

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY August 29, 2021
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Luke 4:1-13

A reading from Luke.

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, **2** where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. **3** The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." **4** Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

5 Then the devil[a] led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. **6** And the devil[b] said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. **7** If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." **8** Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

9 Then the devil[c] took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, **10** for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

11 and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

12 Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" **13** When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Second Reading: James 1:12-18, Common English Bible

A reading from James.

12 Those who stand firm during testing are blessed. They are tried and true. They will receive the life God has promised to those who love him as their reward. **13** No one who is tested should say, "God is tempting me!" This is because God is not tempted by any form of evil, nor does he tempt anyone. **14** Everyone is tempted by their own cravings; they are lured away and enticed by them. **15** Once those cravings conceive, they give birth to sin; and when sin grows up, it gives birth to death. **16** Don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. **17** Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all. **18** He chose to give us birth by his true word, and here is the result: we are like the first crop from the harvest of everything he created.

Gospel Luke 22:39-46

39 He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. **40** When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." (Or *into temptation*)] **41** Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, **42** "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

45 When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, **46** and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial." (Or *into temptation*.)