

# Readings: Feria

First Reading: [Ezk 24:15-23](#)

The word of the LORD came to me:

Son of man, by a sudden blow  
I am taking away from you the delight of your eyes,  
but do not mourn or weep or shed any tears.  
Groan in silence, make no lament for the dead,  
bind on your turban, put your sandals on your feet,  
do not cover your beard, and do not eat the customary bread.  
That evening my wife died,  
and the next morning I did as I had been commanded.  
Then the people asked me, "Will you not tell us what all these things  
that you are doing mean for us?"  
I therefore spoke to the people that morning, saying to them:  
Thus the word of the LORD came to me:  
Say to the house of Israel:  
Thus says the Lord GOD:  
I will now desecrate my sanctuary, the stronghold of your pride,  
the delight of your eyes, the desire of your soul.  
The sons and daughters you left behind shall fall by the sword.  
Ezekiel shall be a sign for you:  
all that he did you shall do when it happens.  
Thus you shall know that I am the LORD.  
You shall do as I have done,  
not covering your beards nor eating the customary bread.  
Your turbans shall remain on your heads, your sandals on your feet.  
You shall not mourn or weep,

but you shall rot away because of your sins and groan one to another.

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Responsorial Psalm: [Dt 32:18-19,20,21](#)

**R/ You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**

You were unmindful of the Rock that begot you.  
You forgot the God who gave you birth.  
When the LORD saw this, he was filled with loathing  
and anger toward his sons and daughters.  
**R/ You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**

"I will hide my face from them," he said,  
"and see what will then become of them.  
What a fickle race they are,  
sons with no loyalty in them!"  
**R/ You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**

"Since they have provoked me with their 'no-god'  
and angered me with their vain idols,  
I will provoke them with a 'no-people':

with a foolish nation I will anger them."

**R/ You have forgotten God who gave you birth.**

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Gospel Reading: [Matthew 19:16-22](#)

A young man approached him and asked, "Master, what good work must I do to receive eternal life?" Jesus answered, "Why do you ask me about what is good? Only one is Good. If you want to enter eternal life, keep the commandments." The young man said, "Which commandments?" Jesus replied, "Do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself."

The young man said to him, "I have kept all these commandments, what is still lacking?" Jesus answered, "If you wish to be perfect, go and sell all that you possess and give the money to the poor and you will become the owner of a treasure in heaven. Then come back and follow me."

On hearing this answer, the young man went away sad for he was a man of great wealth.

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