

Votive Mass of Saint Josemaria Escriva June 26 in the Roman Martyrology

Saint Josemaria Escriva, priest

First Reading (Gn 2:4b–9, 15)

*The Lord God planted a garden in Eden
and placed there the man whom he had formed.*

At the time when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens—while as yet there was no field shrub on earth and no grass of the field had sprouted, for the Lord God had sent no rain upon the earth and there was no man to till the soil, but a stream was welling up out of the earth and was watering all the surface of the ground—the Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.

Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and he placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 2:7, 8–9, 10–11, 12)

R./ Praise the Lord, all you peoples!
I will proclaim the decree of the Lord,
who said to me,
“You are my son;
today I am your father.” R./

“Only ask it of me, and I will make your inheritance the nations,
your possession the ends of the earth.
With an iron rod you shall shepherd them,
like a clay pot you will shatter them.” R./

And now, kings, give heed;
take warning, rulers on earth.
Serve the Lord with fear;
with trembling bow down in homage. R./

Lest God be angry and you perish from the way
in a sudden blaze of anger.
Happy are all who take refuge in God! R./

Second Reading (Rom 8:14–17)

You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, “Abba, Father!”

Brothers and sisters: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, “Abba, Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Alleluia (Mk 1:17)

R./ Alleluia, alleluia. Come after me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. R./ Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel (Lk 5:1–11)

They left everything and followed Jesus.

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” Simon said in reply, “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.” When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.