

# Readings: Feria

First Reading: [Ecclesiastes 3:1-11](#)

There is an appointed time for everything,  
and a time for every thing under the heavens.  
A time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.  
A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to tear down, and a time to build.  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance.  
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;  
a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.  
A time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.  
A time to rend, and a time to sew;  
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.  
A time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time of war, and a time of peace.

What advantage has the worker from his toil?  
I have considered the task that God has appointed  
for the sons of men to be busied about.  
He has made everything appropriate to its time,  
and has put the timeless into their hearts,  
without man's ever discovering.

from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

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Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4](#)

R/ Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

Blessed be the Lord, my rock,  
my mercy and my fortress,  
my stronghold, my deliverer,  
My shield, in whom I trust.

R/ Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

Lord, what is man, that you notice him;  
the son of man, that you take thought of him?  
Man is like a breath:  
his days, like a passing shadow.

R/ Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

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## Gospel Reading: [Lk 9:18-22](#)

One day when Jesus was praying alone, not far from his disciples, he asked them, "What do people say about me?" And they answered, "Some say that you are John the Baptist; others say that you are Elijah, and still others that you are one of the former prophets risen from the dead." Again Jesus asked them, "Who then do you say I am?" Peter answered, "The Messiah of God." Then Jesus spoke to them, giving them strict orders not to tell this to anyone.

And he added, "The Son of Man must suffer many things. He will be rejected by the elders and chief priests and teachers of the Law, and put to death. Then after three days he will be raised to life."

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