

# Readings: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Memorial

First Reading: [Rom 6:19-23](#)

Brothers and sisters:

I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your nature.  
For just as you presented the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity  
and to lawlessness for lawlessness,  
so now present them as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.  
For when you were slaves of sin, you were free from righteousness.  
But what profit did you get then  
from the things of which you are now ashamed?  
For the end of those things is death.  
But now that you have been freed from sin and have become slaves of God,  
the benefit that you have leads to sanctification,  
and its end is eternal life.  
For the wages of sin is death,

but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6](#)

**R/ Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

Blessed the man who follows not  
the counsel of the wicked  
Nor walks in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the company of the insolent,  
But delights in the law of the LORD  
and meditates on his law day and night.

**R/ Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

He is like a tree  
planted near running water,  
That yields its fruit in due season,  
and whose leaves never fade.  
Whatever he does, prospers.

**R/ Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

Not so the wicked, not so;  
they are like chaff which the wind drives away.  
For the LORD watches over the way of the just,  
but the way of the wicked vanishes.

**R/ Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

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Gospel Reading: [Lk 12:49-53](#)

Jesus said to his disciples, "I have come to bring fire upon the earth and how I wish it were already kindled; but I have a baptism to undergo and what anguish I feel until it is over!

"Do you think that I have come to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on, in one house five will be divided; three against two, and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; mother-in-law  
against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

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