



**Archdiocese of St. Louis  
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Lectio Divina  
Saint Joseph the Worker**

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**First Reading**

*Gn 1:26—2:3*

God said:

"Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth."

God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth. God also said: See, I give you every seed-bearing plant on all the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the wild animals, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the earth, I give all the green plants for food. And so it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed. On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing; he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work he had done in creation.



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**First Reading**

*Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24*

Brothers and sisters:

Over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment of the inheritance; be slaves of the Lord Christ.



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**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16*

***R. Lord, give success to the works of our hands.***

***Or Alleluia.***

Before the mountains were born, the earth and the world brought forth, from eternity to eternity you are God.

***R. Lord, give success to the works of our hands.***

***Or Alleluia.***

You turn humanity back into dust, saying, "Return, you children of Adam!" A thousand years in your eyes are merely a day gone by, Before a watch passes in the night.

***R. Lord, give success to the works of our hands.***

***Or Alleluia.***

Teach us to count our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Relent, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

***R. Lord, give success to the works of our hands.***

***Or Alleluia.***

Fill us at daybreak with your mercy, that all our days we may sing for joy. Show your deeds to your servants, your glory to their children.

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**Alleluia**

*Mt 5:10*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed be the Lord day by day, God, our salvation, who bears our burdens.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel**

*Mt 13:54-58*

Jesus came to his native place and taught the people in their synagogue. They were astonished and said, "Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds? Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? Are not his sisters all with us? Where did this man get all this?" And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and in his own house." And he did not work many mighty deeds there because of their lack of faith.