

# Readings: Feria

## First Reading: Gal 3:7-14

Brothers and sisters:

Realize that it is those who have faith  
who are children of Abraham.  
Scripture, which saw in advance that God  
would justify the Gentiles by faith,  
foretold the good news to Abraham, saying,  
Through you shall all the nations be blessed.  
Consequently, those who have faith are blessed  
along with Abraham who had faith.  
For all who depend on works of the law are under a curse;  
for it is written, Cursed be everyone  
who does not persevere in doing all the things  
written in the book of the law.  
And that no one is justified before God by the law is clear,  
for the one who is righteous by faith will live.  
But the law does not depend on faith;  
rather, the one who does these things will live by them.  
Christ ransomed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us,  
for it is written, Cursed be everyone who hangs on a tree,  
that the blessing of Abraham might be extended  
to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus,

so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

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## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and

**R./ The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**

I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart  
in the company and assembly of the just.  
Great are the works of the Lord,  
exquisite in all their delights.

**The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**

Majesty and glory are his work,  
and his justice endures forever.  
He has won renown for his wondrous deeds;  
gracious and merciful is the Lord.

**The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**

He has given food to those who fear him;  
he will forever be mindful of his covenant.  
He has made known to his people the power of his works,  
giving them the inheritance of the nations.

**The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.**

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## Gospel Reading: Lk 11:15-26

When Jesus had driven out a demon, some of the crowd said:

"By the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons,  
he drives out demons."  
Others, to test him, asked him for a sign from heaven.  
But he knew their thoughts and said to them,  
"Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste  
and house will fall against house.  
And if Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand?  
For you say that it is by Beelzebul that I drive out demons.  
If I, then, drive out demons by Beelzebul,  
by whom do your own people drive them out?  
Therefore they will be your judges.  
But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons,  
then the Kingdom of God has come upon you.  
When a strong man fully armed guards his palace,  
his possessions are safe.  
But when one stronger than he attacks and overcomes him,

he takes away the armor on which he relied  
and distributes the spoils.  
Whoever is not with me is against me,  
and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

"When an unclean spirit goes out of someone,  
it roams through arid regions searching for rest  
but, finding none, it says,  
'I shall return to my home from which I came.'  
But upon returning, it finds it swept clean and put in order.  
Then it goes and brings back seven other spirits  
more wicked than itself who move in and dwell there,

and the last condition of that man is worse than the first.'

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