

**Reflections for the Christmas Season--Offered for the Saint John Neumann Catholic Community,
Friends, and Visitors**

Reston, Virginia

December 25, 2020 thru January 10, 2021

Jesus read and prayed with The Psalms.

Responsorial Psalms

[The daily Scripture passages (below) were taken from the USCCB website for Daily Readings.]

12/25/2020

Ps 98

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

The LORD has made his salvation known:

in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness

toward the house of Israel.

12/26/2020

Ps 31

R. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Into your hands I commend my spirit;

you will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God.

I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy.

12/27/2020

Ps 128

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,

who walks in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;

blessed shall you be, and favored.

12/28/2020

Ps 124

R. Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare.

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us;

The torrent would have swept over us;

over us then would have swept the raging waters.

12/29/2020

Ps 96

R. Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

12/30/2020

Ps 96

R. Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

Give to the LORD, you families of nations,

give to the LORD glory and praise;

give to the LORD the glory due his name!

12/31/2020

Ps 96

R. Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

The LORD comes,

he comes to rule the earth.

He shall rule the world with justice

and the peoples with his constancy.

1/1/2021

Ps 67

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

May God have pity on us and bless us;

may he let his face shine upon us.

So may your way be known upon earth;

among all nations, your salvation.

1/2/2021

Ps 98

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

The LORD has made his salvation known:

in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness

toward the house of Israel.

1/3/2021

Ps 72

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,

and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.

He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;

the lives of the poor he shall save.

1/4/2021

Ps 2

R. I will give you all the nations for an inheritance.

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
this day I have begotten you.

Ask of me and I will give you
the nations for an inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession."

1/5/2021

Ps 72

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The mountains shall yield peace for the people,
and the hills justice.

He shall defend the afflicted among the people,
save the children of the poor.

1/6/2021

Ps 72

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
He shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

1/7/2021

Ps 72

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

From fraud and violence he shall redeem them,
and precious shall their blood be in his sight.
May they be prayed for continually;
day by day shall they bless him.

1/8/2021

Ps 147

R. Alleluia.

Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion.

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you.

1/9/2021

Ps 149

R. Alleluia.

Sing to the LORD a new song
of praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in their maker,
let the children of Zion rejoice in their king.

1/10/2021

Ps 29

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters,
the LORD, over vast waters.
The voice of the LORD is mighty;
the voice of the LORD is majestic.

Possible references to aid in preparation of reflection--

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Morel C. 2000. 15 Days of Prayer with Saint Francis de Sales. Liguori: Liguori Publications.

Bergan J, Schwan M. 1991 (reprint: 2015). Praying with Ignatius of Loyola.
Chicago: Loyola Press.

Gould M. 2004. The Catholic Home-Celebrations and Traditions for Holidays, Feast Days, and
Every Day (updated). New York: Doubleday

Plus many other good references

Details--

- Length of reflection: 100- to 150-words (please keep to this length)
- Please include one reflection question for the reader (about 10-words)
- We envision including the Scripture passage for each day on the top of each reflection, unless the author selects a specific passage from the Responsorial Psalm
- MS-Word document, if possible
- Please include your "by line" (e.g., By Jane Doe)
- Please use 12-point, Times New Romans for submission
- Email or upload attachment
- Due Date: Please return reflection on or before December 4, 2020.

Thanks for your participation.

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