

Lectionary for Mass: Solemnity of St Clare of Assisi, August 11, 2019**First Reading**Common of Virgins. **LM#731***Hosea 2:16bc, 17cd, 21–22**I will espouse you to me forever.***A reading from the Book of the Prophet Hosea**

Thus says the Lord:

I will lead her into the desert
and speak to her heart.

She shall respond there as in the days of her youth,
when she came up from the land of Egypt.

I will espouse you to me forever:

I will espouse you in right and in justice,
in love and in mercy;

I will espouse you in fidelity,
and you shall know the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (16:1b–2a, 5, 7–8, 11)**LM#619**

℟. (see 5a) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, “My Lord are you.”

O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup,

you it is who hold fast my lot.

℟. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

I bless the Lord who counsels me;

even in the night my heart exhorts me.

I set the Lord ever before me;

with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

℟. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

You will show me the path to life,

fullness of joys in your presence,

the delights at your right hand forever.

℟. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

SECOND READING**LM#619***Philippians 3:8-14**I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.***A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians (3:8–14)**

Brothers and sisters:

I consider everything as a loss

because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things

and I consider them so much rubbish,

that I may gain Christ and be found in him,

not having any righteousness of my own based on the law

but that which comes through faith in Christ,

the righteousness from God,

depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection

and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death,

if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

It is not that I have already taken hold of it

or have already attained perfect maturity,

but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it,

since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus.

Brothers and sisters, I for my part

do not consider myself to have taken possession.

Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind

but straining forward to what lies ahead,

I continue my pursuit toward the goal,

the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA (Matthew 5:3)

℞. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit;

the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!

℞. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL**LM#619***Matthew 19:27–29*

You who have followed me will receive a hundred times more.

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter said to Jesus,

“We have given up everything and followed you.

What will there be for us?”

Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you

that you who have followed me, in the new age,

when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of glory,

will yourselves sit on twelve thrones,

judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters

or father or mother or children or lands

for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times more,

and will inherit eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.