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THE DICES WEEKLY PRAYER DIARY



What is TALA-ARAWAN?

TALA-ARAWAN is the DICES weekly prayer diary.

TALA-ARAWAN features quotes from each day's Bible readings, reflection guide questions, daily challenges, and weekly features including games, trivia, and others.

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March 28 to April 3, 2022

Week 13

Monday to Sunday



March 28, 2022

Monday

First Reading
Isaiah 65:17-21

No longer shall the sound of weeping be heard there, or the sound of crying.

Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13

*You changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord, my God, forever will I give You thanks.*

Gospel Reading
John 4:43-54

When (the official) heard that Jesus had arrived, ... he went to Him and asked Him to come down and heal his son.

Reflection Guide Question

When was the last time you cried? Did you approach Jesus during that time? Why or why not?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, ask Jesus to stay with you while you cry about a problem that makes you feel overwhelmed.

March 29, 2022

Tuesday

First Reading
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12

The angel brought me, Ezekiel, back to the entrance of the temple of the Lord.

Tuesday of the
Fourth Week of Lent

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

Come! Behold the deeds of the Lord, the astounding things He has wrought on earth.

Gospel Reading
John 5:1-16

When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

Reflection Guide Question

Jesus asked the man, "Do you want to get well?"
When Jesus asks you the same, what is your answer?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, pray for the humility to acknowledge your weaknesses and to accept Jesus' healing.

March 30, 2022

Wednesday

First Reading
Isaiah 49:8-15

*The Lord comforts
His people and
shows mercy to
His afflicted.*

Wednesday of the
Fourth Week of Lent

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18

*The Lord lifts up all
who are falling
and raises up all
who are bowed down.*

Gospel Reading
John 5:17-30

Truly, truly, I say to
you—whoever
hears My word and
believes in the One
who sent Me has
eternal life ...

Reflection Guide Question

Who was “the One who sent (Him)”, according to Jesus? Why were the people angry at what He said?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, pray for the openness to not just hear the Word of God but to believe in it.

Word of the Week

amen

/ä'men OR ā'men/
exclamation



The word "amen" originates from the Hebrew "āmēn", which means "truth" or "certainty". The first syllable of the word is either pronounced as "ah-" or "ey-".

In Christianity, "amen" is usually used at the ending of prayers, wherein it functions as an exclamation of affirmation or agreement—in a way, meaning "so be it".

In fact, "amen" is the last word of the last book of the Bible, Revelation, literally bookending the Word of God.

ἀμήν

ANCIENT GREEK

In John 5:17-30, Jesus repeats the phrase, "Truly, truly, I say to you", which translates the phrase, "Amēn, amēn, legō hymin". In this context, the word "amen" at the beginning of a statement instead of at the end gives it a different meaning.

Instead of affirming or agreeing with the statement, when Jesus repeatedly uses "amen" at the beginning of His statements, He claims the truth and certainty of what He was saying—with the authority, as we know now, as the Son of God.

References: *BibleRef* (2022), *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, Rev. Fr. John Hardon (1980), *Catholic Culture* (2022)

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March 31, 2022

Thursday

First Reading
Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once to your people ... for they have become depraved."

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 106:19-23

They forgot the God who had saved them ...

Thursday of the
Fourth Week of Lent

Gospel Reading
John 5:31-47

You search the Scriptures, because you think you have eternal life through them; even they testify on My behalf. But you do not want to come to Me to have life.

Reflection Guide Question

In the Bible quote, was Jesus scolding the leaders about their study of Scripture? Why or why not?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, as you read the Bible, pray for guidance so that your faith goes beyond what you read.

April 1, 2022

Friday

First Reading
Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22

They said, reasoning with themselves, but not right: "Let us therefore lie in wait for the just ..."

Friday of the
Fourth Week of Lent

Gospel Reading
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

They tried to arrest Him, but no one laid a hand upon Him, because His hour had not yet come.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 34:17-21, 23

*The Lord confronts the evildoers ...
When the just cry out, the Lord hears them.*

Reflection Guide Question

Jesus did good things. He was a good man.
Why did people try to arrest and even kill Him?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, say a prayer for people who fight for marginalized communities despite risk of arrest or death.

April 2, 2022

Saturday

First Reading
Jeremiah 11:18-20

*The Lord revealed their
plot to me; I knew it,
for at that time
He showed me what
they were doing.*

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 7:2-3, 9-12

*O Lord, my God, in you
I take refuge; save me
from all my pursuers
and rescue me.*

Saturday of the
Fourth Week of Lent
Saint Francis of Paola

Gospel Reading
John 7:40-53

Nicodemus said,
“Does our law con-
demn a man before
it first hears him
and finds out what
he is doing?”

Reflection Guide Question

Why do you think the Pharisees condemned Jesus without listening to Him first?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, listen to a person—a parent or a teacher—you usually ignore or take for granted.

Saint of the Week

Saint Francis of Paola

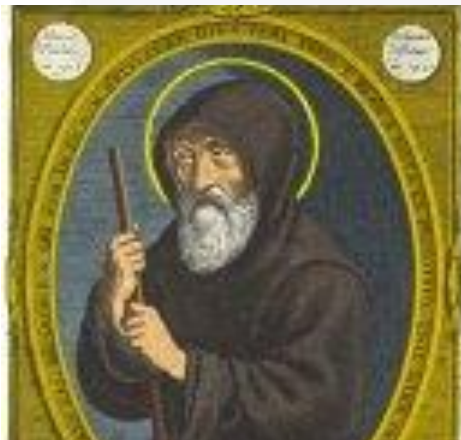
Saint Francis of Paola is the founder of the Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi, later known as the "Order of Minims".

The main virtue of Saint Francis of Paola in his personal life, as well the virtue he wanted his community to follow, is humility. He wanted to be the least ("minim") in the household of God. While he preferred silent contemplation, he also rose to the occasion when he was asked by God to be involved in society. He criticized the King of Naples' wrongdoings even when he was under threat, and he restored peace between France and Britany,

Reference: *Franciscan Media* (2021)



Prayer of the Week



O God, exaltation of the lowly, who raised St. Francis of Paola to the glory of your Saints, grant, we pray, that by his merits and example we may happily attain the rewards promised to the humble.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

—*The Roman Missal (2002)*

April 3, 2022

Sunday

First Reading
Isaiah 43:16-21
or Ezekiel 37:12-14

*Thus says the Lord: ...
See, I am doing
something new!*

Fifth Sunday
of Lent

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 126:1-6
or Psalm 130:1-8

*The Lord has done
great things for us;
we are glad indeed.*

Gospel Reading
John 8:1-11 or John 11:1-45

“Has no one con-
demned you?” ... “No
one, Sir.” ... “Neither
do I condemn you.
Go, and from now on
do not sin any more.”

Second Reading
Philippians 3:8-14 or
Romans 8:8-11

*I want to know Christ—
yes, to know the power
of His resurrection ...*

Reflection Guide Question

What does the
saying “Let who is
without sin throw
the first stone”
mean for you?

Quotes of the Week

Jesus forgives. But there is something more here than forgiveness. For as a confessor Jesus goes beyond the law, for “the law said that she had to be punished”.

Jesus was pure, and He could have thrown the first stone, but He goes beyond this. He doesn't tell her that adultery is not a sin, but He doesn't condemn her with the law.



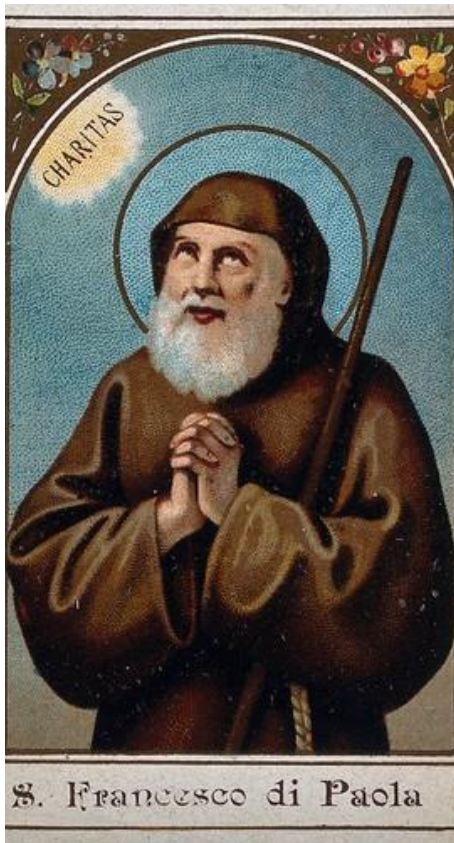


This is the mystery of Jesus' mercy. In being merciful, Jesus goes beyond the law, which commanded that she be stoned. Mercy is something which is difficult to understand: it doesn't eliminate sin. It is God's forgiveness that does this. Mercy is the manner in which God forgives.

Jesus could have said: "I forgive you, go", as He had said to the paralytic: "Your sins are forgiven". Jesus goes further and tells the woman, "Sin no more".

—*Pope Francis*

Reference: Forgiveness in a caress—Morning Meditation in the Chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae (2014)



Put aside hatred and hostility. See to it that you refrain from harsh words. But if you do speak them, do not be ashamed to apply the remedy from the same lips that inflicted the wounds. In this way you will show each other mercy and not keep alive the memories of past wrongs.

Remembering grievances works great damage. It is accompanied by anger, fosters sin, and brings a hatred for justice. It is a rusty arrow spreading poison in the soul. It destroys virtue and is a cancer in the mind. It thwarts prayer and mangles the petitions we make to God. It drives out love and is a nail driven into the soul, an evil that never sleeps, a sin that never fades away, a kind of daily death.

Be lovers of peace, the most precious treasure that anyone can desire.

—*St. Francis of Paola*

Reference: Excerpt from the letters of St. Francis of Paola, Hermit (1486)



Game of the Week

Fallen Phrase Puzzle



T W
 M W T F I U
 L T T T U T R O R S
 W E T O H E H Y O I E T

The letters from each cell are below the puzzle. Try to rebuild the original message by choosing the letters for each cell.

Last Week's Game

Hidden Message Puzzle

A

A	N	N	U	N	C	I	A	T	I	O	N
6				15						12	

B

G	A	B	R	I	E	L
13		7		16		11

C

F	I	A	T
9		2	

D

L	U	K	E
4		10	

E

H	A	N	D	M	A	I	D
1		14		5			

F

S	U	M	A	S	A	I	Y	O
				3		8		

H	A	I	L
1	2	3	4

M	A	R	Y
5	6	7	8

F	U	L	L
9	10	11	11

O	F
12	9

G	R	A	C	E
13	7	14	15	16

- A. Announcement.
 B. Messenger angel.
 C. "Yes".
 D. Only Gospel that has this story.

- E. Behold the _____ of the Lord.
 F. Ang Panginoon ay _____.

A black and white photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, with the text "DICES, let us pray." overlaid. The hands are the central focus, with fingers interlaced and palms pressed together. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the skin and the creases on the fingers. The background is dark and out of focus. The text is white and positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image.

DICES,
let us pray.