

Liturgical Readings for Lent

During Ordinary Time, the Old Testament reading and psalm response generally have a connection to the Gospel, while the new Testament reading moves on its own cycle.

During Lent, however, the Old Testament readings are about the history of salvation, one of the main topics of Lenten instruction. The New Testament reading may be more closely connected to the Gospel.

Every year during Lent, the first Sunday's Gospel is about the temptations of Jesus from the appropriate Gospel and the reading for the second Sunday is about the Transfiguration of Jesus.

In the B Cycle (which is used this year), the third, fourth and fifth Sunday Gospels come from John: Jesus and the money-changers at the Temple, the Evening meeting between Jesus and Nicodemus, and the parable of the seed which falls to the ground and produces wheat.