



MIDDLE EAST



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This region of the Catholic Biblical Federation brings together primarily Arabic-speaking countries of the Middle East and Northern Africa. Historically, these countries were the birthplace of the Bible itself, while Christians living there are, in some manner, the descendants of biblical characters. Complexity and diversity of the Bible is reflected in a great diversity of Christian rites and denomination present in the region. This diversity accounts for the richness of the region, but also poses a significant challenge in the area of diversity and dialogue, not least a dialogue with Islam. The beginnings of this region date back to 1985 when the first meeting of 20 exegetes and ministers of the Word in the Arabic speaking countries of the Near and Middle East took place on the island of Cyprus. The second Cyprus Meeting in February 1988 focused on the topic "The Reading of the Bible in our Middle East context". This meeting paved a way and provided direction for the biblical apostolate in the entire region.

PRAYER INTENTION: That Christians in the Middle East and Northern Africa may enjoy religious freedom and zealously serve the cause of promoting the Bible as the grounds for unity among all Christians.

MARCH 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27 Sir 27:4-7 1Cor 15:54-58 / Lk 6:39-45	28 1Pt 1:3-9 / Mk 10:17-27	1 1Pt 1:10-16 / Mk 10:28-31	2 Jl 2:12-18 2Cor 5:20-6:2 / Mt 6:1-6,16-18	3 Dt 30:15-20 / Lk 9:22-25	4 Is 58:1-9a / Mt 9:14-15	5 Is 58:9b-14 / Lk 5:27-32
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 6 Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 / Lk 4:1-13	7 Lv 19:1-2,11-18 / Mt 25:31-46	8 Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15	9 Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32	10 Est C:12,14-16,23-25 / Mt 7:7-12	11 Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26	12 Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 13 Gn 15:5-12,17-18 Phil 3:17-4:1 / Lk 9:28b-36	14 Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:36-38	15 Is 1:10,16-20 / Mt 23:1-12	16 Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28	17 Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31	18 Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Mt 21:33-43,45-46	19 2Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16 / Rom 4:13,16-18,22 / Mt 1:16,18-21,24a
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 20 Ex 3:1-8a,13-15 1Cor 10:1-6,10-12 / Lk 13:1-9	21 2Kgs 5:1-15ab / Lk 4:24-30	22 Dn 3:25,34-43 / Mt 18:21-35	23 Dt 4:1,5-9 / Mt 5:17-19	24 Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23	25 Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 / Lk 1:26-38	26 Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 27 Jos 5:9a,10-12 2Cor 5:17-21 / Lk 15:1-3,11-32	28 Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54	29 Ez 47:1-9,12 / Jn 5:1-16	30 Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30	31 Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47	1 Wis 2:1a,12-22 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30	2 Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53