from the first part of 15A. The Second Readings for 19B through 21B have been taken from 17A through 19A. The Second Reading for 23B has been taken from 20A part one. The Second Reading for 25B has been taken from 20A part two. The Second Readings for 26B and 27B have been taken from 21A and 22A. The Second Readings for 30B and 31B have been taken from 23A and 24A.

Year C (Luke)

Sun-day	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
2 C	Neh 8:2-10*	119:33-34, 35-36, 37-38, 39-40	1 Thess 1:1-5b	Luke 4:14-21
3 C	Jer 1:4-19*	71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8	1 Thess 1:5c-10	Luke 4:21-30
4 C	Isa 6:1-8*	24:7, 8, 9, 10	1 Thess 2:7b-13*	Luke 5:1-11
5 C	Jer 17:5-8	1:1-2, 3, 4, 5-6	1 Thess 4:13-18*	Luke 6:17-26*
6 C	1 Sam 26:2-23*	7:2-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9	1 Thess 5:1-6	Luke 6:27-38
7 C	Sir 27:5-8 (Gk 4-7)	92:2-4, 5-7, 8-9	Gal 1:1-10*	Luke 6:39-49*
8 C	1 Kgs 8:41-43	88:2-4, 5-6	Gal 1:11-20*	Luke 7:1-10
9 C	1 Kgs 17:17-24	71:18-19, 20-21, 22-23	Gal 2:11-14	Luke 7:11-17
10 C	2 Sam 12:7-13*	32:7, 8, 9, 10, 11	Gal 2:15-21*	Luke 7:36-8:3*
11 C	1 Kgs 19:13b-21*	73:23-24, 25-26, 27-28 (Heb 23-34, 25-26, 27-28abc)	Gal 3:26-29	Luke 9:51-62
12 C	Isa 66:10-14c	66:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6ab, 6c-7	Gal 5:1-6	Luke 10:1-20*
13 C	Deut 30:10-14	69:30-32, 33-35, 36-37	Gal 5:13-15	Luke 10:25-37
14 C	Gen 18:1-16*	78:15-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-22	Gal 6:14-18	Luke 10:38-42
15 C	Gen 18:20-33*	11:1, 2-3, 4, 5-7	Phil 1:18-27a*	Luke 11:1-13
16 C	2 Macc 7:1-42*	119:105-106, 107-108, 109-110, 111-112	Phil 2:1-5	Luke 11:14-28
17 C	Qoh 2:18-23*	90:9-10, 11-12, 13-15, 16-17	Phil 4:8-9	Luke 12:13-21
18 C	Wis 18:6-9	135:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7	Phil 4:12-20*	Luke 12:32-48*
19 C	Jer 38:4-10*	40:2-3a, 3bcd, 4, 5 (Heb 2, 3, 4, 5)	Phlm 1-25*	Luke 12:49-56*
20 C	Lam 2:10-19	38:2-3, 4, 5-7, 8-9	2 Thess 1:11-2:2	Luke 13:10-17
21 C	Isa 66:18-21	117:1, 2 (Heb 1, 2ab)	2 Thess 2:16-3:5	Luke 13:22-33*
22 C	Sir 3:19-31* (Gk 17-29*)	68:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11	2 Thess 3:6-15*	Luke 14:1-14*
23 C	Wis 9:13-18	90:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8	Col 1:24-28	Luke 14:25-35*
24 C	Exod 32:7-14*	78:10, 11-12, 13-14	Col 2:12-14	Luke 15:1-10

25 C	Amos 8:4-7	113:1-3, 4-6, 7-9 (Heb 1-3, 4-6, 7-9ab)	Col 3:5-11*	Luke 16:1-15*
26 C	Amos 6:1-7*	73:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9	Eph 1:7-14*	Luke 16:19-31
27 C	Hab 1:12-2:4*	5:2-3, 4, 5-6, 7, 8 (Heb 2-3ab, 3c-4, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8)	Eph 4:17-24*	Luke 17:5-10
28 C	2 Kgs 5:14-17	115:9-11, 12, 13-14, 15-16	Eph 4:25-29	Luke 17:11-19
29 C	Mal 3:19-24*	98: 7-9a, 9bc	Eph 4:30-5:2	Luke 17:20-37
30 C	Exod 17:8-13	121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8	Eph 5:15-20	Luke 18:1-8
31 C	Sir 35:15b-22a* (Gk 12-18*)	75:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8	Eph 5:21-33*	Luke 18:9-17*
32 C	Wis 11:22-12:2	145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 (Heb 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14)	Eph 6:1-9	Luke 19:1-10
33 C	Dan 3:46-56*	148:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8	Eph 6:10-17	Luke 19:41-44
34 C Christ King	2 Sam 5:1-3	89:20, 21-22, 23-24	Col 1:12-20	Luke 23:35-43

Note: The former Gospel reading for 2C has been moved to 4D. The former First Reading for 2C has been dropped. (Isa 62:1-5 will still be read on the Christmas Vigil.) The former Responsorial Psalm for 2C has been dropped. (Ps 96:1-8a will be sung or read on OT 29A.) The first part of the former Gospel reading for 3C has been prefixed to the weekday Gospel reading for December 19 in Advent. The former Responsorial Psalm for 5C has been moved to Easter 5A. The former Gospel reading for 12C has been dropped. (The parallel passages for Luke 9:18-24 in Matthew and Mark will be read on 19A for Matthew and 34B for Mark.) The former First Reading for 12C has been moved to 30D. The first part of the former First Reading for 18C has been moved to 5D. The first part of the former First Reading for 27C has been moved to 29B. The former Gospel reading for 32C has been dropped. (The parallel passage for Luke 20:27-38 in Mark will be read on 30B.) The former First Reading for 32C has been moved up to 16C. The former Responsorial Psalm for 32C has been moved to Lent 2B. The former Gospel reading for 33C has been dropped. (The parallel passage for Luke 21:5-19 in Mark will be read on 32B.) The former First Reading and Responsorial Psalm for 33C have been moved up to 29C.

The second part of the former Gospel reading and the First Reading for 3C have been moved up to 2C. The former readings for 4C through 11C have been moved up to 3C through 10C. The former readings for 13C through 17C have been moved up to 11C through 15C. The former Gospel reading, the second part of the First Reading, and the Responsorial Psalm for 18C have been moved up to 17C. The former readings for 19C through 20C have been moved up to 18C through 19C. The former readings for 29C through 31C have been moved down to 30C

through 32C. The First Reading for 33C has been taken from the “Responsorial Psalm” for Holy Trinity A.

The Second Readings for 2C through 6C have been taken from 29A through 33A. The Second Readings for 7C and 8C have been taken from 9C and 10C. The Second Readings for 10C through 11C have been taken from 11C through 12C. The Second Reading for 12C has been taken from 13C part one. The Second Readings for 15C through 18C have been taken from 25A through 28A. The Second Reading for 19C has been taken from 23C. The Second Readings for 20C through 22C have been taken from 31C through 33C. The Second Readings for 23C through 25C have been taken from 16C through 18C. The Second Readings for 26C and 27C have been taken from 15B and 18B. The Second Readings for 29C through 31C have been taken from 19B through 21B.

Year D (John)

Sun-day	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
2 D	1 Sam 3:3b-19*	99:6, 7, 8, 9	Titus 1:1-9	John 1:35-42
3 D	Gen 28:10-19	84:9-10, 11, 12-13	Titus 2:1-10	John 1:43-51
4 D	Sir 3:3-17a* (Gk 2-14*)	78:1-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8	1 Tim 1:12-17	John 2:1-12*
5 D	Qoh 1:1-9	89:47, 48, 49	1 Tim 2:1-8	John 3:1-8
6 D	Num 21:4-9	102:16-18, 19-21, 22-23	1 Tim 6:11-16	John 3:7-15*
7 D	2 Kgs 4:18-37	86:1-2, 3-4	2 Tim 1:1-7*	John 4:43-54
8 D	Exod 31:12-18	104:16-18, 19-21, 22-23	2 Tim 2:8-13	John 5:1-3, 5-18
9 D	Esth 4:1-17	119:153-154, 155-156, 157-158, 159-160	2 Tim 3:14-4:2	John 5:19-25
10 D	Jer 32:16-19	9:18-19, 20-21	2 Tim 4:6-8	John 5:26-30
11 D	Judg 2:11-19	106:41-42, 43-44, 45-46, 47, 48	2 Tim 4:16-18	John 5:31-40
12 D	Exod 1:8-2:10	124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8	Jas 1:12-18*	John 5:41-47
13 D	Isa 44:1-5	139:9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16	Jas 1:19-27*	John 6:16-21
14 D	Jer 42:1-6	86:11, 12-13, 14, 15-16	Jas 2:1-5	John 6:22-29*
15 D	Exod 16:2-15*	78:23-24, 25-26, 27-28, 29	Jas 2:6-13	John 6:30-35
16 D	1 Kgs 19:4-8	31:22, 23, 24-25	Jas 2:14-18	John 6:41-51
17 D	Josh 24:1-18*	34:16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23	Jas 3:16-4:3	John 6:60-71*
18 D	Deut 13:1-6	66:8-9, 10-11, 12, 13-14	Jas 4:13-17	John 7:1-13
19 D	2 Kgs 22:3-23:3	119:113-114, 115-116, 117-118, 119-120	Jas 5:1-6	John 7:14-24
20 D	Bar 3:9-15	119:97-98, 99-100, 101-102, 103-104	Jude 17-25	John 7:25-31
21 D	Deut 4:25-31	59:17, 18	Heb 2:9-11	John 7:32-36
22 D	Deut 1:9-18	9:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9	Heb 4:12-13	John 7:45-8:1
23 D	Bar 5:1-9	126:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6	Heb 5:1-6	John 8:12-20
24 D	Isa 43:10-19	102:24-25, 26-28, 29	Heb 7:23-28	John 8:21-30
25 D	Gen 21:9-21	12:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8 (Heb 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9)	Heb 10:11-18*	John 8:31-36
26 D	Gen 13:14-18	78:52-53, 54-55	Heb 11:1-7*	John 8:37-41a
27 D	Jer 3:19-25	106:21-22, 23, 24-25	Heb 12:1-4	John 8:41b-47

28 D	Sir 24:1-16* (Gk 1-12*)	68:16-17, 18-19, 20-21	Heb 12:5-13*	John 8:48-59
29 D	Exod 6:28-7:7	82:1, 2-4, 5, 6-7, 8	Heb 12:18-24*	John 10:31-42
30 D	Zech 12:10- 13:1*	42:9, 10, 11, 12	2 John 1-9	John 11:45-57
31 D	Deut 15:1-11	37:21-22, 23-24, 25-26, 27- 28ab	3 John 1-8	John 12:1-11
32 D	Isa 6:8-13	119:65-66, 67-68, 69-70, 71- 72	2 Pet 1:1-7	John 12:34-43
33 D	Bar 3:32-4:4	119:9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15- 16	2 Pet 3:15-18	John 12:44-50
34 D Christ King	Dan 7:13-14	93:1ab, 1c-2, 3, 4, 5	Rev 1:1-8*	John 18:33b-37

Note: The readings for 2D have been taken from 2B. The Gospel reading for 4D has been taken from 2C. The First Reading for 4D has been taken from Holy Family A. The First Reading for 5D has been taken from 18C part one. The Gospel reading for 6D has been taken from Lent 4B part one. The Gospel reading for 14D has been taken from 18B part one. The Gospel reading for 15D has been taken from 18B part two. The First Reading and Responsorial Psalm for 15D have been taken from 18B. The readings for 16D and 17D have been taken from 19B and 21B. The First Reading for 20D has been taken from the first part of the sixth Old Testament Reading at the Easter Vigil. The First Reading and Responsorial Psalm for 23D have been taken from Advent 2C. The First Reading for 28D has been taken from the Second Sunday after Christmas. The First Reading for 30D has been taken from 12C. The First Reading for 33D has been taken from the second part of the sixth Old Testament Reading at the Easter Vigil. The readings for 34D have been taken from 34B.

The Second Readings for 4D through 6D have been taken from 24C through 26C. The Second Reading for 7D has been taken from the first part of 27C. The Second Readings for 8D and 9D have been taken from 28C and 29C. The Second Readings for 10D and 11D have been taken from 30C part one and 30C part two. The Second Readings for 12D and 13D have been taken from 22B part one and 22B part two. The Second Readings for 14D, 16D, 17D, and 19D have been taken from 23B, 24B, 25B, and 26B. The Second Readings for 21D through 25D have been taken from 27B, 28B, 30B, 31B, and 33B. The Second Reading for 26D has been taken from 19C part one. The Second Readings for 27D through 29D have been taken from 20C through 22C.

SOLEMNITIES OF THE LORD IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for Solemnities of the Lord in Ordinary Time

(New verses are **printed in red**. Moved readings are **highlighted in yellow**.)

Year A (Matthew)

Day		First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Sun. after Pentecost: Holy Trinity	A	Exod 34:4-9*	148:11-12, 13, 14	2 Cor 13:11-13	John 14:15-20
Thurs. after Trinity Sun.: Body & Blood	A	Lev 17:10-14	106:34-35, 36-37, 38, 39-40	Heb 9:16-23	Matt 26:26-29
Friday after 2 nd Sun. after Pentecost: Sacred Heart	A	Deut 7:6-11	103:8-10, 11-12, 13-14	1 John 4:7-10	Matt 11:25-30

Note: The original Gospel reading for Holy Trinity A has been dropped because it makes no mention of the Holy Spirit. (John 3:16-21 will be read on Lent 4B.) The original “Responsorial Psalm” for Holy Trinity A has been dropped. (Dan 3:46-56* will be the First Reading on Ordinary Time 33C.) The new Gospel reading for Holy Trinity A has been taken from Easter 6A.

The original readings for Body and Blood A have been moved to D.

The second part of the Second Reading for Sacred Heart A has been dropped. (1 John 4:11-16 will be read on Easter 6B.)

Year B (Mark)

Day		First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Sun. after Pentecost: Holy Trinity	B	Deut 4:32-40*	33:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9	Rom 8:14-17	Matt 28:16-20
Thurs. after Trinity Sun.: Body & Blood	B	Exod 24:3-8	50:1-2, 3-4, 5-6	Heb 9:11-15	Mark 14:12-26*
Friday after 2 nd Sun. after Pentecost: Sacred Heart	B	Jer 23:1-6	78:68-69, 70-71, 72	1 John 3:16-18	Mark 6:30-34

Note: The original Responsorial Psalm for Body & Blood B has been dropped. (Ps 116:12-18 will be sung or read on Holy Thursday.)

The original readings other than the “Responsorial Psalm” for Sacred Heart B have been moved to D. The original “Responsorial Psalm” for Sacred Heart B has been dropped. (Isa 12:1-6* will be the First Reading on Advent 3B.) The new Gospel reading and First Reading for Sacred Heart B have been taken from Ordinary Time 16B. The new Second Reading for Sacred Heart B has been taken from Easter 5B part one.

Year C (Luke)

Day		First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Sun. after Pentecost: Holy Trinity	C	2 Sam 23:1-5	143:7, 8, 9-10, 11-12	Rom 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
Thurs. after Trinity Sun.: Body & Blood	C	Gen 14:18-20	110:1, 2, 3, 4	1 Cor 11:27-29	Luke 9:10-17*
Friday after 2 nd Sun. after Pentecost: Sacred Heart	C	Ezek 34:11-16	23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6	Rom 5:5-11*	Luke 15:1-7*

Note: The original First Reading for Holy Trinity C has been moved with its Psalm to the sixth Old Testament Reading at the Easter Vigil.

The original Second Reading for Body and Blood C has been dropped. (1 Cor 11:23-26 will still be read on Holy Thursday.)

Year D (John)

Day		First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Sun. after Pentecost: Holy Trinity	D	Isa 63:10-16	139:1-3, 4-6, 7-8	Eph 2:11-22*	John 14:21-31*
Thurs. after Trinity Sun.: Body & Blood	D	Deut 8:2-16*	147:12-13, 14-15, 16-18, 19-20	1 Cor 10:16-17	John 6:51-59*
Friday after 2 nd Sun. after Pentecost: Sacred Heart	D	Hos 11:1-9*	111:1-2, 3-4	Eph 3:8-19*	John 19:31-37

Note: The Gospel reading for Holy Trinity D has been taken from Easter 6C part two. The Second Reading for Holy Trinity D has been taken from Ordinary Time 16B.

The readings for Body and Blood D have been taken from A.

The readings, except for the Responsorial Psalm, for Sacred Heart D have been taken from B.

PROPER OF SAINTS

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION AND PRECEDENCE OVER SUNDAYS

Included below are the readings for Holy Days of Obligation (printed in CAPITAL LETTERS) as designated in the Code of Canon Law (canon 1246) which have not already been included in the Proper of Seasons for Sundays. Also included are feasts that have precedence over Sundays.

(New readings or verses are printed in red.)

Day	First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Feb 2 Presentation	Mal 3:1-4	24:7, 8, 9, 10	Heb 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40*
Mar 19 JOSEPH	2 Sam 7:1-17*	89:2-3, 4-5, 6-8	Rom 4:13-22*	Matt 1:16-25*
June 24 Birth of John the Baptist Vigil	Jer 1:4-10	71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8	1 Pet 1:8-12	Luke 1:5-17
June 24 Birth of John the Baptist Day	Isa 49:1-6	139:9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15, 16	Acts 13:22-26	Luke 1:57-80*
June 29 PETER & PAUL Vigil	Acts 3:1-10	19:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7 (Heb 2-3, 4-5ab, 5c-6, 7)	Gal 1:11-20	John 21:15-19
June 29 PETER & PAUL Day	Acts 12:1-11	34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9	2 Tim 4:6-18*	Matt 16:13-20*
Aug 6 Transfiguration	Dan 7:9-14*	97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6	2 Pet 1:16-21*	A Matt 17:1-13* B Mark 9:2-13* C Luke 9:28-36* D John 12:27-33
Aug 15 ASSUMPTION Vigil	1 Chr 15:25-16:2*	132:6-7, 8-10, 11, 12, 13-14	1 Cor 15:54b-57	Luke 11:27-28
Aug 15 ASSUMPTION Day	Rev 11:19-12:10abc*	45:10b, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16	1 Cor 15:20-27	Luke 1:39-56
Sep 14 Holy Cross	Num 21:4-9*	78:30-31, 32-33, 34-35, 36-37, 38	Phil 2:6-11	John 3:13-17
Nov 1 ALL SAINTS	Rev 7:2-14*	24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6	1 John 3:1-3	Matt 5:1-12*

Nov 2 Faithful Departed	2 Macc 12:39-46*	23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6	Rom 5:5-11	John 6:35-40*
Nov 9 Lateran Basilica	Ezek 47:1-12*	46:2-4, 5-6, 7-8	1 Cor 3:9c-17*	John 2:13-22
Dec 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	Gen 3:9-20*	98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6	Eph 1:3-12*	Luke 1:26-38

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Proposed Gospel Readings for Sundays of Easter

The resurrection narratives comprise only the last chapter of each of the three Synoptic Gospels and the last two chapters of the Gospel of John. In this proposal to expand the Sunday Lectionary, with the addition of Year D all of the resurrection narratives in the four Gospels will be read in the four-year cycle of Sundays in the Easter Season. This would allow those resurrection readings to be heard by the greater number of faithful who attend only Sunday Mass but not Mass during the week. The result is the following proposed order of Gospel readings for Sundays in the season of Easter. The Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity Sunday) is also listed to show that the Gospel readings for Trinity Sunday do not overlap with those of Pentecost.

(New readings, new chapter numbers, and new verse numbers are **printed in red**.)
(Readings that have been moved to a new location are **highlighted in yellow**.)

Sunday	Year A (Matthew)	Year B (Mark)	Year C (Luke)	Year D (John)
Easter Vigil	Matt 28:1-8	Mark 16:1-8	Luke 24:1-12	John 20:1-10
Easter Day	Matt 28:8-15	Mark 16:9-13	<i>Same as Year D</i>	John 20:11-18
Easter Afternoon	<i>Same as Year C</i>	<i>Same as Year C</i>	Luke 24:13-35	<i>Same as Year C</i>
2nd Sunday	<i>Same as Year D</i>	<i>Same as Year D</i>	<i>Same as Year D</i>	John 20:19-31
3rd Sunday	John 13:31-38	Mark 16:14-18	Luke 24:13-35	John 21:1-14
4th Sunday	John 14:1-7	John 15:1-8	Luke 24:33-49	John 21:15-19
5th Sunday	Matt 9:35-10:8	John 10:1-10	John 10:11-21	John 10:22-30
6th Sunday	John 14:8-14	John 15:9-17	John 16:4b-11	John 16:16-24
Ascension	Matt 28:16-20	Mark 16:14-20	Luke 24:44-53	John 21:20-25
7th Sunday	John 16:25-33	John 17:1-11a	John 17:11b-19	John 17:20-26
Pentecost Vigil	<i>Same as Year D</i>	<i>Same as Year D</i>	<i>Same as Year D</i>	John 7:37-39
Pentecost Day	John 20:19-23	John 15:26-16:4a	John 14:21-26	John 3:31-36
Sun. after Pent. Holy Trinity	John 14:15-20	Matt 28:16-20	John 16:12-15	John 14:21-31

The Introduction to the current Lectionary states that, at the Vigil on the holy night of Easter, the Gospel reading is “the announcement of the Resurrection according to one of the Synoptic Gospels . . . The Gospel reading for the Mass on Easter day is from John on the finding of the empty tomb. There is also, however, the option to use the Gospel texts from the Easter Vigil or, when there is an evening Mass on Easter Sunday, to use the account in Luke of the Lord’s appearance to the disciples on the road to Emmaus” (GIL 99).

For the rest of the Sundays of the Easter season, “The Gospel readings for the first three Sundays recount the appearances of the risen Christ. The readings about the Good Shepherd are assigned to the Fourth Sunday. On the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays, there are excerpts from the Lord’s discourse and prayer at the end of the Last Supper” (GIL 100). “Where the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the following [Seventh] Sunday, the Second Reading and Gospel given for the Seventh Sunday of Easter (nn. 59-61 [in the Order of Readings]) may be read on the Sixth Sunday of Easter” (see n. 57 in the Order of Readings).

In this draft proposal, the final chapters of the four Gospels (Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, and John 20–21) will be read in their entirety on the Sundays (and Ascension Thursday) of the Easter season. In general, the passages from Matthew will be read in Year A, from Mark in Year B, from Luke in Year C, and from John in Year D. At the Vigil on the holy night of Easter, the Gospel readings will recount the finding of the empty tomb and the announcement of the resurrection. The Gospel readings for the Mass on Easter day will recount the Lord’s appearance to Mary Magdalene. When there is an evening Mass on Easter Sunday, the option will remain to use the account in Luke of the Lord’s appearance to the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

On the Second Sunday of Easter in Years A, B, C, and D, the Gospel reading will be, as in the current Lectionary, from John 20:19-31, on the appearances of the risen Christ to the disciples and to Thomas.

On the Third and Fourth Sundays of Easter, the Gospel readings recount further appearances of the risen Christ, except for the Third Sunday Year A and the Fourth Sunday Years A and B, where passages in John’s Gospel from the Lord’s discourse at the Last Supper are read.

On the Fifth Sunday of Easter the Gospel readings will be about the Good Shepherd.

On the Sixth and Seventh Sundays, there will be additional excerpts from the Lord’s discourse and prayer at the end of the Last Supper.

Since John 20:11-18 will now be the Gospel reading in Years C and D at the Mass for Easter day, it will be dropped as the reading for Tuesday in the Easter octave. The proposed Gospel readings for weekdays of the Easter octave will be as follows:

Weekday	Current Gospel Reading	vv.	Proposed Gospel Reading	vv.
Monday	Matt 28:8-15	8	Matt 28:8-15	8
Tuesday	John 20:11-18	8	Luke 24:13-35	23
Wednesday	Luke 24:13-35	23	Luke 24:33-49	17
Thursday	Luke 24:35-48	14	Mark 16:9-18	10
Friday	John 21:1-14	14	John 21:1-14	14
Saturday	Mark 16:9-15	7	John 21:15-25	11

As a result of this new arrangement, the Gospels read more than once every four years on Easter Sunday will not be read on the weekdays of the Easter octave.

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The Gospel reading for Trinity Sunday, Year A, has been changed from John 3:16-18 to John 14:15-20 because the current reading makes no mention of the Holy Spirit. (John 3:16-21 will be read on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B.)

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The passage from 1 Cor 15:1-11, where St. Paul lists the various appearances of the risen Lord, will be the Second Reading on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year C, after all the other appearances (including the ascension) will have been read. Year C is chosen because that is the year for the reading of Luke's Gospel, wherein mention is made of the appearance of Christ to Simon (Peter) in Luke 24:34. 1 Cor 15:5 mentions the appearance to Cephas (Peter).

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The readings from 1 Peter on the Sixth and Seventh Sundays of Easter, Year A, have been expanded to include verses pertaining to the preaching of the Gospel to the dead, a possible reference to the article of the Apostles Creed "he descended into hell." The expanded readings also contain references to the resurrection or to life in the Spirit. On the Sixth Sunday, 1 Pet 3:15-18 is expanded to 1 Pet 3:13-22. On the Seventh Sunday, 1 Pet 4:13-16 is expanded to 1 Pet 4:5-16.

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Appendix 2: Acts of the Apostles

Day	Current Reading	vv.	Proposed Reading	vv.	Contents
Easter Day	10:34a, 37-43	7.5	1:1-5	5	Jesus appears
M	2:14, 22-33	13	6-14	9	Ascension
Tu.	2:36-41	6	15-26	12	Matthias chosen
W	3:1-10	10	2:1-41	41	Pentecost
Th	3:11-26	16	42-47; 3:1-26; 4:1-4	36	Peter, John heal
F	4:1-12	12	4:5-31	27	Peter, John speak
Sa	4:13-21	9	32-37; 5:1-11	17	All in common
2nd Sun.	2:42-47 4:32-35 5:12-16	6 4 5	5:12-42	31	Apostles arrested
M	4:23-31	9	6:1-15; 7:1-16	31	Choice of seven
Tu	4:32-37	6	7:17-43	27	Stephen's speech 2
W	5:17-26	10	44-60; 8:1-3	20	Stephen's speech 3
Th	5:27-33	7	8:4-25	22	Philip in Samaria
F	5:34-42	9	26-36, 38-40	14	Philip, Ethiopian
Sa	6:1-7	7	9:1-31	31	Conversion of Saul
3rd Sun.	2:14, 22-33 3:13-15, 17-19 5:27b-32, 40b-41	13 6 7	32-43	12	Peter heals Aeneas
M	6:8-15	8	10:1-23a	22.5	Cornelius, Peter
Tu	7:51-60; 8:1a	10.5	23b-48	25.5	Spirit falls on all
W	8:1b-8	7.5	11:1-18	18	Peter in Jerusalem
Th	8:26-40	15	19-30	12	Greeks believe
F	9:1-20	20	12:1-24	24	Herod kills James
Sa	9:31-42	12	25; 13:1-12	13	Barnabas, Saul sail
4th Sun.	2:14a, 36-41 4:8-12 13:14, 43-52	6.5 5 11	13:13-43	31	Paul, Barnabas at Antioch of Pisidia
M	11:1-18	18	44-52	9	To the Gentiles
Tu	11:19-26	8	14:1-20	20	At Iconium, Lystra
W	12:24-25; 13:1-5a	6.5	21-28	8	Derbe; to Antioch
Th	13:13-25	13	15:1-21	21	Jerusalem council
F	13:26b-33	7.5	22-33, 35	13	Letter to Antioch
Sa	13:44-52	9	36-41; 16:1-10	16	Paul: Lystra, Troas
5th Sun.	6:1-7 9:26-31 14:21b-27	7 6 6.5	16:11-40	30	Paul, Silas: Philippi
M	14:5-18	14	17:1-15	15	Paul: Thessalonica
Tu	14:19-28	10	16-34	19	Paul: Athens
W	15:1-6	6	18:1-22	22	Corinth, Antioch
Th	15:7-21	15	23-28; 19:1-20	26	Apollos, Paul

F	15:22-31	10	19:21-40; 20:1	21	Riot at Ephesus
Sa	16:1-10	10	20:2-16	15	Greece; Troas
6th Sun.	8:5-8, 14-17 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 15:1-2, 22-29	8 9 10	17-38	22	Speech at Miletus
M	16:11-15	5	21:1-14	14	Tyre, Caesarea
Tu	16:22-34	13	15-36	22	Paul visits James
W	17:15, 22-34; 18:1	15	37-40; 22:1-29	33	Paul to the people
As. Th	1:1-11	11	1:1-12	12	Ascension
F	18:9-18	10	22:30; 23:1-11	12	Paul at council
Sa	18:23-28	6	23:12-35	24	Paul to Caesarea
7th Sun.	1:12-14 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 7:55-60	3 10 6	24:1-6, 8-27	26	Paul before Felix
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In regions where the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the proposed readings from Acts listed above for Friday and Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter and the Seventh Sunday of Easter would be shifted to Thursday, Friday, and Saturday respectively of the Sixth Week of Easter as follows:

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