

**Saint Joseph's, Saint Anne's & Holy Family And Saint Patrick's
Catholic Mass Readings for 16th March 2025, Second Sunday of Lent, Year C**

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1 st Reading	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
2 nd Reading	Philippians 3:17-4:1 Or Philippians 3:20-4:1
Verse Before the Gospel	Matthew 17:5
Gospel	Luke 9:28B-36

1st Reading - Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

5 The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."
 6 Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.
 7 He then said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."
 8 "O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?"
 9 He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."
 10 Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up.
 11 Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them.

12 As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.
 17 When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces.
 18 It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants, I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14.
 R. (1a) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge;
 of whom should I be afraid?

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

7 Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me.
 8A Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

8B Your presence, O LORD, I seek.
 9 Hide not your face from me; do not in anger repel your servant. You are my helper: cast me not off.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

13 I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living.
 14 Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd Reading - Philippians 3:17-4:1

17 Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us.
 18 For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ.
 19 Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things.
 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it, we also await a saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.
 21 He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.
 1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

Or Philippians 3:20-4:1

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Verse Before The Gospel - Matthew 17:5

5 From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Gospel - Luke 9:28B-36

28B Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray.

29 While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

30 And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah,

31 who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

32 Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

33 As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying.

34 While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.

35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

36 After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

Saint(s) Of The Day

- ❖ Saint John de Brebeuf
- ❖ Saint Heribert of Cologne
- ❖ Saint Eusebia of Hamage
- ❖ Blessed John Sordi
- ❖ Saint Julian of Anazarbus
- ❖ Saint Finian Lobhar
- ❖ Blessed John Amias
- ❖ Saint Dentlin of Soignies
- ❖ Saint Abban of Kill-Abban
- ❖ Saint Megingaud of Würzburg
- ❖ Blessed Robert Dalby

Blessed Torello of Poppi

Blessed Torello of Poppi was a Vallombrosan oblate hermit born in 1201 or 1202 at Poppi, Tuscany, Italy. He spent his youthful life with earthly pleasures but later retreated to live as a hermit for 60 years in a walled-up cave. He died between 1281 and 1292 at Poppi, Tuscany, Italy of natural causes. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XIV and he is the patron saint of Poppi, Italy.

Saint Hilary of Aquileia

St. Hilary of Aquileia, who served as a bishop in Aquileia, Italy, was referred to by various names including Elaro, Ellaro, Hilarius, or Ilario. It is said that his prayers had the power to bring down pagan temples and idols. He met a tragic end as he was martyred during the persecutions of Roman Emperor Numerian, following an order from the prefect Beronius. He endured torture and died on March 16, 284 AD. St. Hilary of Aquileia is honoured as the patron saint of Gorizia, Italy.

Blessed Ferdinand Valdes

Blessed Ferdinand Valdes, who was a Mercedarian friar, served as a priest and later as the bishop of Lugo in Spain. Additionally, he served as the royal chaplain to the court of Castile. He died at the St. Catherine monastery in Toledo, Spain. Remarkably, his body was discovered to be incorrupt even after 300 years. As a result, he is considered blessed.

Blessed Joan Torrents Figueras

Born on December 8th, 1873 in La Secuita, Tarragona, Spain, Joan Torrents Figueras was a priest of the Claretian order who met a martyr's death during the Spanish Civil War. He was killed on March 16th, 1937 in Montcada, Barcelona, Spain. Pope Francis acknowledged his holiness by venerating him on December 21st, 2016, and he is now recognized as Blessed Joan Torrents Figueras.

Saint Gregory Makar

St. Gregory Makar, also referred to as Gregor Makar or Gregory of Nicopolis was an Armenian monk who served as a bishop of Nicopolis in Armenia. Later in his life, he became a hermit and resided in Pithiviers, Orleans, France. He passed away in the year 1000 AD.

Saint Tatian of Aquileia

St. Tatian of Aquileia, also called Taziano, served as a deacon in Aquileia, Italy, and was martyred during the persecutions of Numerian. He was beheaded in the year 284 AD. St. Tatian is regarded as the patron saint of Gorizia, Italy.

Blessed Eriberto of Namur

Blessed Eriberto of Namur has very little information available about him, except for the fact that his relics are enshrined in a Marian chapel in the Saint Alban cathedral located in Bois-Villiers, Namur, Belgium.

Saint Dionysius of Aquileia

St. Dionysius of Aquileia, also known as Denis of Aquileia, was a layman in Aquileia, Italy, who was martyred during the persecutions led by Emperor Numerian. He was beheaded in the year 284 AD.

Saint Benedicta of Assisi

St. Benedicta of Assisi was a nun of the Poor Clares order, who became the abbess of St. Damian's abbey in Assisi, Italy after St. Clare of Assisi. She served in this role until she died of natural causes in the year 1260.

Saint Largus of Aquileia

St. Largus of Aquileia was a Christian layman in Aquileia, Italy. He was martyred in the persecutions of Numerian. He was beheaded in 284 AD.

Saint Papa of Seleucia

St. Papa of Seleucia was born in Lycaonia, Asia Minor, and was also known as Papas. He was a martyr and died in Seleucia, Persia.

Saint Felix of Aquileia

St. Felix of Aquileia was a layman in Aquileia, Italy. He was martyred in the persecutions of Numerian. He was beheaded in 284 AD.

Saint Agapitus of Ravenna

St. Agapitus of Ravenna was also known as Agapetus or Agapito. He was a fourth-century bishop of Ravenna, Italy.

Saint Malcoldia of Asti

St. Malcoldia of Asti was a Benedictine nun and an anchoress at Asti, Italy. She died in

1090 AD due to natural causes.

Saint Aninus of Syria

St. Aninus of Syria was a hermit and miracle worker in Syria.

Other Saints of the Day for 16th March 2025


Allo of Bobbio

Damian of Terracina

Sunday Mass Readings Homily - March 16 2025, Second Sunday of Lent, Year C

16th March 2025 Catholic Sunday Readings Homily Theme: The Transfiguration of Jesus on the Mountain - Mark 9:2-10 and Matthew 17:1-9

Sick People:



Please pray for all the Sick in our three Parishes "My Payers and Good Wishes to All."

Saint Josephs 5:30pm

Saint Joseph's	9:30am
Saint Anne's & Holy Family	11:00 am
Saint Patrick's Ryhope	9:30 am

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