

Big Question #3: Uniqueness of the Four Gospels

	One-Sentence Summary	Memorable Details
Mt	Written to a Church facing conflict with the synagogue, Matthew argues that Jesus represents the authentic heritage of Israel, as he is “son of David, son of Abraham” (1:1) and successor to Moses and Elijah.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genealogy: David, Abraham • Recapitulation of Exodus in infancy narrative • Continuity with OT • Polemic vs. “hypocrites” • 3x mention of “church”
Mk	Mark tells the story of Jesus in a manner that calls the reader to faith and conversion, allowing the reader to see with the disciples.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weak portrait of disciples • Trouble at sea • The two healings of blind men (8:22-27 and 10:46-52)
Lk	Written to present “an orderly account” (1:4), Luke invites all people to perceive Jesus as the Anointed One who brings “good news of great joy to all the people” if they just respond to his call, unlike Jerusalem.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infancy narrative (Lk 2:10-11): “good news of great joy that will be for all the people” • The Holy Spirit (1:15, 35; 2:25-26; 4:18; 11:13; 12:12) • Mission to the margins: foreigners, sinners, and women • Journey to Jerusalem and its tragic fate
Jn	So “that you may come to believe” (19:35), John proclaims Jesus as the perfect Passover Lamb who takes away the sin of the world and replaces the festivals of the Old Testament.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jn 1:17: “While the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” Discontinuity. • New creation narrated. Six days 1:19-2:11, 12:1-19:42. • #notmytemple #notmysabbath #notmypassover • Communion with the Father through the Son.

Luke: Jesus, Anointed by the Spirit, Leads Exodus in Jerusalem

Lk 1-2: The Birth of John the Baptist and Jesus

- The supernatural origins of St. John the Baptist and Jesus
- **Jerusalem**: Zechariah (1:21), Simeon (2:25), and 12-year-old Jesus (2:41).

Lk 3:1—9:50: Jesus in Galilee

- Temptation ends in **Jerusalem** (4:9).
- Synagogue on Nazareth: Mission of Jesus (4:16-30)
- Announcement of the “exodus” (= Passion) to happen in **Jerusalem** (9:31).

Lk 9:51—19:27: The Journey to Jerusalem

- Journey to **Jerusalem**
- Discipleship: Surprises (Good Samaritan, Prodigal Son, Zacchaeus, etc.)

Lk 19:28—24:53: Jesus in Jerusalem

- Ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension in **Jerusalem**.

Structure of the Lectionary

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Year A (2025–26, 2028–29, 2031–32, etc.)

Advent and Christmas Cycle

1 st Advent	Is 2:1–5	Rom 13:11–14	Mt 24:37–44
2 nd Advent	Is 11:1–10	Rom 15:4–9	Mt 3:1–12
3 rd Advent	Is 35:1–6a, 10	Jas 5:7–10	Mt 11:2–11
4 th Advent	Is 7:10–14	Rom 1:1–7	Mt 1:18–24
Christmas Night	Is 9:1–6	Ti 2:11–14	Lk 2:1–14
Holy Family	Sir 3:3–7, 14–17a	Col 3:12–21	Mt 2:13–15, 19–23
Epiphany	Is 60:1–6	Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6	Mt 2:1–12
Baptism	Is 42:1–4, 6–7	Acts 10:34–38	Mt 3:13–17

Lent and Easter Cycle

1 st Lent	Gn 2:7–9, 3:1–7	Rom 5:12–19	Mt 4:1–11
2 nd Lent	Gn 12:1–4a	2 Tm 1:8b–10	Mt 17:1–9
3 rd Lent	Ex 17:3–7	Rom 5:1–2, 5–8	Jn 4:5–42
4 th Lent	1 Sm 16:1, 6–7, 10–13	Eph 5:8–14	Jn 9:1–41
5 th Lent	Ez 37:12–14	Rom 8:8–11	Jn 11:1–45
Palm Sunday	Is 50:4–7	Phil 2:6–11	Mt 26:14–27:66
Holy Thursday	Ex 12:1–8, 11–14	1 Cor 11:23–26	Jn 13:1–15
Good Friday	Is 52:13–53:12	Heb 4:14–16, 5:7–9	Jn 18:1–19:42
Easter Vigil	Ex 14:15–15:1 + more	Rom 6:3–11	Mt 28:1–10
Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37–43	Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8	Jn 20:1–9
2 nd Easter	Acts 2:42–47	1 Pt 1:3–9	Jn 20:19–31
3 rd Easter	Acts 2:14, 22–33	1 Pt 1:17–21	Lk 24:13–35
4 th Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36–41	1 Pt 2:20b–25	Jn 10:1–10
5 th Easter	Acts 6:1–7	1 Pt 2:4–9	Jn 14:1–12
6 th Easter	Acts 8:5–8, 14–17	1 Pt 3:15–18	Jn 14:15–21
Ascension	Acts 1:1–11	Eph 1:17–23	Mt 28:16–20
Pentecost	Acts 2:1–11	1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13	Jn 20:19–23
Holy Trinity	Ex 34:4b–6, 8–9	2 Cor 13:11–13	Jn 3:16–18
Corpus Christi	Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a	1 Cor 10:16–17	Jn 6:51–58

Ordinary Time

1 st Ordinary	<i>Superseded by Baptism (if Jan. 9–13) or Epiphany (if Jan. 7–8)</i>		
2 nd Ordinary	Is 49:3, 5–6	1 Cor 1:1–3	Jn 1:29–34
3 rd Ordinary	Is 8:23b–9:3	1 Cor 1:10–13, 17	Mt 4:12–23
4 th Ordinary	Zep 2:3, 3:12–13	1 Cor 1:26–31	Mt 5:1–12a
5 th Ordinary	Is 58:7–10	1 Cor 2:1–5	Mt 5:13–16
6 th Ordinary	Sir 15:16–21	1 Cor 2:6–10	Mt 5:17–37

7 th Ordinary	Lv 19:1–2, 17–18	1 Cor 3:16–23	Mt 5:38–48
8 th Ordinary	Is 49:14–15	1 Cor 4:1–5	Mt 6:24–34
9 th Ordinary	Dt 11:18, 26–28, 32	Rom 3:21–25a, 28	Mt 7:21–27
10 th Ordinary	Hos 6:3–6	Rom 4:18–25	Mt 9:9–13
11 th Ordinary	Ex 19:2–6a	Rom 5:6–11	Mt 9:36–10:8
12 th Ordinary	Jer 20:10–13	Rom 5:12–15	Mt 10:26–33
13 th Ordinary	2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a	Rom 6:3–4, 8–11	Mt 10:37–42
14 th Ordinary	Zec 9:9–10	Rom 8:9, 11–13	Mt 11:25–30
15 th Ordinary	Is 55:10–11	Rom 8:18–23	Mt 13:1–23
16 th Ordinary	Wis 12:13, 16–19	Rom 8:26–27	Mt 13:24–43
17 th Ordinary	1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12	Rom 8:28–30	Mt 13:44–52
18 th Ordinary	Is 55:1–3	Rom 8:35, 37–39	Mt 14:13–21
19 th Ordinary	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a	Rom 9:1–5	Mt 14:22–23
20 th Ordinary	Is 56:1, 6–7	Rom 11:13–15, 29–32	Mt 15:21–28
21 st Ordinary	Is 22: 19–23	Rom 11:33–36	Mt 16:13–20
22 nd Ordinary	Jer 20:7–9	Rom 12:1–2	Mt 16:21–27
23 rd Ordinary	Ez 33: 7–9	Rom 13:8–10	Mt 18:15–20
24 th Ordinary	Sir 27:30–28:7	Rom 14:7–9	Mt 18:21–35
25 th Ordinary	Is 55:6–9	Phil 1:20c–24, 27a	Mt 20:1–16a
26 th Ordinary	Ez 18:25–28	Phil 2:1–11	Mt 21:28–32
27 th Ordinary	Is 5:1–7	Phil 4:6–9	Mt 21:33–43
28 th Ordinary	Is 25:6–10a	Phil 4:12–14, 19–20	Mt 22:1–14
29 th Ordinary	Is 45:1, 4–6	1 Thes 1:1–5b	Mt 22:15–21
30 th Ordinary	Ex 22:20–26	1 Thes 1:5c–10	Mt 22:34–40
31 st Ordinary	Mal 1:14b–2:2b, 8–10	1 Thes 2:7b–9, 13	Mt 23:1–12
32 nd Ordinary	Wis 6:12–16	1 Thes 4:13–18	Mt 25:1–13
33 rd Ordinary	Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31	1 Thes 5:1–6	Mt 25:14–30
Christ the King	Ez 34:11–12, 15–17	1 Cor 15:20–26, 28	Mt 25:31–46

Year B (2026–27, 2029–30, 2032–33, etc.)

Advent and Christmas Cycle

1 st Advent	Is 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2b–7	1 Cor 1:3–9	Mk 13:33–37
2 nd Advent	Is 40:1–5, 9–11	2 Pt 3:8–14	Mk 1:1–8
3 rd Advent	Is 61:1–2a, 10–11	1 Thes 5:16–24	Jn 1:6–8, 19–28
4 th Advent	2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16	Rom 16:25–27	Lk 1:26–38
Christmas Night	Is 9:1–6	Ti 2:11–14	Lk 2:1–14
Holy Family	Gn 15:1–6; 21:1–3	Heb 11:8, 11–12, 17–19	Lk 2:22–40
Epiphany	Is 60:1–6	Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6	Mt 2:1–12
Baptism	Is 55:1–11	1 Jn 5:1–9	Mk 1:7–11

Lent and Easter Cycle

1 st Lent	Gn 9:8-15	1 Pt 3:18-22	Mk 1:12-15
2 nd Lent	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18	Rom 8:31b-34	Mk 9:2-10
3 rd Lent	Ex 20:1-17	1 Cor 1:22-25	Jn 2:13-25
4 th Lent	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23	Eph 2:4-10	Jn 3:14-21
5 th Lent	Jer 31:31-34	Heb 5:7-9	Jn 12:20-33
Palm Sunday	Is 50:4-7	Phil 2:6-11	Mk 14:1-15:47
Holy Thursday	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14	1 Cor 11:23-26	Jn 13:1-15
Good Friday	Is 52:13-53:12	Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9	Jn 18:1-19:42
Easter Vigil	Ex 14:15-15:1 + more	Rom 6:3-11	Mk 16:1-7
Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43	Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8	Jn 20:1-9
2 nd Easter	Acts 4:32-35	1 Jn 5:1-6	Jn 20:19-31
3 rd Easter	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19	1 Jn 2:1-5a	Lk 24:35-48
4 th Easter	Acts 4:8-12	1 Jn 3:1-2	Jn 10:11-18
5 th Easter	Acts 9:26-31	1 Jn 3:18-24	Jn 15:1-8
6 th Easter	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48	1 Jn 4:7-10	Jn 15:9-17
Ascension	Acts 1:1-11	Eph 4:1-13	Mk 16:15-20
Pentecost	Acts 2:1-11	Gal 5:16-25	Jn 15:26-27; 16: 12-15
Holy Trinity	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40	Rom 8:14-17	Mt 28:16-20
Corpus Christi	Ex 24:3-8	Heb 9:11-15	Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Ordinary Time

1 st Ordinary	<i>Superseded by Baptism (if Jan. 9-13) or Epiphany (if Jan. 7-8)</i>		
2 nd Ordinary	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19	1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20	Jn 1:35-42
3 rd Ordinary	Jon 3:1-5, 10	1 Cor 7:29-31	Mk 1:14-20
4 th Ordinary	Dt 18:15-20	1 Cor 7:32-35	Mk 1:21-28
5 th Ordinary	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23	Mk 1:29-39
6 th Ordinary	Lv 13:1-2, 45-46	1 Cor 10:31-11:1	Mk 1:40-45
7 th Ordinary	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25	2 Cor 1:18-22	Mk 2:1-12
8 th Ordinary	Hos 2:16b, 17b, 21-22	2 Cor 3:1b-6	Mk 2:18-22
9 th Ordinary	Dt 5:12-15	2 Cor 4:6-11	Mk 2:23-3:6
10 th Ordinary	Gn 3:9-15	2 Cor 4:13-5:1	Mk 3:20-35
11 th Ordinary	Ez 17:22-24	2 Cor 5:6-10	Mk 4:26-34
12 th Ordinary	Jb 38:1, 8-11	2 Cor 5:14-17	Mk 4:35-41
13 th Ordinary	Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24	2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15	Mk 5:21-43
14 th Ordinary	Ez 2:2-5	2 Cor 12:7-10	Mk 6:1-6
15 th Ordinary	Am 7:12-15	Eph 1:3-14	Mk 6:7-13
16 th Ordinary	Jer 23:1-6	Eph 2:13-18	Mk 6:30-34
17 th Ordinary	2 Kgs 4:42-44	Eph 4:1-6	Jn 6:1-15

18 th Ordinary	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15	Eph 4:17, 20-24	Jn 6:24-35
19 th Ordinary	1 Kgs 19:4-8	Eph 4:30-5:2	Jn 6:41-51
20 th Ordinary	Prv 9:1-6	Eph 5:15-20	Jn 6:51-58
21 st Ordinary	Jo 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b	Eph 5:21-32	Jn 6:60-69
22 nd Ordinary	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8	Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27	Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
23 rd Ordinary	Is 35:4-7a	Jas 2:1-5	Mk 7:31-37
24 th Ordinary	Is 50:5-9a	Jas 2:14-18	Mk 8:27-35
25 th Ordinary	Wis 2:12, 17-20	Jas 3:16-4:3	Mk 9:30-37
26 th Ordinary	Nm 11:25-29	Jas 5:1-6	Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
27 th Ordinary	Gn 2:18-24	Heb 2:9-11	Mk 10:2-16
28 th Ordinary	Wis 7:7-11	Heb 4:12-13	Mk 10:17-30
29 th Ordinary	Is 53:10-11	Heb 4:14-16	Mk 10:35-45
30 th Ordinary	Jer 31:7-9	Heb 5:1-6	Mk 10:46-52
31 st Ordinary	Dt 6:2-6	Heb 7:23-28	Mk 12:28b-34
32 nd Ordinary	1 Kgs 17:10-16	Heb 9:24-28	Mk 12:38-44
33 rd Ordinary	Dn 12:1-3	Heb 10:11-14, 18	Mk 13:24-32
Christ the King	Dn 7:13-14	Rev 1:5-8	Jn 18:33b-37

Year C (2024-25, 2027-28, 2030-31, etc.)

Advent and Christmas Cycle

1 st Advent	Jer 33:14-16	1 Thes 3:12-4:2	Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
2 nd Advent	Bar 5:1-9	Phil 1:4-6, 8-11	Lk 3:1-6
3 rd Advent	Zep 3:14-18a	Phil 4:4-7	Lk 3:10-18
4 th Advent	Mi 5:1-4a	Heb 10:5-10	Lk 1:39-45
Christmas Night	Is 9:1-6	Ti 2:11-14	Lk 2:1-14
Holy Family	1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28	1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24	Lk 2:41-52
Epiphany	Is 60:1-6	Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6	Mt 2:1-12
Baptism	Is 40:1-5, 9-11	Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7	Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Lent and Easter Cycle

1 st Lent	Dt 26:4-10	Rom 10:8-13	Lk 4:1-13
2 nd Lent	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18	Phil 3:17-4:1	Lk 9:28b-36
3 rd Lent	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15	1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12	Lk 13:1-9
4 th Lent	Jo 5:9a, 10-12	2 Cor 5:17-21	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
5 th Lent	Is 43:16-21	Phil 3:8-14	Jn 8:1-11
Palm Sunday	Is 50:4-7	Phil 2:6-11	Lk 22:14-23:56
Holy Thursday	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14	1 Cor 11:23-26	Jn 13:1-15
Good Friday	Is 52:13-53:12	Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9	Jn 18:1-19:42
Easter Vigil	Ex 14:15-15:1 + more	Rom 6:3-11	Lk 24:1-12
Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43	Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8	Jn 20:1-9

2 nd Easter	Acts 5:12-16	Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19	Jn 20:19-31
3 rd Easter	Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41	Rev 5:11-14	Jn 21:1-19
4 th Easter	Acts 13:14, 43-52	Rev 7:9, 14b-17	Jn 10:27-30
5 th Easter	Acts 14:21b-27	Rev 21:1-5a	Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
6 th Easter	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29	Rev 21:10-14, 22-23	Jn 14:23-29
Ascension	Acts 1:1-11	Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23	Lk 24:46-53
Pentecost	Acts 2:1-11	Rom 8:8-27	Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
Holy Trinity	Prv 8:22-31	Rom 5:1-5	Jn 16:12-15
Corpus Christi	Gn 14:18-20	1 Cor 11:23-26	Lk 9:11b-17

Ordinary Time

1 st Ordinary	<i>Superseded by Baptism (if Jan. 9-13) or Epiphany (if Jan. 7-8)</i>		
2 nd Ordinary	Is 62:1-5	1 Cor 12:4-11	Jn 2:1-12
3 rd Ordinary	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10	1 Cor 12:12-30	Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21
4 th Ordinary	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19	1 Cor 12:31-13:13	Lk 4:21-30
5 th Ordinary	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8	1 Cor 15:1-11	Lk 5:1-11
6 th Ordinary	Jer 17:5-8	1 Cor 15:12, 16-20	Lk 6:17, 20-26
7 th Ordinary	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23	1 Cor 15:45-49	Lk 6:27-38
8 th Ordinary	Sir 27:5-8	1 Cor 15:54-58	Lk 6:39-45
9 th Ordinary	1 Kgs 8:41-43	Gal 1:1-2, 6-10	Lk 7:1-10
10 th Ordinary	1 Kgs 17:17-24	Gal 1:11-19	Lk 7:11-17
11 th Ordinary	2 Sm 12:7-10, 13	Gal 2:16, 19-21	Lk 7:36-8:3
12 th Ordinary	Zec 12:10-11	Gal 3:26-29	Lk 9:18-24
13 th Ordinary	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21	Gal 5:1, 13-18	Lk 9:51-62
14 th Ordinary	Is 66:10-14c	Gal 6:14-18	Lk 10:1-12, 17-20
15 th Ordinary	Dt 30:10-14	Col 1:15-20	Lk 10:25-37
16 th Ordinary	Gn 18:1-10a	Col 1:24-28	Lk 10:38-42
17 th Ordinary	Gn 18:20-32	Col 2:12-14	Lk 11:1-13
18 th Ordinary	Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23	Col 3:1-5, 9-11	Lk 12:13-31
19 th Ordinary	Wis 18:6-9	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19	Lk 12:32-48
20 th Ordinary	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10	Heb 12:1-4	Lk 12:49-53
21 st Ordinary	Is 66:18-21	Heb 12:5-7, 11-13	Lk 13:22-30
22 nd Ordinary	Sir 3:19-21, 30-31	Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a	Lk 14:1, 7-14
23 rd Ordinary	Wis 9:13-19	Phlm 9b-10, 12-17	Lk 14:25-33
24 th Ordinary	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14	1 Tm 1:12-17	Lk 15:1-32
25 th Ordinary	Am 8:4-7	1 Tm 2:1-8	Lk 16:1-13
26 th Ordinary	Am 6:1a, 4-7	1 Tm 6:11-16	Lk 16:19-31
27 th Ordinary	Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4	2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14	Lk 17:5-10
28 th Ordinary	2 Kgs 5:14-17	2 Tm 2:8-13	Lk 17:11-19
29 th Ordinary	Ex 17:8-13	2 Tm 3:14-4:2	Lk 18:1-8
30 th Ordinary	Sir 35:15b-17, 20-22a	2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18	Lk 18:9-14

31 st Ordinary	Wis 11:23–12:2	2 Thes 1:11–2:2	Lk 19:1–10
32 nd Ordinary	2 Mc 7:1–2, 9–14	2 Thes 2:16–3:5	Lk 20:27–38
33 rd Ordinary	Mal 3:19–20a	2 Thes 3:7–12	Lk 21:5–19
Christ the King	2 Sm 5:1–3	Col 1:12–20	Lk 23:35–43

Gospels for the 2024–25 Liturgical Year

Advent, Christmas, and Ordinary Time after Epiphany¹

December 1	1 st Advent	Lk 21:25–28, 34–36 ²	D ³	A Call to Vigilance
December 8	2 nd Advent	Lk 3:1–6	N	The Word Comes to John
December 15	3 rd Advent	Lk 3:10–18	N	John Preaches to Crowds
December 22	4 th Advent	Lk 1:39–45	N	Visitation: First Assembly
December 25	Christmas Night	Lk 2:1–14	N	Good News to Shepherds
December 29	Holy Family	Lk 2:41–52	N	Jesus Found in the Temple
January 5	Epiphany	Mt 2:1–12	N	Foreigners Adore Jesus
January 12	Baptism	Lk 3:15–16, 21–22	N	John Baptizes Jesus
January 19	2 nd Ordinary	Jn 2:1–12	N	Glory First Shown at Cana
January 26	3 rd Ordinary	Lk 1:1–4; 4:14–21	C*	Jesus in Synagogue, Part I
February 2	Presentation	Lk 2:22–40	N	Jesus Presented in Temple
February 9	5 th Ordinary	Lk 5:1–11	N	Fishing Fish to Fishing Men
February 16	6 th Ordinary	Lk 6:17, 20–26	D	4 Beatitudes and 4 Woes
February 23	7 th Ordinary	Lk 6:27–38	D	Merciful like the Father
March 2	8 th Ordinary	Lk 6:39–45	P	Parables: Blindness & Beams

Lent, Triduum, Easter, and the Solemnities Immediately following Pentecost

March 9	1 st Lent	Lk 4:1–13	N	The Temptations of Jesus
March 16	2 nd Lent	Lk 9:28b–36	N	The Transfiguration
March 23	3 rd Lent	Lk 13:1–9	P*	Parable: Repent or Perish!
March 30	4 th Lent	Lk 15:1–3, 11–32 ⁴	P	Parable: Merciful Father
April 6	5 th Lent	Jn 8:1–11	C	Jesus and the Adulteress
April 13	Palm Sunday	Lk 22:14–23:56	N	The Passion of the Lord
April 20	Easter Sunday	Jn 20:1–9	N	The Empty Tomb
April 27	2 nd Easter	Jn 20:19–31	N	Thomas Sees and Believes
May 4	3 rd Easter	Jn 21:1–19	N	"Peter, Do You Love Me?"
May 11	4 th Easter	Jn 10:27–30	D	"The Father and I Are One."
May 18	5 th Easter	Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35	D	The New Commandment
May 25	6 th Easter	Jn 14:23–29	D	The Promise of Peace
June 1	Ascension	Lk 24:46–53	N	Ascension and Jerusalem

¹ The Gospel texts listed are the longer form when a short form is given and a Year C option when provided.

² A Gospel that continues the prior Sunday's context—with either no or minor interruption—is marked in blue. One that skips a significant amount of material is marked in red. Brief interruptions for major feasts, privileged seasons, and unique celebrations are left in black.

³ Gospels that are mainly a miracle story are marked with an M; other narratives, with an N; parables, with a P; discourse, with a D; controversy, with a C. Some Gospels (with an *) exemplify more than one.)

⁴ A highlighted section indicates that a passage is repeated on another Sunday in the liturgical year.

June 8	Pentecost	Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26	D	The Promised Advocate
June 15	Holy Trinity	Jn 16:12-15	D	Father, Son, and Spirit Share
June 22	Corpus Christi	Lk 9:11b-17	M	Jesus Feeds Five Thousand
June 29	Peter & Paul	Mt 16:13-19	N	Peter's Confession of Faith

Summer and Autumn Ordinary Time

July 6	14 th Ordinary	Lk 10:1-12, 17-20	N	The 72 Disciples on Mission
July 13	15 th Ordinary	Lk 10:25-37	P	Parable: Good Samaritan
July 20	16 th Ordinary	Lk 10:38-42	N	Mary and Martha
July 27	17 th Ordinary	Lk 11:1-13	D	Jesus Teaches Prayer
August 3	18 th Ordinary	Lk 12:13-31	P*	Parable: Rich, Selfish Fool
August 10	19 th Ordinary	Lk 12:32-48	D	Exhortation to Faithfulness
August 17	20 th Ordinary	Lk 12:49-53	D	Jesus: Cause of Division
August 24	21 st Ordinary	Lk 13:22-30	N	"Will Only a Few Be Saved?"
August 31	22 nd Ordinary	Lk 14:1, 7-14	P	Parable: A Wedding Banquet
September 7	23 rd Ordinary	Lk 14:25-33	D	Conditions of Discipleship
September 14	Holy Cross	Jn 3:13-17	D	"For God So Loved the World..."
September 21	25 th Ordinary	Lk 16:1-13	P	Parables: Dishonest Steward & Wealth
September 28	26 th Ordinary	Lk 16:19-31	P	Parable: Rich Man and Lazarus
October 5	27 th Ordinary	Lk 17:5-10	D	Faith and Service
October 12	28 th Ordinary	Lk 17:11-19	M	Cleansing of the Ten Lepers
October 19	29 th Ordinary	Lk 18:1-8	P	Parable: Widow & Unjust Judge
October 26	30 th Ordinary	Lk 18:9-14	P	Parable: Pharisee & Publican
November 2	All Souls	Jn 6:37-40 <i>Other options</i>	D	Promise of Eternal Life
November 9	Ded. Lateran	Lk 19:1-10 <i>Other options</i>	N	Jesus Must Stay with Zacchaeus
November 16	33 rd Ordinary	Lk 21:5-19	D	Jerusalem: Coming Doom
November 23	Christ the King	Lk 23:35-43	N	Jerusalem: The Good Thief

Six Helpful Homiletic Gadgets

1. The Rhetorical Question: "Did You Notice...?" and "Do You Recall...?"
2. Compose the Scene with Inferences: Sights, Smells, Tastes, Touches, and Sounds
3. Supply the Missing Context: "While We Were Away on Commercial Break..."
4. Find the Overlap: How Would This Dynamic Look in Today's America?
5. "Jesus Offers a Choice: Today We Can Make a Different Choice."
6. The Eucharist (and Other Sacraments) Are Always Relevant: Say How.

Questions to Ponder with Various Kinds of Texts

With Miracle Stories (M)

1. What do we know about the miracle's beneficiary?
2. How does the miracle aid the beneficiary to perceive God's grace?
3. How do bystanders respond to the miracle? (After all, we are bystanders too.)

With Parables (P)

1. To whom is Jesus addressing this parable? What are they doing wrong (usually)?
2. What kind of problematic behavior does the parable seek to expose? How?
3. What does the Evangelist likely want his reader to learn from the parable?

With Controversies (C)

1. With whom is Jesus in conflict? What do we know about them? What explains their hostility to the Lord?
2. Do we tend to approach the Lord with similar hostility? How so?
3. What is at stake in the conflict? Is the Lord insistent? If so, why?

With Discourses (D)

1. Where does the discourse begin and end? With what interruptions?
2. What is the purpose of the entire discourse? How does this section of it serve that purpose?
3. To what extent could this discourse be addressed to a modern audience? Under what conditions? What experiences would the modern audience need to share in order to grasp the Lord's words?

With Other Narratives (N)

1. Who are the characters developed in the story? Why does the Evangelist emphasize them?
2. Who is silent in the episode? How might they passively participate in the event?
3. Does the Evangelist interrupt his storytelling with an editorial? If so, with what effect?

A Few General Considerations Always Relevant

1. What details does the Evangelist supply? Writing materials were expensive then; why did he invest valuable space to include them?
2. What importance does the setting play in the story? Does geography affect the story's meaning at all?
3. Does the story quote or allude to the Old Testament? If so, why? (And check the Lectionary: there's a decent chance that allusion is the first reading in a Sunday of Ordinary Time.)
4. How does the text touch you emotionally? Might the Evangelist be trying to elicit ire, befuddlement, laughter, sympathy, or introspection? That's part of the story!