

SCRIPTURE READINGS AT SUNDAY MASS: EASY AS ABC

Year of the Mass / Sunday Sh^orts

Importance of the Word of God at Mass

“The Church is nourished spiritually at the twofold table of God’s word and of the Eucharist; from the one it grows in wisdom and from the other in holiness...The celebration of Mass in which the word is heard and the Eucharist is offered and received forms but one single act of divine worship”.
(*Introduction to the Lectionary*, 10)

Abo and Lectionary/Book of the Gospels

Revision of the Lectionary following Vatican Council II

Three Year Cycle: A, B, C

Year A (2017) = Gospel of Saint Matthew

Year B (2018) = Gospel of Saint Mark + Gospel of Saint John

Year C (2019) = Gospel of Saint Luke

Advent

Gospels

- First Sunday: The Lord’s coming at the end of time
- Second and Third Sunday: John the Baptist
- Fourth Sunday: Events that prepared immediately for the Lord’s birth (e.g. Annunciation)

First Reading: Prophecies about the Messiah and the Messianic age, especially the Book of Isaiah

Second Reading: Exhortations from the Apostles

Christmas

- Nativity of the Lord
- Holy Family Sunday
- Epiphany of the Lord
- First Letter of Saint John

Lent

Gospels

- First Sunday: Temptation of the Lord
- Second Sunday: Transfiguration of the Lord
- Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays:
 - Year A: Samaritan Woman, Man Born Blind, Raising of Lazarus
 - Year B: Christ’s coming glorification through the Cross (Gospel of Saint John)
 - Year C: Texts on Conversion (Gospel of Saint Luke)
- Passion/Palm Sunday

Easter/Easter Season

Gospels

- Easter Sunday, Second and Third: Appearances of the risen Christ
- Fourth: Good Shepherd
- Fifth and Sixth: Lord's discourse and prayer at the end of the Last Supper
- Ascension of the Lord
- Pentecost

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles (Saint Luke)

Second Reading:

- Year A: First Letter of Saint Peter
- Year B: First Letter of Saint John
- Year C: Book of Revelation

Ordinary Time

- Gospels (semi-continuous): Public ministry of the Lord
- First Reading/Responsorial Psalm
- Second Reading (semi-continuous)

<i>Date</i>	June 25	July 2	July 9	July 16
<i>Sunday</i>	Ordinary XII	Ordinary XIII	Ordinary XIV	Ordinary XV
<i>Gospel</i>	Matthew 10: 26-33	Matthew 10: 37-42	Matthew 11: 25-30	Matthew 13: 1-23
<i>Second Reading</i>	Romans 5: 12-15	Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11	Romans 8: 9, 11-13	Romans 8: 18-23

Sources

- www.usccb.org (English and Spanish)
- Catholic apps (iBreviary, Laudate, etc.)

Concluding Thought

“The Sacred Scriptures, above all in their liturgical proclamation, are the source of life and strength. As the Apostle Paul attests, the Gospel is the saving power of God for everyone who believes. Love of the Scriptures is therefore a force reinvigorating and renewing the entire people of God. All the faithful without exception must therefore always be ready to listen gladly to God's word...The word of God reverently received moves the heart and its desires toward conversion and toward a life resplendent with both individual and community faith, since God's word is the food of Christian life and the source of the prayer of the whole Church.” (*Introduction to the Lectionary*, 47)

