

THE READINGS OF THE EASTER SEASON THE PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGIA

“Since the character and value of this period should arise from this new personal experience both of the Sacraments and of the community, the principal place for “Mystagogy” is the so-called “Masses for the neophytes” or Masses of the Sundays of Easter Time because at them, in addition to the gathered community and their participation in the mysteries, the neophytes find, especially in Year A of the Lectionary, readings particularly suited to them...” (OCIA 247).

YEAR A

Second Sunday of Easter/ Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47 All who believed were together and had all things in common.
Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (OR Alleluia)
1 Peter 1:3-9 God has given us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
John 20:19-31 Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst.

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 It was impossible for Jesus to be held by death.
Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Lord, you will show us the path of life. (OR Alleluia)
1 Peter 1:17-21 You were saved with the precious Blood of Christ, as with that of a spotless, unblemished lamb.
Luke 24:13-25 They recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:1, 4a, 36-41 God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.
Psalm 23:1-2a, 2b-4, 5, 6 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (OR Alleluia)
1 Peter 2:20b-25 You have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.
John 10:1-10 I am the gate for the sheep.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 They chose seven men filled with the Spirit.
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (OR Alleluia)
1 Peter 2:4-9 You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.
John 14:1-12 I am the way and the truth and the life.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Peter and John laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (OR Alleluia)
1 Peter 3:15-18 Put to death in the flesh, Christ was raised to life in the Spirit.
John 14:15-21 I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14 All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer.
Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8 I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living (OR Alleluia)
1 Peter 4:13-16 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you.
John 17:1-11a Father, glorify your Son.

Pentecost Sunday – Mass During the Day

Acts 2:1-11 They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak.
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (OR Alleluia)
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
SEQUENCE *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*
John 20:19-23 As the Father sent me, so I send you: receive the Holy Spirit.