



13 The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it."
 14 Then the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life.
 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel."

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. (7bc) With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!
 2 Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

3 If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand?
 4 But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

5 I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word.
 6 More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD.

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

7 For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption
 8 and he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

13 Brothers and sisters: Since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, I believed, therefore I spoke, we too believe and therefore we speak,
 14 knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence.
 15 Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.
 16 Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.
 17 For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,
 18 as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.
 1 For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

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Catholic Sunday Readings for 9 th June 2024, Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B	
1st Reading	<i>Genesis 3:9-15</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8</i>
2nd Readings	<i>2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1</i>
Alleluia	<i>John 12:31B-32</i>
Gospel	<i>Mark 3:20-35</i>

1st Reading - Genesis 3:9-15

9 After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?"
 10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself."
 11 Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!"
 12 The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it."

Alleluia - John 12:31B-32

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

31B Now the ruler of the world will be driven out, says the Lord;

32 and when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - Mark 3:20-35

20 Jesus came home with his disciples. Again the crowd gathered, making it impossible for them even to eat.

21 When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

22 The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons."

23 Summoning them, he began to speak to them in parables, "How can Satan drive out Satan?"

24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

26 And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him.

27 But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can plunder the house.

28 Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them.

29 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin."

30 For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

31 His mother and his brothers arrived. Standing outside they sent word to him and called him.

32 A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you."

33 But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?"

34 And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers.

35 For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Saint of the Day

Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor Biography

St Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church - Feast Day - 9th June

Date of Birth	306 AD
Place of Birth	Nisibis at the border of Syria and Turkey
Profession	Deacon, Confessor and Doctor of the Church
Place of Work	Turkey
Date of Death	9 th June 373
Place of Death	Edessa, Turkey
Feast Day	9 th June
Canonization	Pre-Congregation

St Ephrem the Syrian Life History

St Ephrem was born in 306 AD in the city of Nisibis (now Nusaybin) which is near the Syria-Turkey border. At that time it was in the newly-acquired Roman province of Mesopotamia. His parents were among the Christians in the city.

St Ephrem grew up under the leadership of Bishop Jacob of Nisibis. He was baptized as a youth and afterward, Bishop Jacob appointed him as a teacher.

After he was ordained as a deacon, he began to write biblical commentaries and compose hymns as part of his educational office. He often referred to his bishop as the "shepherd", himself as a "herdsman" and to his community as a 'fold'.

Ephrem was the founder of the School of Nisibis, which became a centre of learning of the Church of the East in later years.

Roman Emperor Constantine I died in 337 AD. This gave rise to attacks by Shapur II of Persia who in 350 AD attacked Nisibis by rerouting the River Mygdonius to weaken the walls of Nisibis.

The residents of Nisibis managed to repair the walls and while at it, the elephants that the Persian warriors rode got stuck in the wet ground. St Ephrem saw this as the miraculous salvation of Nisibis and composed a hymn that portrayed the city of Nisibis like Noah's Ark that safely floated on the flood.

There is an inscription in the baptistery of Nisibis, which was constructed in 359 AD under Bishop Vologeses. It says that year, Shapur II of Persia attacked again, destroyed the cities around Nisibis, and killed and deported their citizens.

Roman Emperor Flavius Julius Constantius, known as Constantius II, was unable to contain these attacks. But in 363 AD, he died in battle and the army hurriedly replaced him with Jovian as the new emperor.

The tired and hungry army was too weak to battle with the Persians. Consequently, in 363 AD, Jovian was forced to surrender Nisibis to Persia in order to rescue his army. This permitted the expulsion of the entire Christian population from Nisibis.

After the expulsion in 363 AD, St Ephrem finally settled in Edessa. He continued with his Church ministry as a teacher in the School of Edessa.

Edessa had many philosophies and religions which were marred with confusion. This prompted Ephrem to write many hymns defending the Nicene orthodoxy.

On June 9 373, after living for then years in Edessa, St Ephrem died in the plague as he took care of the plague victims. His tomb is in the Armenian monastery in Der Serkis, west of Edessa, Turkey

St Ephrem wrote over four hundred hymns which are still in existence. Pope Benedict XV proclaimed Ephrem a Doctor of the Church ("Doctor of the Syrians") on October 5 1920.

St Ephrem Birth

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St Ephrem Death

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St Ephrem is the Patron Saint of

Spiritual directors
Spiritual leaders

Feast Day
St Ephrem feast day is celebrated on these days by different Christian faiths


- 9th June (Catholic Church, Church of England)
- 8th June (Scottish Episcopal)
- 7th Saturday 7th before Easter (Syriac Orthodox Church)
- 28th January 28 (Eastern Orthodox; Eastern Catholic)
- 18th June 18 (Maronite Church)
- 10th June (Wales; Episcopal Church in the USA)

Representation
In drawings, paintings, and statues, St Ephrem is represented in the forms below

- Vine and scroll**
- Man with Saint Basil the Great
 - Man with a cross on his brow, pointing upwards
 - Man in a cave with a book
 - Man composing hymns with a lyre
 - Hermit sitting on a column
 - Deacon's vestments and thurible
- Today's Catholic Quote:**
Humility is the path that leads to abiding peace and brings us near to the consolations of God.

Sunday Mass Readings Homily - 9th June 9 2024, Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
Today's 9th June 2024 Catholic Sunday Readings Homily Theme: Whoever Blasphemes Against The Holy Spirit Will
Never Have Forgiveness - Mark 3:20-35, Luke 12:10

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