



*All brothers  
and sisters*

**2021-2022**  
Year Theme

### Readings for Holy Mass related to Year Theme

#### **Middle/Secondary/Sixth Form**

#### **Reading**

A Reading for the Book of the Prophet Isaiah      Is 43, 18-19. 21-22. 24-25

Thus says the Lord: No need to remember past events, no need to think about what was done before. Look, I am doing something new, now it emerges; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the desert and rivers in wastelands. The people I have shaped for myself will broadcast my praises. But, Jacob, you have not invoked me; no, Israel, you have grown weary of me. You have not bought expensive reed for me or sated me with the fat of your sacrifices. Instead by your sins you have treated me like a slave, you have wearied me with your crimes, I, I it is who blot out your acts of revolt for my own sake and shall not call your sins to mind.

The Word of God

*R/. Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118 (119)

**R/: Joyful are those who obeys God's law**

Joyful are people of integrity,  
who follow the instructions of the LORD.  
Joyful are those who obey his laws  
and search for him with all their hearts. R/.

They do not compromise with evil,  
and they walk only in his paths.  
You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully. R/.

Oh, that my actions would consistently  
reflect your decrees!  
Then I will not be ashamed  
when I compare my life with your commands. R/.

As I learn your righteous regulations,  
I will thank you by living as I should!  
I will obey your decrees.  
Please don't give up on me! R/.

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

Jesus said: "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven."

**Hallelujah**

## Gospel

### A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

(Mt. 5, 38-48)

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’<sup>[a]</sup> But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The Gospel of the Lord

R/. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

