

MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2025
SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

Born in Bratislava (Slovakia) in 1207. Married at the age of fourteen, widowed at twenty, and died at twenty-four in Marburg (Germany) on this day in 1231. Mother of three children, happily married to Ludwig of Thuringia. When Ludwig died of the plague while on crusade, she continued to protect the poor and founded orphanages and hospitals, living this life of service as a Franciscan tertiary despite the hostility of her relatives and the harshness of her confessor. Remembered for her good-humoured resilience in adversity and for her humility in menial service of the needy.

ENTRANCE VERSE: Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick, and you visited me. Amen, I say to you; whatever you did to the least of my brethren you did it for me.

First Reading: ***1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64***

PSALM RESPONSE: Give me life, O Lord, and I will do your commands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord: whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Luke 18: 35-43***

COMMUNION VERSE: Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends.

TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2025

TUESDAY OF THE 33RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE VERSE: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading: ***2 Maccabees 6:18-31***

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord upholds me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God first loved us and sent his Son to take away our sins. Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Luke 19:1-10***

COMMUNION VERSE: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord

WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2025
WEDNESDAY OF THE 33RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE VERSE

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading: ***2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31***

PSALM RESPONSE:

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,
to go and bear fruit that will last.

Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Luke 19: 11-28***

COMMUNION VERSE:

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2025
THURSDAY OF THE 33RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE VERSE

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading: ***1 Maccabees 2:15-29***

PSALM RESPONSE:

To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

If today you hear his voice,

harden not your hearts.

Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Luke 19:41-44***

COMMUNION VERSE:

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord

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FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

This memorial originally marked the dedication of a sixth century church of the Virgin Mary near the Temple of Jerusalem. The East took it up as a celebration of Mary's presentation to God in the Temple at the age of three, a non-biblical story from the apocryphal gospel of James. Established in the West late in the Middle Ages, the feast was universally observed by the sixteenth century. It celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit from the time of her conception.

ENTRANCE VERSE: Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever.

First Reading: ***1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59***

PSALM RESPONSE: We praise your glorious name, O mighty God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Luke 19:45-48***

COMMUNION VERSE:

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father.

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2025

SAINT CECILIA

ENTRANCE VERSE: Behold now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us, powered in virginity, modesty her offering, a sacrifice on the altar of chastity.

First Reading: ***1 Maccabees 6:1-13***

PSALM RESPONSE: I will rejoice in your salvation, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Our saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through the gospel. Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Luke 20:27-40***

COMMUNION VERSE: The Lamb who is at the centre of the throne will lead them to the springs of the waters of life.