

READING I

Sir 50, 1. 3-4. 6-7

A reading from the book of Sirach

Behold him in whose time the house of God was renovated,
in whose days the temple was reinforced.

In his time the reservoir was dug,
the pool with a vastness like the sea's.

He protected his people against brigands
and strengthened his city against the enemy.

Like a star shining among the clouds,
like the full moon at the holyday season;

Like the sun shining upon the temple,
like the rainbow appearing in the cloudy sky.

This is the Word of the Lord.

You, Lord, are my allotted portion.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;
I say to the Lord, "My Lord are you."
O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.

You, Lord, are my allotted portion.

I bless the Lord who counsels me;
even in the night my heart exhorts me.
I set the Lord ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

You, Lord, are my allotted portion.

You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.

You, Lord, are my allotted portion.

READING II

Gal 6, 14-18

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians

May I never boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through it, the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. It means nothing whether one is circumcised or not. All that matters is that one is created anew. Peace and mercy on all who follow this rule of life, and on the Israel of God. Henceforth, let no one trouble me, for I bear the brand marks of Jesus in my body. May the favor of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

Mt 11, 25-30

Alleluia

Alleluia. Francis poor and lowly enters heaven rich in virtue, greeted with celestial hymns.

Alleluia.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

On one occasion Jesus spoke thus: "Father, Lord of heaven and earth, to you I offer praise; for what you have hidden from the learned and the clever you have revealed to the merest children. Father, it is true. You have graciously willed it so.

"Everything has been given over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son but the Father, and no one knows the Father but the Son-and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light."

The gospel of the Lord.

Sacred Heart Parish
October 3 & 4, 2026

Presider: The Lord is good to all who place their hope in him, who search for his love. Let us ask the Lord to listen to our prayers for those who search for a deeper faith.

Lector Our response is “Lord make me an instrument of your peace”

-For the followers of St. Francis, that they live according to the poverty, humility, and Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, We pray to the Lord.

-For all men and women, that they honor and praise the Most High and Good Lord in all of his creatures, we pray to the Lord.

-For all of God's people, that they hold fast to the words, the life, the teaching and the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray to the Lord.

-For leaders of peoples, that they seek the counsel of God, and pursue the way of peace, justice, harmony and the common good, we pray to the Lord.

-For the Jewish and Muslim peoples, that reconciliation and peace may guide their actions, and that with them we may grow in love and understanding of God's abundant mercy, we pray to the Lord.

-That the sick will know healing, (especially) _____
_____ we pray to the Lord.

-That those who have died (especially) _____
_____ that Sister Death lead them to the Most High, all-powerful, and all-good Lord, we pray to the Lord.

Presider: Your people cry out to you in faith, O God of life. Hear our prayer voiced in the name of your Son Jesus, who is Lord forever and ever.