**Reading for November 2nd**

**Reading 1, 2 Maccabees 12, 43-46**

43 after this he took a collection from them individually, amounting to nearly two thousand drachmas, and sent it to [Jerusalem](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6304) to have a [sacrifice](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10284) for [sin](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10849) offered, an action altogether fine and noble, prompted by his [belief](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=1667) in the resurrection. 44 For had he not expected the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead, 45 whereas if he had in view the splendid recompense reserved for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout. Hence, he had this expiatory [sacrifice](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10284) offered for the dead, so that they might be released from their sin.

**Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms103:8. 10, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18***

8 Yahweh is tenderness and pity, slow to [anger](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=789) and rich in faithful love; 10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve, nor repay us as befits our offences.

13 As tenderly as a father treats his children, so [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) treats those who fear him; 14 he knows of what we are made, he remembers that we are dust.

15 As for a human [person](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=9193) -- his days are like grass, he blooms like the wild flowers; 16 as soon as the wind blows he is gone, never to be seen there again.

17 But Yahweh's faithful love for those who fear him is from [eternity](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=4381) and for ever; and his saving [justice](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6550) to their children's children; 18 as long as they keep his covenant, and carefully obey his precepts.

# Reading 2, Romans 8, 31b-35.37-39

 After saying this, what can we add? If [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) is for us, who can be against us? 32 Since he did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for the sake of all of us, then can we not expect that with him he [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) freely give us all his gifts? 33 Who can bring any accusation against those that [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) has chosen? When [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) grants saving justice 34 who can condemn? Are we not sure that it is [Christ](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) Jesus, who died -- yes and more, who was raised from the dead and is at God's [right](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10046) hand -- and who is adding his plea for us? 35 Can anything cut us off from the love of [Christ](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) -- can hardships or distress, or persecution, or lack of food and clothing, or threats or violence; 36 as [scripture](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=10624) says: For your sake we are being massacred all day long, treated as sheep to be slaughtered? 37 No; we come through all these things triumphantly victorious, by the power of him who loved us. 38 For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nothing already in existence and nothing still to come, nor any power, 39 nor the heights nor the depths, nor any created thing whatever, [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) be able to come between us and the love of God, known to us in [Christ](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) [Jesus](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) our Lord.

**Halleluja: Joh 11, 25a.26**

I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that [person](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=9193) dies, [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) live, 26 and whoever lives and believes in me [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) never die

# Gospel, John 11,17-27

 17 On arriving, [Jesus](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) found that [Lazarus](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6939) had been in the [tomb](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=11611) for four days already. 18 Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, 19 and many [Jews](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6511) had come to Martha and [Mary](https://www.catholic.org/bookstore/?category=19) to comfort them about their brother. 20 When Martha heard that [Jesus](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) was coming she went to meet him. [Mary](https://www.catholic.org/bookstore/?category=19) remained sitting in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died, 22 but even now I know that [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) grant whatever you ask of him.' 23 Jesus said to her, 'Your brother [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) rise again.' 24 Martha said, 'I know he [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' 25 Jesus said: I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that [person](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=9193) dies, [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) live, 26 and whoever lives and believes in me [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) never die. Do you believe this? 27 'Yes, Lord,' she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'