Entrance Antiphon
Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading
Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R**

Second Reading
Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation
Ephesians 1:17. 18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Communion Antiphon
Ps 30: 20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

22nd Week In Ordinary Time

Monday 31st August
1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Ps 118(119):97-102, Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday 1st September
1 Corinthians 2:10-16, Ps 144(145):8-14, Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday 2nd September
1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Ps 32(33):12-15,20-21, Luke 4:38-44

Thursday 3rd September
Saint Gregory the Great
1 Corinthians 3:18-23, Ps 23(24):1-6, Luke 5:1-11

Friday 4th September
1 Corinthians 4:1-5, Ps 36(37):3-6,27-28,39-40, Luke 5:33-39

Saturday 5th September
1 Corinthians 4:6-15, Ps 144(145):17-21, Luke 6:1-5

Sunday 6th September
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 33:7-9, Ps 94(95):1-2,6-9, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20