

Mass Scripture Citations for Church Year 2025

# A Light *for* My Path



# YOUR WORD IS A LAMP FOR MY FEET, A LIGHT FOR MY PATH.

PSALM 119:105

## ABOUT THIS BOOK

The citations in this book are for the prescribed, primary readings for every day of Church Year 2025. Liturgical days are taken from the *Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America*, which is based on the General Roman Calendar and published by the Secretariat of Divine Worship, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Names and titles conform with the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*. Scripture citations and Lectionary numbers are from the *Lectionary for Mass, volume IV*. Readings are based on the *New American Bible*, a version approved for liturgical use.

In some cases, other readings may be permitted (e.g., for the patron of a diocese or parish). Certain Sundays, Holy Days, Feasts and Seasons offer alternative readings. We list many, either with an “or” or in the footnotes. Some Feasts are optional and are indicated in *[bracketed italics]*. Because space does not allow us to print all of these options, you may find the alternative readings for these occasions in the *Lectionary*. On Saturdays in Ordinary Time with no feast, we indicate the option of a Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary with “[BVM].” When given a choice, we always cite the longer form of the reading.

## HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

The readings in this book are listed chronologically. All seasons of the Church Year and months are clearly marked for ease of navigation. The Church uses various colors to indicate Seasons and Feasts and to let us know about the life of a particular saint. The colored symbol preceding each date alerts you to that day’s particular celebration. Symbols and colors are as follows:

### SYMBOLS

Indicates a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation

Indicates a weekday celebration

### COLORS

**Violet** (purple) is used during Advent and Lent. It symbolizes penitence and royalty.

**White** (represented here as **Gold**) is used during the seasons of Christmas and Easter. It is also used for Solemnities such as The Immaculate Conception, Corpus Christi, etc.

**Red**, symbolizing fire and blood, is used on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost Sunday and on the Feasts of martyrs.

**Rose** is used on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) and the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday).

**Green** is used during Ordinary Time, which can last up to thirty-four weeks and is separated into two parts by the Lent/Easter Seasons.

# THE BOOKS OF THE NEW AMERICAN BIBLE

Acts—Acts of the Apostles	2 Kgs—2 Kings
Am—Amos	Lam—Lamentations
Bar—Baruch	Lk—Luke
1 Chr—1 Chronicles	Lv—Leviticus
2 Chr—2 Chronicles	Mal—Malachi
Col—Colossians	1 Mc—1 Maccabees
1 Cor—1 Corinthians	2 Mc—2 Maccabees
2 Cor—2 Corinthians	Mi—Micah
Dn—Daniel	Mk—Mark
Dt—Deuteronomy	Mt—Matthew
Eccl—Ecclesiastes	Na—Nahum
Eph—Ephesians	Neh—Nehemiah
Est (A-F)—Esther	Nm—Numbers
Ex—Exodus	Ob—Obadiah
Ez—Ezekiel	Phil—Philippians
Ezr—Ezra	Phlm—Philemon
Gal—Galatians	Prv—Proverbs
Gn—Genesis	Ps(s)—Psalm(s)
Hb—Habakkuk	1 Pt—1 Peter
Heb—Hebrews	2 Pt—2 Peter
Hg—Haggai	Rom—Romans
Hos—Hosea	Ru—Ruth
Is—Isaiah	Rv—Revelation
Jas—James	Sg—Song of Songs
Jb—Job	Sir—Sirach
Jdt—Judith	1 Sm—1 Samuel
Jer—Jeremiah	2 Sm—2 Samuel
Jgs—Judges	Tb—Tobit
Jl—Joel	1 Thes—1 Thessalonians
Jn—John	2 Thes—2 Thessalonians
1 Jn—1 John	Ti—Titus
2 Jn—2 John	1 Tm—1 Timothy
3 Jn—3 John	2 Tm—2 Timothy
Jon—Jonah	Wis—Wisdom
Jos—Joshua	Zec—Zechariah
Jude—Jude	Zep—Zephaniah
1 Kgs—1 Kings	

# ADVENT 2024

- +** Dec 1 **First Sunday of Advent:** Jer 33:14-16 ▪ Ps 25:4-5,8-9,10,14<sup>1</sup> ▪ 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 ▪ Lk 21:25-28,34-36
- Dec 2: Is 2:1-5 ▪ Ps 122:1-2,3-4,4-5,6-7,8-9 ▪ Mt 8:5-11
- Dec 3 St. Francis Xavier: Is 11:1-10 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 ▪ Lk 10:21-24
- Dec 4 [*St. John Damascene*]: Is 25:6-10a ▪ Ps 23:1-3,3-4,5,6 ▪ Mt 15:29-37
- Dec 5: Is 26:1-6 ▪ Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27 ▪ Mt 7:21,24-27
- Dec 6 [*St. Nicholas*]: Is 29:17-24 ▪ Ps 27:1,4,13-14 ▪ Mt 9:27-31
- Dec 7 St. Ambrose: Is 30:19-21,23-26 ▪ Ps 147:1-2,3-4,5-6 ▪ Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8
- +** Dec 8 **Second Sunday of Advent:** Bar 5:1-9 ▪ Ps 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6 ▪ Phil 1:4-6,8-11 ▪ Lk 3:1-6
- Dec 9 The Immaculate Conception: Gn 3:9-15,20 ▪ Ps 98:1,2-3,3-4 ▪ Eph 1:3-6,11-12 ▪ Lk 1:26-38
- Dec 10 [*Our Lady of Loreto*]: Is 40:1-11 ▪ Ps 96:1-2,3,10,11-12,13 ▪ Mt 18:12-14
- Dec 11 [*St. Damasus I*]: Is 40:25-31 ▪ Ps 103:1-2,3-4,8,10 ▪ Mt 11:28-30
- Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab ▪ Jdt 13:18,19 ▪ Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47<sup>2</sup>
- Dec 13 St. Lucy: Is 48:17-19 ▪ Ps 1:1-2,3,4,6 ▪ Mt 11:16-19
- Dec 14 St. John of the Cross: Sir 48:1-4,9-11 ▪ Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 ▪ Mt 17:9a,10-13
- +** Dec 15 **Third Sunday of Advent:** Zep 3:14-18a ▪ Is 12:2-3,4,5-6 ▪ Phil 4:4-7 ▪ Lk 3:10-18
- Dec 16: Nm 24:2-7,15-17a ▪ Ps 25:4-5ab,6 and 7bc,8-9 ▪ Mt 21:23-27
- Dec 17: Gn 49:2,8-10 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,3-4,7-8,17 ▪ Mt 1:1-17
- Dec 18: Jer 23:5-8 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 ▪ Mt 1:18-25
- Dec 19: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a ▪ Ps 71:3-4,5-6,16-17 ▪ Lk 1:5-25
- Dec 20: Is 7:10-14 ▪ Ps 24:1-2,3-4,5-6 ▪ Lk 1:26-38
- Dec 21 [*St. Peter Canisius*]: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a ▪ Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21 ▪ Lk 1:39-45
- +** Dec 22 **Fourth Sunday of Advent:** Mi 5:1-4a ▪ Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 ▪ Heb 10:5-10 ▪ Lk 1:39-45
- Dec 23 [*St. John of Kanty*]: Mal 3:1-4,23-24 ▪ Ps 25:4-5ab,8-9,10 and 14 ▪ Lk 1:57-66
- Dec 24: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 ▪ Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27,29 ▪ Lk 1:67-79

# CHRISTMAS

- +** Dec 25 **The Nativity of the Lord:** Is 9:1-6 ▪ Ps 96:1-2,2-3,11-12,13 ▪ Ti 2:11-14 ▪ Lk 2:1-14<sup>3</sup>
- Dec 26 St. Stephen: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 ▪ Ps 31:3-4,6,8,16-17 ▪ Mt 10:17-22
- Dec 27 St. John: 1 Jn 1:1-4 ▪ Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 ▪ Jn 20:1a,2-8
- Dec 28 The Holy Innocents: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 ▪ Ps 124:2-3,4-5,7-8 ▪ Mt 2:13-18
- +** Dec 29 **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:** Sir 3:2-6,12-14 ▪ Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5 ▪ Col 3:12-21 ▪ Lk 2:41-52<sup>4</sup>
- Dec 30 [*Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*]: 1 Jn 2:12-17 ▪ Ps 96:7-8,8-9,10 ▪ Lk 2:36-40
- Dec 31 [*St. Sylvester I*]: 1 Jn 2:18-21 ▪ Ps 96:1-2,11-12,13 ▪ Jn 1:1-18

## JANUARY 2025

- + **Jan 1 Mary, the Holy Mother of God:** Nm 6:22-27 ▪ Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8 ▪ Gal 4:4-7 ▪ Lk 2:16-21
- Jan 2 Sts. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen: 1 Jn 2:22-28 ▪ Ps 98:1,2-3,3-4 ▪ Jn 1:19-28
- Jan 3 [*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*]: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6 ▪ Ps 98:1,3-4,5-6 ▪ Jn 1:29-34
- Jan 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 1 Jn 3:7-10 ▪ Ps 98:1,7-8,9 ▪ Jn 1:35-42
- + **Jan 5 The Epiphany of the Lord:** Is 60:1-6 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13 ▪ Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 ▪ Mt 2:1-12
- Jan 6 [*St. André Bessette*]: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6 ▪ Ps 2:7-8,10-12 ▪ Mt 4:12-17,23-25
- Jan 7 [*St. Raymond of Penyafort*]: 1 Jn 4:7-10 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,3-4,7-8 ▪ Mk 6:34-44
- Jan 8: 1 Jn 4:11-18 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13 ▪ Mk 6:45-52
- Jan 9: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4 ▪ Ps 72:1-2,14-15,17 ▪ Lk 4:14-22a
- Jan 10: 1 Jn 5:5-13 ▪ Ps 147:12-13,14-15,19-20 ▪ Lk 5:12-16
- Jan 11: 1 Jn 5:14-21 ▪ Ps 149:1-2,3-4,5-6,9 ▪ Jn 3:22-30
- + **Jan 12 The Baptism of the Lord:** Is 42:1-4,6-7 ▪ Ps 29:1-2,3-4,3,9-10 ▪ Acts 10:34-38 ▪ Lk 3:15-16,21-22 <sup>5</sup>

## ORDINARY TIME

- Jan 13 (First Week in Ordinary Time) [*St. Hilary*]: Heb 1:1-6 ▪ Ps 97:1,2,6-7,9 ▪ Mk 1:14-20
- Jan 14: Heb 2:5-12 ▪ Ps 8:2,5,6-7,8-9 ▪ Mk 1:21-28
- Jan 15: Heb 2:14-18 ▪ Ps 105:1-2,3-4,6-7,8-9 ▪ Mk 1:29-39
- Jan 16: Heb 3:7-14 ▪ Ps 95:6-7,7-9,10-11 ▪ Mk 1:40-45
- Jan 17 St. Anthony: Heb 4:1-5,11 ▪ Ps 78:3-4,6-7,8 ▪ Mk 2:1-12
- Jan 18 [*BVM*]: Heb 4:12-16 ▪ Ps 19:8,9,10,15 ▪ Mk 2:13-17
- + **Jan 19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Is 62:1-5 ▪ Ps 96:1-2,2-3,7-8,9-10 ▪ 1 Cor 12:4-11 ▪ Jn 2:1-11
- Jan 20 [*St. Fabian, St. Sebastian*]: Heb 5:1-10 ▪ Ps 110:1,2,3,4 ▪ Mk 2:18-22
- Jan 21 St. Agnes: Heb 6:10-20 ▪ Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9,10 ▪ Mk 2:23-28
- Jan 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: Heb 7:1-3,15-17 ▪ Ps 110:1,2,3,4 ▪ Mk 3:1-6 <sup>6</sup>
- Jan 23 [*St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope*]: Heb 7:25—8:6 ▪ Ps 40:7-8,8-9,10,17 ▪ Mk 3:7-12
- Jan 24 St. Francis de Sales: Heb 8:6-13 ▪ Ps 85:8 and 10,11-12,13-14 ▪ Mk 3:13-19
- Jan 25 The Conversion of St. Paul: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 ▪ Ps 117:1,2 ▪ Mk 16:15-18
- + **Jan 26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 ▪ Ps 19:8,9,10,15 ▪ 1 Cor 12:12-30 ▪ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Jan 27 [*St. Angela Merici*]: Heb 9:15,24-28 ▪ Ps 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6 ▪ Mk 3:22-30
- Jan 28 St. Thomas Aquinas: Heb 10:1-10 ▪ Ps 40:2,4,7-8,10-11 ▪ Mk 3:31-35
- Jan 29: Heb 10:11-18 ▪ Ps 110:1,2,3,4 ▪ Mk 4:1-20
- Jan 30: Heb 10:19-25 ▪ Ps 24:1-2,3-4,5-6 ▪ Mk 4:21-25
- Jan 31 St. John Bosco: Heb 10:32-39 ▪ Ps 37:3-4,5-6,23-24,39-40 ▪ Mk 4:26-34