

**JULY 11, BENEDICT OF NURSIA,  
ABBOT OF MONTE CASSINO, C. 540: MASS**

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the Proverbs**

My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

## Psalm 1

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 1, found in the red Prayer Book on page 585.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

*At Sung Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 1 as found in the service bulletin.

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the  
counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand  
upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

*The Reader says*

Please stand for the Gospel.

### **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* Happy are the pure in heart, \*  
for they shall see God.

*People* Alleluia.

*The Reader returns to his or her seat.*

## The Holy Gospel

*The Minister says*           The Lord be with you.

*People*                           And also with you.

*Minister*                       The Holy Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*                       Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the great crowds that accompanied him,  
“Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after  
me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring  
to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the  
cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not  
able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying,  
“This man began to build, and was not able to finish.”

Or what king, going to encounter another king in war,  
will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is  
able with ten thousand to meet him who comes  
against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while  
the other is yet a great way off, he sends an embassy  
and asks terms of peace. So therefore, whoever of you  
does not renounce all that he has cannot be my  
disciple.”

*The Minister says*           The Gospel of the Lord.