#### Communion verses

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At the Second Vatican Council it was decided in SC 51 to open wide "the treasury of the Bible". As a result, three reading years were introduced for Sundays. Reading year A mainly contains texts from the Gospel of Matthew, reading year B from the Gospel of Mark and reading year C from the Gospel of Luke. The texts from the Gospel of John are mainly distributed over the marked times - Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter.

In the missal there are so-called communion verses for all Sundays, but usually only one. He often refers to texts from the Old Testament, often to the Psalter. However, Psalms do not appear as reading texts in the Eucharist. This means that the communion verses do not reflect the reading texts of the three reading years.

With communion verses that refer exclusively to the Gospel texts, the core tenet of the Gospel could be reminded of the believers. This reminder would lead to a lasting learning effect. This opportunity has so far remained unused, but could be incorporated into a new missal.

For this reason, a core message was picked out from the Sunday Gospels. May this collection of communion verses help ensure that the three years of reading are also reflected in the missal and thus "the treasury of the Bible" opens wide in the missal.

# **Advent and Christmas time**

# 1st Sunday of Advent

- A: So be vigilant! For you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. (Mt 24:42)
- B: Be careful and stay awake! Because you don't know when the time will be. (Mark 13:33)
- C: Watch and pray always so that you can escape everything that will happen and come before the Son of Man! (Luke 21:36)

#### 2nd Sunday of Advent

- A: Prepare the way of the Lord! / Just make his streets! (Mark 1:3)
- B: Voice of one crying out in the desert: Prepare ye the way of the Lord! (Mark 1:3)
- C: Prepare the way of the Lord! / Just make his streets! (Luke 3:4)

#### 3rd Sunday of Advent

- A: Dead people rise and the gospel is preached to the poor. (Mt 11:5)
- B: In the midst of you stands someone you don't know. (John 1:26)
- C: He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. (Luke 3:16)

#### 4th Sunday of Advent

- A: They will give him the name Immanuel, which means: God with us. (Mt 1:23)
- B: Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; Be it unto me as thou hast said. (Luke 1:38)
- C: Blessed is the one who believed that what the Lord told her would be fulfilled. (Luke 1:45)

#### Christmas - On Christmas Eve

- A: You shall give him the name Jesus; for he will save his people from their sins. (Mt 1:21)
- B: They will give him the name Immanuel, / which means translated: God with us. (Mt 1:23)
- C: They will give him the name Immanuel, which means: God with us. (Mt 1:23)

# **Christmas – On Christmas Night**

- A: Glory to God in the highest / and on earth peace / good will toward men. (Luke 2:14)
- B: Glory to God in the highest / and on earth peace / goodwill toward men. (Luke 2:14)
- C: Glory to God in the highest / and on earth peace / goodwill toward men. (Luke 2:14)

# Christmas - In the morning

- A: They found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. (Luke 2:16)
- B: They found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. (Luke 2:16)
- C: They found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. (Luke 2:16)

# Christmas - On the day

- A: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. (John 1:1)
- B: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. (John 1:1)
- C: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

#### **Feast of the Holy Family**

- A: He will be called a Nazarene. (Mt 2:23)
- B: The child grew up and became strong, filled with wisdom, and God's grace rested upon him. (Luke 2:40)
- C: Didn't you know that I have to be in what belongs to my father? (Luke 2:49)

# Octave day of Christmas - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- A: When eight days were over, they gave him the name Jesus. (Luke 2:21)
- B: When eight days were over, they gave him the name Jesus. (Luke 2:21)
- C: When eight days were over, they gave him the name Jesus. (Luke 2:21)

#### **Second Sunday after Christmas**

- A: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. (John 1:14)
- B: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. (John 1:14)
- C: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory. (John 1:14)

#### **Epiphany of the Lord**

- A: When they saw the star, they were filled with very great joy. (Mt 2:10)
- B: When they saw the star, they were filled with very great joy. (Mt 2:10)
- C: When they saw the star, they were filled with very great joy. (Mt 2:10)

# **Baptism of the Lord (1st Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

- A: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Mt 3:17)
- B: You are my beloved son, I am well pleased with you. (Mark 1:11)
- C: You are my beloved son, I am well pleased with you. (Luke 3:22)

#### **Lent and Easter time**

# **Ash Wednesday**

- A: When you give alms, your left hand should not know what your right hand is doing. (Mt 6:3)
- B: When you give alms, your left hand should not know what your right hand is doing. (Mt 6:3)
- C: When you give alms, your left hand should not know what your right hand is doing. (Mt 6:3)

# 1st Sunday of Lent

- A: The Lord your God you shall worship and him only shall you serve. (Mt 4:10)
- B: Repent and believe in the gospel! (Mark 1:15)
- C: You shall not put the Lord your God to the test. (Luke 4:12)

# 2nd Sunday of Lent

- A: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; you should listen to him. (Mt 17:5)
- B: This is my beloved son; you should listen to him. (Mark 9:7)
- C: This is my chosen son, you should listen to him. (Luke 9:35)

# 3rd Sunday of Lent

- A: My food is to do the will of him who sent me. (John 4:34)
- B: Don't turn my father's house into a market hall! (John 2:16)
- C: Maybe it will bear fruit in the future. (Luke 13:9)

#### 4th Sunday of Lent

- A: And when he came back he could see. (John 9:7)
- B: God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:17)
- C: For this, my son, was dead and lives again; he was lost and has been found again. And they began to have a feast. (Luke 15:24)

#### 5th Sunday of Lent

- A: I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live even if he dies. (John 11:25)
- B: When I am exalted above the earth, I will draw everyone to me. (John 12:32)
- C: I don't judge you either. Go and sin no more from now on! (John 8:11)

#### **Palm Sunday**

- A: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. (Mt 27:37)
- B: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Mark 15:34)
- C: Amen, I say to you: today you will be with me in paradise. (Luke 23:43)

# Maundy Thursday - High Thursday - Chrism Mass

- A: Today the scripture that you just heard has been fulfilled. (Luke 4:21)
- B: Today the scripture that you just heard was fulfilled. (Luke 4:21)
- C: Today the scripture that you just heard has been fulfilled. (Luke 4:21)

# Maundy Thursday - High Thursday - Mass of the Last Supper

- A: I have given you an example so that you too may do as I have done to you. (John 13:15)
- B: I have given you an example so that you also act as I did to you. (John 13:15)
- C: I have given you an example so that you too may act as I did to you. (John 13:15)

# **Good Friday**

- A: You should know that I find no fault with him. (John 19:4)
- B: You should know that I don't find any fault with him. (John 19:4)
- C: You should know that I don't find any fault with him. (John 19:4)

# Easter Sunday - The celebration of the Easter Vigil

- A: He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. (Mt 28:6)
- B: You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified one. He is risen; he is not here. (Mark 16:6)
- C: Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but rather he has risen. (Lk 25.5f)

# Easter Sunday - On the day

- A: He saw and believed. (John 20:8)
- B: He saw and believed. (John 20:8)
- C: He saw and believed. (John 20:8)

# **Easter Monday**

- A: Then they also told us what they had experienced on the way and how they had recognized him when he broke the bread. (Luke 24:35)
- B: Then they also told us what they had experienced on the way and how they had recognized him when he broke the bread. (Luke 24:35)
- C: Then they also told us what they had experienced on the way and how they had recognized him when he broke the bread. (Luke 24:35)

# 2nd Sunday of Easter

- A: Jesus stood in their midst and said to them: Peace be with you! (John 20:19)
- B: Jesus stood in their midst and said to them: Peace be with you! (John 20:19)
- C: Jesus stood in their midst and said to them: Peace be with you! (John 20:19)

# 3rd Sunday of Easter

- A: This was the third time Jesus revealed himself to the disciples since he rose from the dead. (John 21:14)
- B: Jesus stood in their midst and said to them: Peace be with you! (Luke 24:36)
- C: This was the third time that Jesus revealed himself to the disciples since he rose from the dead. (John 21:14)

# 4th Sunday of Easter

- A: I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)
- B: I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:11)
- C: I give them eternal life. (John 10:28)

#### 5th Sunday of Easter

- A: Believe in God and believe in me! (John 14:1)
- B: I am the vine, you are the branches. (John 15:5)
- C: Love one another! As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (John 13:34)

#### 6th Sunday of Easter

- A: He who has My commandments and keeps them, he he who loves Me. (John 14:21)
- B: If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love. (John 15:10)
- C: I leave you peace, I give you my peace. (John 14:27)

#### **Ascension of Christ**

- A: I am with you always, until the end of the world. (Mt 28:20)
- B: Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to all creation! (Mark 16:15)
- C: While he was blessing her, he left her and was taken up to heaven. (Luke 24:51)

# 7th Sunday of Easter

- A: Glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you! (John 17:1)
- B: Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, so that they may be one like us! (John 17:11)
- C: All shall be one: as you, Father, are in me and I am in you, so shall they also be in us. (John 17:21)

#### Pentecost - On the eve

A: Let him who is thirsty come to me, and let him who believes in me drink. (John 7:37f)

B: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let everyone who believes in me drink. (John 7:37f)

C: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let everyone who believes in me drink. (John 7:37f)

# Pentecost - Vigil

A:-

B:

C:-

# Pentecost – On the day

A: Jesus stood in their midst and said to them: Peace be with you! (John 20:19)

B: Jesus stood in their midst and said to them: Peace be with you! (John 20:19)

C: Jesus stood in their midst and said to them: Peace be with you! (John 20:19)

# **Whit Monday**

A: Everything that the Father has is mine. (John 16:15)

B: Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. Luke 10:23)

C: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

# Men's annual festivals

#### **Trinity Sunday**

A: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

B: I am with you always until the end of the world. (Mt 28:20)

C: Everything the Father has is mine. (John 16:15)

#### **Corpus Christi**

A: I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. (John 6:51)

B: Jesus took the bread and praised him; Then he broke the bread and gave it to them, saying, "Take, this is my body." (Mark 14:22)

C: Everyone ate and was full. (Luke 9:17)

#### **Sacred Heart of Jesus**

A: Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden! I want to refresh you. (Mt 11:28)

B: They will look upon him whom they have pierced. (John 19:37)

C: Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep! (Luke 15:6)

#### 1st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Baptism of the Lord)

- A: (see above)
- B: (see above)
- C: (see above)

# 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)
- B: We have found the Messiah that means translated: Christ. (John 1:41)
- C: You've kept the good wine until now. (John 2:10)

# 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: The people who sat in darkness have seen a bright light. (Mt 4:16)
- B: Repent and believe in the gospel! (Mark 1:15)
- C: Today the scripture that you just heard has been fulfilled. (Luke 4:21)

# 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: Your reward will be great in heaven. (Mt 5:12)
- B: The people were amazed at his teaching; for he taught them as one who had authority. (Mark 1:22)
- C: No prophet is recognized in his homeland. ((Luke 4:24)

#### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: So let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father who is in heaven. (Mt 5:16)
- B: Jesus went to her, took her by the hand and lifted her up. (Mark 1:31)
- C: Don't be afraid! From now on you will catch people. (Luke 5:10)

#### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: I have not come to abolish, but to fulfill. (Mt 5:17)
- B: Jesus touched him and said: I want become clean! (Mark 1:41)
- C: Blessed are you who cry now, for you will laugh. (Luke 6:21)

# 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: Be perfect, then, as your heavenly Father is perfect! (Mt 5:48)
- B: Jesus said to the paralytic: My son, your sins are forgiven! (Mark 2:5)
- C: Be merciful, as your Father is merciful! (Luke 6:36)

- A: Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness; then everything else will be added to you. (Mt 6:33)
- B: Can the wedding guests fast while the groom is with them? (Mark 2:19)
- C: What the heart overflows with, that is what his mouth speaks. (Lk 6:45)

- A: Anyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (Mt 7:24)
- B: What is lawful on the Sabbath doing good or evil, saving a life or destroying it? (Mark 3:4)
- C: Say just one word and my servant will be healed. (Luke 7:7)

# 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: I want mercy, not sacrifice! (Mt 9:13)
- B: Anyone who does the will of God is a brother and sister and mother to me. (Mark 3:35)
- C: Young man, I say to you: get up! (Luke 7:14)

# 11st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: Go and proclaim: The kingdom of heaven is at hand! (Mt 10:7)
- B: The kingdom of God is like a man sowing seeds in his field. (Mark 4:26)
- C: Your faith saved you. Go in peace! (Lk 7:50)

# 12nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: Fear not! You are worth more than many sparrows. (Mt 10:31)
- B: He said to them: Why are you so afraid? (Mark 4:40)
- C: Whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. (Luke 9:24)

#### 13rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: Whoever loses life for my sake will find it. (Mt 10:39)
- B: Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue: Do not be afraid! Just believe! (Mark 5:36)
- C: And he sent messengers before him. (Luke 9:52)

#### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden! I want to refresh you. (Mt 11:28)
- B: And the many people who listened to him were amazed. (Mark 6:2)
- C: So ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest! (Luke 10:2)

#### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: He who has ears, let him hear! (Mt 13:9)
- B: Jesus sent them out, two at a time. (Mark 6:7)
- C: Then go and act the same way! (Luke 10:37)

- A: Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's kingdom. (Mt 13:43)
- B: Come with us to a lonely place where we are alone and rest a little! (Mark 6:31)
- C: Mary sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his words. (Luke 20:39)

- A: The kingdom of heaven is like treasure buried in a field. (Mt 13:44)
- B: This is really the prophet who is to come into the world. (John 6:14)
- C: Forgive us our sins; / for we also forgive everyone what they owe us. (Luke 11:4)

# 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: Everyone ate and was full. (Mt 14:30)
- B: I am the bread of life; Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. (John 6:14)
- C: Then who will own what you have accumulated? (Luke 12:20)

# 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: The disciples fell down before Jesus and said, "Truly you are the Son of God." (Matthew 14,
- B: I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. (John 6:51)
- C: The Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect him. (Luke 12:40)

# 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: The disciples fell down before Jesus and said, "Truly you are the Son of God." (Matthew 14:33)
- B: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day. (John 6:54)
- C: I have come to cast fire on the earth. (Luke 12:49)

#### 21th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God! (Mt 16:16)
- B: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. (John 6:68)
- C: Make every effort to get through the narrow door (Luke 13:24)

#### 22th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world but loses his life? (Mt 16:26)
- B: Nothing that comes into a person from outside can make him unclean. (Mark 7:15)
- C: When you give a meal, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. (Luke 14:13)

- A: For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I among them. (Mt 18:20)
- B: Jesus said to him: Effata!, that means: Open yourself! (Mark 7:34)
- C: Anyone who does not carry his cross and walk behind me cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:27)

- A: Jesus said to him: I do not say to you, Up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. (Mt 18:22)
- B: Whoever wants to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for my sake and for the gospel's sake will save it. (Mark 8:35)
- C: Likewise, the angels of God rejoice over one sinner who repents. (Luke 15:10)

#### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: I want to give as much to the last one as I do to you. (Mt 20:14)
- B: He who wants to be the first should be the last of all and the servant of all. (Mark 9:35)
- C: Anyone who is reliable in the smallest things will also be reliable in the big ones. (Luke 16:10)

#### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: My child, go and work in the vineyard today! (Mt 21:28)
- B: Whoever is not against us is for us. (Mark 9:40)
- C: They have Moses and the prophets, they should listen to them. (Luke 16:29)

# 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. (Mt 21:42)
- B: Anyone who does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it. (Mark 10:15)
- C: We only did our duty. (Luke 17:10)

#### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: So go to the intersections of the streets and invite everyone you meet to the wedding! (Mt 22:9)
- B: Everything is possible for God. (Mark 10:15)
- C: Get up and go! Your faith saved you. (Luke 17:19)

#### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: So give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God! (Mt 22:21)
- B: Whoever wants to be the first among you should be the slave of all. (Mark 10,44)
- C: However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? (Luke 18:8)

- A: You should love your neighbor as yourself. (Mt 22:39)
- B: Jesus asked him: What do you want me to do to you? (Mark 10:51)
- C: God, have mercy on me, a sinner! (Luke 18:13)

- A: The greatest of you shall be your servant. (Mt 23:11)
- B: You should love your neighbor as yourself. (Mark 12:31)
- C: The Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost. (Luke 19:10)

# **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- A: So be vigilant! For you know neither the day nor the hour. (Mt 25:13)
- B: This poor widow threw more into the offering box than anyone else. (Mark 12:43)
- C: They are equal to the angels and have become children of God as children of the resurrection. (Luke 20:36)

# 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- A: For to him that hath shall be given, and he shall abound. (Mt 25:29)
- B: Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. (Mark 13:30)
- C: If you remain steadfast, you will win life. (Luke 21:19)

# **Christ the King Sunday**

- A: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me. (Mt 25:40)
- B: My royalty is not of this world. (John 18:36)
- C: Today you will be with me in paradise. (Luke 23:43)

# Other men's festivals and commemoration days of the saints Presentation of the Lord (February 2)

- A: My eyes have seen the salvation that you have prepared before all nations. (Lk 2:30f)
- B: My eyes have seen the salvation that you have prepared before all nations. (Lk 2:30f)
- C: My eyes have seen the salvation that you have prepared before all nations. (Lk 2:30f)

#### Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Mother Mary (March 19)

- A: Didn't you know that I must be in what belongs to my father? (Luke 2:49)
- B: Didn't you know that I must be in what belongs to my father? (Luke 2:49)
- C: Didn't you know that I have to be in what belongs to my father? (Luke 2:49)

#### **Annunciation of the Lord (March 25)**

- A: Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; Be it unto me as thou hast said. (Luke 1:38)
- B: Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; Be it unto me as thou hast said. (Luke 1:38)
- C: Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; Be it unto me as thou hast said. (Luke 1:38)

#### Birth of Saint John the Baptist (June 24) eve

- A: For he will be great before the Lord. (Luke 1:15)
- B: For he will be great before the Lord. (Luke 1:15)
- C: For he will be great before the Lord. (Luke 1:15)

# Birth of Saint John the Baptist (June 24) day

- A: For he will be great before the Lord. (Luke 1:15)
- B: For he will be great before the Lord. (Luke 1:15)
- C: For he will be great before the Lord. (Luke 1:15)

# Birth of Saint John the Baptist (June 24) day

- A: For the hand of the Lord was with him. (Luke 1:66)
- B: For the hand of the Lord was with him. (Luke 1:66)
- C: For the hand of the Lord was with him. (Luke 1:66)

# Saint Peter and Saint Paul (June 29) Eve

- A: Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you. (John 21:17)
- B: Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you. (John 21:17)
- C: Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you. (John 21:17)

# Saint Peter and Saint Paul (June 29) Day

- A: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God! (Mt 16:16)
- B: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God! (Mt 16:16)
- C: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God! (Mt 16:16)

# **Transfiguration of the Lord (August 6)**

- A: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; you should listen to him. (Mt 17:5)
- B: This is my beloved son; you should listen to him. (Mark 9:7)
- C: This is my chosen son, you should listen to him. (Luke 9:35)

#### **Assumption of Mary (August 15) Eve**

- A: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and obey it. (Luke 11:28)
- B: Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it. (Luke 11:28)
- C: Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it. (Luke 11:28)

#### **Assumption of Mary (August 15) Day**

- A: My soul magnifies the greatness of the Lord. (Luke 1:46)
- B: My soul magnifies the greatness of the Lord. (Luke 1:46)
- C: My soul magnifies the greatness of the Lord. (Luke 1:46)

#### **Exaltation of the Cross (September 14<sup>th</sup>)**

- A: God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:17)
- B: God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:17)
- C: God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:17)

# All Saints Day (November 1st)

- A: Rejoice and shout for joy: for great will be your reward in heaven. (Mt 5:12)
- B: Rejoice and shout for joy: for your reward will be great in heaven. (Mt 5:12)
- C: Rejoice and shout for joy: for great will be your reward in heaven. (Mt 5:12)

# All Souls Day (November 2<sup>nd</sup>)

- A: Those who have done good will rise to life. (John 5:29)
- B: Those who have done good will rise to life. (John 5:29)
- C: Those who have done good will rise to life. (John 5:29)

# **Dedication day of the Lateran Basilica (November 9th)**

- A: Don't turn my father's house into a market hall! (John 2:16)
- B: Don't turn my father's house into a market hall! (John 2:16)
- C: Don't turn my father's house into a market hall! (John 2:16)

# Solemnity of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, conceived without original sin (December 8<sup>th</sup>)

- A: Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; Be it unto me as thou hast said. (Luke 1:38)
- B: Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; Be it unto me as thou hast said. (Luke 1:38)
- C: Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; Be it unto me as thou hast said. (Luke 1:38)

# Saint Stephen, first martyr (December 26)

- A: Whoever remains steadfast to the end will be saved. (Mt 10:22)
- B: Whoever remains steadfast to the end will be saved. (Mt 10:22)
- C: Whoever remains steadfast to the end will be saved. (Mt 10:22)

#### Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist (December 27)

- A: He saw and believed. (John 20:8)
- B: He saw and believed. (John 20:8)
- C: He saw and believed. (John 20:8)

#### **Innocent Children (December 28)**

- A: I called my son from Egypt. (Mt 2:15)
- B: I called my son from Egypt. (Mt 2:15)
- C: I called my son from Egypt. (Mt 2:15)

# Annual commemoration of a church consecration

# Annual memory of a church consecration I

- A: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God! (Mt 16:16)
- B: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God! (Mt 16:16)
- C: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God! (Mt 16:16)

#### Annual commemoration of a church consecration II

- A: For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost. (Luke 19:10)
- B: For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. (Luke 19:10)
- C: For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. (Luke 19:10)

#### Annual memory of a church consecration III

- A: Get rid of this, don't turn my father's house into a market hall! (John 2:16)
- B: Get rid of this, don't turn my father's house into a market hall! (John 2:16)
- C: Get rid of this, don't turn my father's house into a market hall! (John 2:16)

#### Annual commemoration of a church consecration IV

- A: Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will not worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. (John 4:21)
- B: Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will neither worship the Father on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. (John 4:21)
- C: Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will not worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. (John 4:21)
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