

The Lectionary Cycle

The Lectionary for Mass was revised after Vatican II to afford Catholics a much wider exposure to scripture. The Sunday and feast day readings are broken into a three-year cycle, with each year featuring one of the synoptic gospels and with John well represented during the special seasons and feast days, as well as Year B (the Mark year, since Mark is a relatively short gospel). *The Catholic Study Bible* includes an excellent article and tables introducing the complete lectionary cycle, and of course the lectionary itself includes the schedule of readings. Since our course focuses on the synoptic gospels and Acts, and since most Catholics who attend Mass do so on Sundays rather than weekdays, the tables below present the readings only from the gospels and Acts, and only for Sundays and feast days. The first table is arranged by lectionary year, while the second table is organized by biblical passage. The third table lists those passages in each gospel and Acts that a Sunday worshipper will not hear. All tables presume the longer reading if there is a longer and shorter version.

Table 1: Gospels–Acts for Sundays and Feast Days by Liturgical Year

Sunday or Feast	Year A	Year B	Year C
1st Sunday of Advent	Matt 24:37-44	Mark 13:33-37	Luke 21:25-28, 34-36
2nd Sunday of Advent	Matt 3:1-12	Mark 1:1-8	Luke 3:1-6
3rd Sunday of Advent	Matt 11:2-11	John 1:6-8, 19-28 OR Luke 1:46-50, 53-54	Luke 3:10-18
4th Sunday of Advent	Matt 1:18-24	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:39-45
Christmas: Vigil	Acts 13:16-17, 22-25		
Christmas: Vigil	Matt 1:1-25		
Christmas: Midnight	Luke 2:1-14		
Christmas: Dawn	Luke 2:15-20		
Christmas: Daytime	John 1:1-18		
Sunday in Octave of Christmas: Holy Family	Matt 2:13-15, 19-23	Luke 2:22-40	Luke 2:41-52
Jan. 1: Mary, Mother of God	Luke 2:16-21		
2nd Sunday after Christmas	John 1:1-18		
The Epiphany of the Lord	Matt 2:1-12		
Sunday after Epiphany: Baptism of the Lord	Acts 10:34-38		
Sunday after Epiphany: Baptism of the Lord	Matt 3:13-17	Mark 1:7-11	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
1st Sunday of Lent	Matt 4:1-11	Mark 1:12-15	Luke 4:1-13
2nd Sunday of Lent	Matt 17:1-9	Mark 9:2-10	Luke 9:28b-36
3rd Sunday of Lent	John 4:5-42	John 2:13-25 OR	Luke 13:1-9 OR
4th Sunday of Lent		John 3:14-21 OR	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 OR
5th Sunday of Lent	John 9:1-41	John 12:20-33 OR	John 8:1-11 OR
Passion Sunday: Procession of Palms	John 11:1-45	John 12:20-33 OR	John 8:1-11 OR
Palm Sunday	Matt 21:1-11	Mark 11:1-10 OR John 12:12-16	Luke 19:28-40
Holy Thursday: Chrism Mass	Matt 26:14-27:66	Mark 14:1-15:47	Luke 22:14-23:5
	Luke 4:16-21		

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Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper	John 13:1-15		
Good Friday: The Passion of the Lord	John 18:1-19:42		
Easter Vigil	Matt 28:1-10	Mark 16:1-8	Luke 24:1-12
Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43		
Easter Sunday	John 20:1-9 OR	John 20:1-9 OR	John 20:1-9 OR
	Matt 28:1-10 OR	Mark 16:1-8 OR	Luke 24:1-12 OR
	Luke 24:13-35	Luke 24:13-35	Luke 24:13-35
2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:42-47	Acts 4:32-35	Acts 5:12-16
2nd Sunday of Easter	John 20:19-31		
3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14, 22-33	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
3rd Sunday of Easter	Luke 24:13-35	Luke 24:35-48	John 21:1-19
4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Acts 4:8-12	Acts 13:14, 43-52
4th Sunday of Easter	John 10:1-10	John 10:11-18	John 10:27-30
5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 6:1-7	Acts 9:26-31	Acts 14:21-27
5th Sunday of Easter	John 14:1-12	John 15:1-8	John 13:31-33a, 34-35
6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
6th Sunday of Easter	John 14:15-21	John 15:9-17	John 14:23-29
Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11		
Ascension of the Lord	Matt 28:16-20	Mark 16:15-20	Luke 24:46-53
7th Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:12-14	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26	Acts 7:55-60
7th Sunday of Easter	John 17:1-11a	John 17:11b-19	John 17:20-26
Pentecost Sunday: Vigil	John 7:37-39		
Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-11		
Pentecost Sunday	John 20:19-23		
2nd Sunday in OT	John 1:29-34	John 1:35-42	John 2:1-11
3rd Sunday in OT	Matt 4:12-23	Mark 1:14-20	Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
4th Sunday in OT	Matt 5:1-12a	Mark 1:21-28	Luke 4:21-30
5th Sunday in OT	Matt 5:13-16	Mark 1:29-39	Luke 5:1-11
6th Sunday in OT	Matt 5:17-37	Mark 1:40-45	Luke 6:17, 20-26
7th Sunday in OT	Matt 5:38-48	Mark 2:1-12	Luke 6:27-38
8th Sunday in OT	Matt 6:24-34	Mark 2:18-22	Luke 6:39-45
9th Sunday in OT	Matt 7:21-27	Mark 2:23-3:6	Luke 7:1-10
10th Sunday in OT	Matt 9:9-13	Mark 3:20-35	Luke 7:11-17
11th Sunday in OT	Matt 9:36-10:8	Mark 4:26-34	Luke 7:36-8:3
12th Sunday in OT	Matt 10:26-33	Mark 4:35-41	Luke 9:18-24
13th Sunday in OT	Matt 10:37-42	Mark 5:21-43	Luke 9:51-62
14th Sunday in OT	Matt 11:25-30	Mark 6:1-6	Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
15th Sunday in OT	Matt 13:1-23	Mark 6:7-13	Luke 10:25-37

Sunday or Feast	Year A	Year B	Year C
16th Sunday in OT	Matt 13:24-43	Mark 6:30-34	Luke 10:38-42
17th Sunday in OT	Matt 13:44-52	John 6:1-15	Luke 11:1-13
18th Sunday in OT	Matt 14:13-21	John 6:24-35	Luke 12:13-21
19th Sunday in OT	Matt 14:22-33	John 6:41-51	Luke 12:32-48
20th Sunday in OT	Matt 15:21-28	John 6:51-58	Luke 12:49-53
21st Sunday in OT	Matt 16:13-20	John 6:60-69	Luke 13:22-30
22nd Sunday in OT	Matt 16:21-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Luke 14:1, 7-14
23rd Sunday in OT	Matt 18:15-20	Mark 7:31-37	Luke 14:25-33
24th Sunday in OT	Matt 18:21-35	Mark 8:27-35	Luke 15:1-32
25th Sunday in OT	Matt 20:1-16a	Mark 9:30-37	Luke 16:1-13
26th Sunday in OT	Matt 21:28-32	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48	Luke 16:19-31
27th Sunday in OT	Matt 21:33-43	Mark 10:2-16	Luke 17:5-10
28th Sunday in OT	Matt 22:1-14	Mark 10:17-30	Luke 17:11-19
29th Sunday in OT	Matt 22:15-21	Mark 10:35-45	Luke 18:1-8
30th Sunday in OT	Matt 22:34-40	Mark 10:46-52	Luke 18:9-14
31st Sunday in OT	Matt 23:1-12	Mark 12:28b-34	Luke 19:1-10
32nd Sunday in OT	Matt 25:1-13	Mark 12:38-44	Luke 20:27-38
33rd Sunday in OT	Matt 25:14-30	Mark 13:24-32	Luke 21:5-19
34th Sunday in OT: Christ the King	Matt 25:31-46	John 18:33b-37	Luke 23:35-43
Sunday after Pentecost: Holy Trinity	John 3:16-18	Matt 28:16-20	John 16:12-15
Thursday after Trinity Sunday: Body & Blood of Christ	John 6:51-58	Mark 14:12-16, 22-26	Luke 9:11b-17
Friday after 2nd Sun after Pentecost: Sacred Heart	Matt 11:25-30	John 19:31-37	Luke 15:3-7

Table 2: Gospels–Acts for Sundays and Feast Days by Biblical Book

Book Ch:Vs	Sunday or Feast	Yr	No
Mark 1:1-8	2nd of Advent	B	5
1:7-11	Baptism of the Lord (<i>Sun after Epiphany</i>)	B	21
1:12-15	1st of Lent	B	23
1:14-20	3rd in OT	B	69
1:21-28	4th in OT	B	72
1:29-39	5th in OT	B	75
1:40-45	6th in OT	B	78
2:1-12	7th in OT	B	81
2:18-22	8th in OT	B	84
2:23-3:6	9th in OT	B	87
3:20-35	10th in OT	B	90
4:26-34	11th in OT	B	93
4:35-41	12th in OT	B	96
5:21-43	13th in OT	B	99
6:1-6	14th in OT	B	102
6:7-13	15th in OT	B	105
6:30-34	16th in OT	B	108
7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	22nd in OT	B	126
7:31-37	23rd in OT	B	129
8:27-35	24th in OT	B	132
9:2-10	2nd of Lent	B	26
9:30-37	25th in OT	B	135
9:38-43, 45, 47-48	26th in OT	B	138
10:2-16	27th in OT	B	141
10:17-30	28th in OT	B	144
10:35-45	29th in OT	B	147
10:46-52	30th in OT	B	150
11:1-10 (opt. 1)	Passion Sunday: Palm Procession	B	37
12:28b-34	31st in OT	B	153
12:38-44	32nd in OT	B	156
13:24-32	33rd in OT	B	159
Mark 13:33-37	1st of Advent	B	2
14:1-15:47	Palm Sunday	B	38
14:12-16, 22-26	Body & Blood of Christ (<i>Thurs after Trinity Sund</i>)	B	169
16:1-8	Easter Vigil	B	42
16:1-8 (opt. 2)	Easter	B	43
16:15-20	Ascension of the Lord	B	59
Matthew 1:1-25	Christmas: Vigil	A	13
1:1-25	Christmas: Vigil	B	13
1:1-25	Christmas: Vigil	C	13
1:18-24	4 th of Advent	A	10

Book Ch:Vs	Sunday or Feast	Yr	No
Matthew 2:1-12	The Epiphany of the Lord	A	20
2:1-12	The Epiphany of the Lord	B	20
2:1-12	The Epiphany of the Lord	C	20
2:13-15, 19-23	day in Octave of Christmas: Holy Family	A	17
3:1-12	2 nd of Advent	A	4
3:13-17	Sunday after Epiphany: Baptism of the Lord	A	21
4:1-11	1 st of Lent	A	22
4:12-23	3 rd in OT	A	68
5:1-12a	4 th in OT	A	71
5:13-16	5 th in OT	A	74
5:17-37	6 th in OT	A	77
5:38-48	7 th in OT	A	80
6:24-34	8 th in OT	A	83
7:21-27	9 th in OT	A	86
9:9-13	10 th in OT	A	89
9:36-10:8	11 th in OT	A	92
10:26-33	12 th in OT	A	95
10:37-42	13 th in OT	A	98
11:2-11	3 rd of Advent	A	7
11:25-30	14 th in OT	A	101
11:25-30	Sacred Heart (<i>Fri after 2nd Sun after Pentecost</i>)	A	171
13:1-23	15 th in OT	A	104
13:24-43	16 th in OT	A	107
13:44-52	17 th in OT	A	110
14:13-21	18 th in OT	A	113
14:22-33	19 th in OT	A	116
15:21-28	20 th in OT	A	119
16:13-20	21 st in OT	A	122
16:21-27	22 nd in OT	A	125
17:1-9	2 nd of Lent	A	25
18:15-20	23 rd in OT	A	128
18:21-35	24 th in OT	A	131
20:1-16a	25 th in OT	A	134
21:1-11	Passion Sunday: Palm Procession	A	37
21:28-32	26th in OT	A	137
21:33-43	27th in OT	A	140
22:1-14	28th in OT	A	143
22:15-21	29th in OT	A	146
22:34-40	30th in OT	A	149

Book Ch:Vs	Sunday or Feast	Yr	No
Matthew 23:1-12	31st in OT	A	152
24:37-44	1st of Advent	A	1
25:1-13	32nd in OT	A	155
25:14-30	33rd in OT	A	158
25:31-46	34th in OT: Christ the King	A	161
26:14-27:66	Palm Sunday	A	38
28:1-10	Easter Vigil	A	42
28:1-10 (opt. 2)	Easter	A	43
28:16-20	Ascension of the Lord	A	59
28:16-20	Holy Trinity (Sunday after Pentecost)	B	166
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21	3rd in OT	C	70
1:26-38	4th of Advent	B	11
1:39-45	4th of Advent	C	12
1:46-50, 53-54 (opt. 2)	3rd of Advent	B	8
2:1-14	Christmas: Midnight	A	14
2:1-14	Christmas: Midnight	B	14
2:1-14	Christmas: Midnight	C	14
2:15-20	Christmas: Dawn	A	15
2:15-20	Christmas: Dawn	B	15
2:15-20	Christmas: Dawn	C	15
2:16-21	Jan. 1: Mary, Mother of God	A	18
2:16-21	Jan. 1: Mary, Mother of God	B	18
2:16-21	Jan. 1: Mary, Mother of God	C	18
2:22-40	Sunday in Octave of Christmas: Holy Family	B	17
2:41-52	Sunday in Octave of Christmas: Holy Family	C	17
3:1-6	2nd of Advent	C	6
3:10-18	3rd of Advent	C	9
3:15-16, 21-22	Baptism of the Lord (Sunday after Epiphany)	C	21
4:1-13	1st of Lent	C	24
4:14-21	see 3rd in OT	C	70

Book Ch:Vs	Sunday or Feast	Yr	No
Luke 4:16-21	Holy Thursday: Chrism Mass	B	39
4:16-21	Holy Thursday: Chrism Mass	C	39
4:21-30	4th in OT	C	73
5:1-11	5th in OT	C	76
6:17, 20-26	6th in OT	C	79
6:27-38	7th in OT	C	82
6:39-45	8th in OT	C	85
7:1-10	9th in OT	C	88
7:11-17	10th in OT	C	91
7:36-8:3	11th in OT	C	94
9:11b-17	Body & Blood of Christ (Thurs after Trinity Sunday)	C	170
9:18-24	12th in OT	C	97
9:28b-36	2nd of Lent	C	27
9:51-62	13th in OT	C	
10:1-12, 17-20	14th in OT	C	103
10:25-37	15th in OT	C	106
10:38-42	16th in OT	C	109
11:1-13	17th in OT	C	112
12:13-21	18th in OT	C	115
12:32-48	19th in OT	C	118
12:49-53	20th in OT	C	121
13:1-9	3rd of Lent	C	30
13:22-30	21st in OT	C	124
14:1, 7-14	22nd in OT	C	127
14:25-33	23rd in OT	C	130
15:1-32	24th in OT	C	133
15:3-7	Sacred Heart (Fri after 2nd Sun after Pentecost)	C	173
15:1-3, 11-32 (opt. 1)	4th of Lent	C	33
16:1-13	25th in OT	C	136
16:19-31	26th in OT	C	139
17:5-10	27th in OT	C	142
17:11-19	28th in OT	C	145
18:1-8	29th in OT	C	148
18:9-14	30th in OT	C	151
19:1-10	31st in OT	C	154
19:28-40	Passion Sunday: Palm Procession	C	37
20:27-38	32nd in OT	C	157
21:5-19	33rd in OT	C	160
21:25-28, 34-36	1st of Advent	C	3
22:14-23:5	Palm Sunday	C	38
23:35-43	34th in OT: Christ the King	C	163

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Luke 24:1-12	Easter Vigil	C	42
24:1-12 (opt. 2)	Easter	C	42
24:13-35	3rd of Easter	A	43
24:13-35 (opt. 3)	Easter	A	47
24:13-35 (opt. 3)	Easter	B	43
24:13-35 (opt. 3)	Easter	C	43
24:35-48	3rd of Easter	B	48
24:44-53	Ascension of the Lord	C	59
John 1:1-18	Christmas Day	A	16
1:1-18	2nd after Christmas	A	19
1:1-18	Christmas Day	B	16
1:1-18	2nd after Christmas	B	19
1:1-18	Christmas Day	C	16
1:1-18	2nd after Christmas	C	19
1:6-8, 19-28 (opt. 1)	3rd of Advent	B	8
1:29-34	2nd in OT	A	65
1:35-42	2nd in OT	B	66
2:1-12	2nd in OT	C	67
2:13-25 (opt. 1)	3rd of Lent	B	29
3:14-21 (opt. 1)	4th of Lent	B	32
3:16-18	Holy Trinity (<i>Sunday after Pentecost</i>)	A	165
4:5-42	3rd of Lent	A	28
4:5-42 (opt. 2)	3rd of Lent	B	29
4:5-42 (opt. 2)	3rd of Lent	C	30
6:1-15	17th in OT	B	111
6:24-35	18th in OT	B	114
6:41-51	19th in OT	B	117
6:51-58	Body & Blood of Christ (<i>Thursday after Trinity Sunday</i>)	A	168
6:51-58	20th in OT	B	120
6:60-69	21st in OT	B	123
7:37-39	Pentecost Vigil	A	63
7:37-39	Pentecost Vigil	B	63
7:37-39	Pentecost Vigil	C	63
8:1-11 (opt. 1)	5th of Lent	C	36
9:1-41	4th of Lent	A	31
9:1-41 (opt. 2)	4th of Lent	B	32
9:1-41 (opt. 2)	4th of Lent	C	33
10:1-10	4th of Easter	A	50
10:11-18	4th of Easter	B	51
10:27-30	4th of Easter	C	52
11:1-45	5th of Lent	A	34
11:1-45 (opt. 2)	5th of Lent	B	35

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John 11:1-45 (opt. 2)	5th of Lent	C	36
12:12-16 (opt. 2)	Passion Sunday: Palm Procession	B	37
12:20-33 (opt. 1)	5th of Lent	B	35
13:1-15	Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper	A	40
13:1-15	Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper	B	40
13:1-15	Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper	C	40
13:31-33a, 34-35	5th of Easter	C	55
14:1-12	5th of Easter	A	53
14:15-21	6th of Easter	A	56
14:23-29	6th of Easter	C	58
15:1-8	5th of Easter	B	54
15:9-17	6th of Easter	B	57
16:12-15	Holy Trinity (<i>Sunday after Pentecost</i>)	C	167
17:1-11a	7th of Easter	A	60
17:11b-19	7th of Easter	B	61
17:20-26	7th of Easter	C	62
18:1-19:42	Good Friday: The Passion of the Lord	A	41
18:1-19:42	Good Friday: The Passion of the Lord	B	41
18:1-19:42	Good Friday: The Passion of the Lord	C	41
18:33b-37	34th in OT: Christ the King	B	162
19:31-37	Sacred Heart (<i>Fri after 2nd Sun after Pentecost</i>)	B	172
20:1-9 (opt. 1)	Easter	A	43
20:1-9 (opt. 1)	Easter	B	43
20:1-9 (opt.1)	Easter	C	43
20:19-23	Pentecost	A	64
20:19-23	Pentecost	B	64
20:19-23	Pentecost	C	64
20:19-31	2 nd of Easter	A	44
20:19-31	2 nd of Easter	B	45
20:19-31	2 nd of Easter	C	46
21:1-19	3 rd of Easter	C	49
Acts 1:1-11	Ascension of the Lord	A	59
1:1-11	Ascension of the Lord	B	59

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Acts 1:12-14	7 th of Easter	A	60
1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26	7 th of Easter	B	61
2:1-11	Pentecost	A	64
2:1-11	Pentecost	B	64
2:1-11	Pentecost	C	64
2:14, 22-33	3 rd of Easter	A	47
2:14a, 36-41	4 th of Easter	A	50
2:42-47	2 nd of Easter	A	44
3:13-15, 17-19	3 rd of Easter	B	48
4:8-12	4 th of Easter	B	51
4:32-35	2nd of Easter	B	45
5:12-16	2nd of Easter	C	46
5:27-32, 40b-41	3rd of Easter	C	49
6:1-7	5th of Easter	A	53
7:55-60	7th of Easter	C	62
8:5-8, 14-17	6th of Easter	A	56
9:26-31	5th of Easter	B	54
10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48	6th of Easter	B	57

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Acts 10:34-38	Baptism of the Lord (<i>Sun after Epiphany</i>)	A	43
10:34-38	Baptism of the Lord (<i>Sun after Epiphany</i>)	B	43
10:34-38	Baptism of the Lord (<i>Sun after Epiphany</i>)	C	43
10:34a, 37-43	Easter	A	43
10:34a, 37-43	Easter	B	43
10:34a, 37-43	Easter	C	43
13:14, 43-52	4th of Easter	C	52
13:16-17, 22-25	Christmas Vigil	A	13
13:16-17, 22-25	Christmas Vigil	B	13
13:16-17, 22-25	Christmas Vigil	C	13
14:21-27	5th of Easter	C	55
15:1-2, 22-29	6th of Easter	C	58

Table 3: Unused Portions of the Gospels and Acts

Mark	Matthew	Luke	John	Acts
2:13-17	2:16-18	1:5-25, 51-52,	1:43-51	1:18-19
3:7-19	4:24-25	55-80	2:12	2:12-13, 15-21,
4:1-25	6:1-23	3:7-9, 19-20,	3:1-13, 22-36	34-35
5:1-20	7:1-20, 28-29	23-38	4:1-4, 43-54	3:1-12, 16, 20-
6:14-29, 35-	8:1-34	4:31-44	5:1-47	26
56	9:1-8, 14-35	5:12-39	6:16-23, 36-	4:1-7, 13-31,
7:9-13, 16-20,	10:9-25, 34-	6:1-16, 18-19,	40, 59, 70-	36-37
24-30	36	46-49	71	5:1-11, 17-26,
8:1-26	11:1, 12-24	7:18-35	7:1-36, 40-53	33-39, 42
9:1, 11-29, 44,	12:1-50	8:4-56	8:12-59	6:8-15
46, 49-50	13:53-58	9:1-10, 25-27,	10:19-26, 31-	7:1-54
10:1, 31-34	14:1-12, 34-36	37-50	42	8:1-4, 9-13,
11:11-33	15:1-20, 29-39	10:13-16, 21-	11:46-57	18-40
12:1-27, 35-37	16:1-12, 28	24	12:1-11, 16-33	9:1-25, 32-43
13:1-23	17:10-27	11:14-54	13:16-30, 36-	10:1-24, 27-33
16:9-14	18:1-14	12:1-12, 22-31,	38	11:1-30
	19:1-30	54-59	14:13-14, 22,	12:1-25
	20:17-34	13:10-21, 31-35	30-31	13:1-13, 15, 18-
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