

# Readings: Feria

**First Reading: Ephesians 5:21-33**

Brothers and sisters:

Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.  
Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord.  
For the husband is head of his wife  
just as Christ is head of the Church,  
he himself the savior of the Body.  
As the Church is subordinate to Christ,  
so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything.  
Husbands, love your wives,  
even as Christ loved the Church  
and handed himself over for her to sanctify her,  
cleansing her by the bath of water with the word,  
that he might present to himself the Church in splendor,  
without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,  
that she might be holy and without blemish.  
So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.  
He who loves his wife loves himself.  
For no one hates his own flesh  
but rather nourishes and cherishes it,  
even as Christ does the Church,  
because we are members of his Body.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother  
and be joined to his wife,  
and the two shall become one flesh.

This is a great mystery,  
but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.  
In any case, each one of you should love his wife as himself.

and the wife should respect her husband.

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**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5**

**R/ Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Blessed are you who fear the Lord,  
who walk in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;  
blessed shall you be, and favored.

**R/ Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the recesses of your home;  
Your children like olive plants  
around your table.

**R/ Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed  
who fears the Lord.  
The Lord bless you from Zion:  
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.

**R/ Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

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**Gospel Reading: Lk 13:18-21**

Jesus said, "What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? Imagine a person who has taken a mustard seed and planted it in the garden. The seed has grown and become like a small tree, so that the birds of the air shelter in its branches."

And Jesus said again, "What is the kingdom of God like? Imagine a woman who has taken yeast and hidden it in three measures of flour until it is all leavened."

