

**THE
ROMAN-SERAPHIC
CALENDAR**

**FOR THE LITURGICAL YEAR
2009-2010**

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***CONTAINING THE VARIATIONS AND ADDITIONS
TO THE UNIVERSAL CALENDAR
PROPER TO THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR
FOR THE USE OF MEMBERS OF THE ORDER
IN GREAT BRITAIN***

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DECLARATION

This Franciscan Calendar is drawn up in conformity with the Rescript of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments of 16th July 2003 (Prot. 1445/02/L) which approved and confirmed the revised calendar for the Order of Friars Minor, and that of 16th February 2008 (Prot. 1040/07/L) which approved the addition of further celebrations in order to keep in our memories the outstanding names in our history.

Within this frame-work the O.F.M. Province in Great Britain observes three additional celebrations of its own: on 22nd May the obligatory Memoria of Blessed John Forest; on 12th July the obligatory Memoria of Sts John Jones and John Wall (two of the Forty Martyrs of England & Wales), to which have now been added the five Beatified martyrs Thomas Bullaker, John Woodcock, Henry Heath, Arthur Bell, and Charles Meehan, to constitute a day for remembering all the martyrs of the Province; and on 10th September an obligatory Memoria of Blessed Agnellus of Pisa, the first Minister Provincial of our Province.

According to the newly approved calendar, the Commemoration of all Deceased Franciscans may be observed on any suitable day which is free of other celebrations after 2nd November. The Compiler has assigned it for the benefit of users of this booklet to the last such day, this year the 23rd November, where it is as near as possible to the Feast of All Saints of the Order on 29th November, the anniversary of the Bull *Solet annuere* giving Papal approval to our Rule.

To aid our celebrations, some biographical notes have been inserted in the case of newly added Saints and Blessed whose story will not be found in our Breviary Supplement.

THE COMPILER

DECEMBER 2009

No Variations from the Universal Calendar

JANUARY 2010

- 7 Thursday **Feria of Christmastide** (*White*)
or: St Charles of Sezze, Religious, I Order, optional Memoria

MASS of the Feria in Epiphanytide or of the Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

- 11 Monday **Feria** (*Green*)
or: St Thomas of Cora, Priest I Order, optional Memoria

MASS of the Feria or Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

- 14 Thursday **Feria** (*Green*)
or: Bl. Oderic of Portunaone, Priest I Order, opt. Memoria

MASS of the Feria or Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

- 16 Saturday **Sts BERARD AND HIS COMPANIONS, Protomartyrs of the Order, I Order, Feast** (*Red*)

MASS proper
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feast

- 19 Tuesday **Feria** (*Green*)
or (for the II Order): St Eustochia Calafato, Religious II Order, optional Memoria (*White*)

MASS of the Feria or Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

- 30 Saturday **St Hyacintha of Mariscottis, Virgin, III Order, Memoria** (*White*)

MASS of the Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

FEBRUARY 2010

- 6 Saturday **Sts Peter Baptist, Paul Miki and their Companions, Martyrs in Japan, Memoria** (*Red*)

MASS of the Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

- 25 Thursday **Feria** (*Purple*)
with the optional Lenten Memoria of Bl. Sebastian of Aparicio,
Religious I Order

MASS of the Feria with optional Memoria according to the rubrics
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Lenten Memoria

MARCH 2010

- 2 Tuesday **Lenten Feria** (*Purple*)
with the Lenten Memoria of St Agnes of Bohemia, Virgin,
II Order

MASS of the Feria with Memoria according to the rubrics
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria with Memoria

- 3 Wednesday **Lenten Feria** (*Purple*)
with the optional Lenten Memoria of Bl. Liberatus Weiss and
Companions, Martyrs of Gondar in Ethiopia, I Order

MASS of the Feria with optional Memoria according to the rubrics
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria with optional Memoria

- 5 Friday **Lenten Feria** (*Purple*)
with the optional Lenten Memoria of St John Joseph of the Cross,
Priest, I Order

MASS of the Feria with optional Memoria according to the rubrics
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria with optional Memoria

- 18 Thursday **Lenten Feria** (*Purple*)
with the optional Lenten Memoria of St Salvator of Horta,
Religious I Order

MASS of the Feria with optional Memoria according to the rubrics
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria with optional Memoria

- 22 Monday **Lenten Feria** (*Purple*)
with the optional Lenten Memoria of St Benvenuto Scotivoli of
Osimo, Bishop I Order

MASS of the Feria with optional Memoria according to the rubrics
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or optional Memoria

APRIL 2010

- 16 Friday **Feria** (*White*)

Today is the anniversary of the oral approval of the Rule by Pope Innocent III in 1209. It is a traditional devotional practice of the Order for the Solemnly Professed friars to renew their profession today in community.

- 21 Wednesday **Feria** (*White*)
or: St Conrad of Parzham, I Order, optional Memoria

MASS proper or of the Memoria, Paschal Preface
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or the Memoria

23 Friday **Feria (White)**
or: **Bl. Giles of Assisi, I Order, optional Memoria**

MASS proper or of the Memoria, Paschal Preface
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or the Memoria

(In England)

St George, Martyr, National Patron, Solemnity

24 Saturday **St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr, I Order, Memoria (Red)**

MASS of the Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

28 Wednesday **Feria (White)**
or (for the III Order): **Bl. Luchesio, III Order, Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Feria or Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

MAY 2010

8 Saturday **Feria (White)**
or: **The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces, optional Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Feria or Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

12 Wednesday **St Leopold Mandić of Castelnuovo, Priest, I Order, Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Memoria, Paschal Preface
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

Leopold Mandic was born on 12 May 1866, the twelfth child of his parents, in a village on the southern tip of Dalmatia, and was baptised Adeodatus. From his earliest days he desired to go as a missionary to Eastern Europe, but because of his frailty and ill-health his hope was never fulfilled. He joined the Capuchins, was professed in 1885, and was ordained priest in Venice in 1890. After various assignments he was sent to Padua in 1906 where he remained the rest of his life as confessor and spiritual director for twelve hours a day, except that during World War I he was taken prisoner by the Austrians and spent a year in a camp where he ministered as a priest to his fellow inmates. His life is a contrast between his spiritual strength and his physical weakness: four foot five inches tall, he was born and remained physically weak, his health deteriorating with age. He had a stammer, suffered abdominal pains, and was gradually deformed by chronic arthritis, making his frame stooped, his hands gnarled, and causing much pain. He died in Padua on 30 July 1942. Pope Paul VI beatified him in 1976; Pope John Paul II canonised him on 16th October 1983.

13 Thursday **Feria (Green)**
or: **St Peter Regalado, Priest I Order, optional Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Feria or Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria of Memoria

Peter (1390-1456) lived at an eventful time: the settlement of the Great Western Schism, the Hundred Years' War, the loss of Constantinople to the Turks in 1453, and the beginning of the age of printing. He came from a wealthy and pious family in Valladolid, Spain. At the age of thirteen he was allowed to enter the Conventual Franciscans. Shortly after his ordination, he was made Guardian of the Friary in Aguilar. He became part of a group of friars striving for a life of greater poverty and penance. In 1442 he became head of all the Spanish Franciscans in his reform group. He led by example with a special love of the poor and the sick: stories are

told of miracles he worked on their behalf. For most of his life he went hungry, living on bread and water alone. He was canonised in 1746.

17 Monday **St Paschal Baylon, Religious, I Order, Memoria**
(White)

MASS proper, Preface of Easter or the Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

18 Tuesday **St Felix of Cantalice, Religious, I Order, Memoria**
(White)

MASS proper, Preface of Easter or of the Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

19 Wednesday **Feria** *(White)*
or: **St Theophilus of Corte, Priest I Order, optional Memoria**
(White)

MASS of the Feria or Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

20 Thursday **ST BERNARDINE OF SIENA, Priest I Order,**
Feast (White)

MASS proper
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feast

22 Saturday **Bl. John Forest, Priest and Martyr I Order, (in**
Great Britain) Memoria (Red)

MASS of the Memoria.
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria.

24 Monday **THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST**
FRANCIS IN ASSISI, Feast (White)

MASS proper, *Gloria*, proper Readings, proper Preface
Requiem Masses not allowed except for funerals
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feast

JUNE 2010

12 Saturday **The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Memoria (White)**
or (for the II Order): **Bl. Jolenta, Religious, opt. Memoria**

MASS of either Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of either Memoria

16 Wednesday **Feria** *(Green)*
or: **Bl. John of Parma, Priest I Order, optional Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Feria or Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

- 30 Wednesday **Feria (Green)**
 or: **Bl. Raymund Lull, Martyr, III Order, Memoria (Red)**
 or: **Protomartyrs of the See of Rome, Memoria (Red)**

MASS of the Feria, or one of the Memorias, or *ad libitum*
 LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or a Memoria

JULY 2010

- 8 Thursday **Feria (Green)**
 or: **Sts Gregory Grassi, Bishop, and his Companions, Martyrs in China, I & III Orders, Memoria (Red)**

MASS of the Feria, Memoria, or *ad libitum*
 LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

- 9 Friday **Sts Nicholas Pick & Companions, Martyrs in Holland, I Order Memoria (Red)**

MASS proper
 LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

- 10 Saturday **St Veronica Giuliani, Virgin II Order, Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Memoria
 LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

- 12 Monday **Sts John Jones and John Wall, Blessed Thomas Bullaker, John Woodcock, Henry Heath, Arthur Bell, Charles Meehan, and all the Martyrs of the Province, I Order, (in Great Britain) Memoria (Red)**

MASS of the Memoria
 LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

- 13 Tuesday **Feria (Green)**
 or: **Bl. Emmanuel Ruiz and companions, Martyrs of Damascus in Syria, I Order optional Memoria (Red)**

MASS of the Memoria
 LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the feria or Memoria

- 14 Wednesday **Feria (Green)**
 or: **St Francis Solano, Priest, I Order, Memoria**

MASS of the Feria or Memoria or *ad libitum*
 LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

- 15 Thursday **ST BONAVENTURE, Bishop and Doctor of the Church I Order, Feast (White)**

MASS proper, *Gloria*, proper Readings
 No Requiem Masses allowed, except for funerals
 LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feast

- 19 Monday **Feria** (*Green*)
or: **St John of Dukla, Priest I Order, optional Memoria**

MASS of the Feria or Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

- 21 Wednesday **St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church, I Order, Memoria** (*White*)

MASS of the Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

- 23 Friday **St BRIGID OF SWEDEN, Religious, Patron of Europe, European Feast** (*White*)
or (for the II Order): **St Cunegunda, Religious, II Order, optional Memoria** (*White*)

MASS of the Feria or Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

- 24 Saturday **Feria** (*Green*)
or (for the II Order): **Bl. Louise of Savoy, Religious, II Order, optional Memoria** (*White*)

MASS of the Feria or Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

- 27 Tuesday **Feria** (*Green*)
or (for the II Order): **Bl. Mary Magdalen Martinengo, Virgin, II Order, optional Memoria** (*White*)

MASS of the Feria, the Memoria or *ad libitum*
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

AUGUST 2010

- 2 **Monday** DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST MARY OF THE ANGELS OF THE PORTIUNCULA, Feast (*White*)

MASS of the Feast, Gloria, proper readings, Preface of the BVM
No Requiem Masses allowed, except for funerals
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feast

On the 2nd August (or on another day laid down by the Ordinary as being more convenient for the faithful), in all Franciscan and parish churches the “Portiuncula” plenary indulgence may be gained. The works prescribed are a devout visit to the church, with the recitation of the Lord’s Prayer and the Creed, as well as sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. This indulgence may be gained only once. The visit may be made from noon of the 1st August to midnight at the end of the 2nd August.

- 5 Thursday **Feria** (*Green*)
or: **Bl. Frédéric Janssoone, Priest I Order, optional Memoria**

MASS of the Feria or Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria of Memoria

11 Wednesday **ST CLARE, Virgin, Foundress II Order, Feast** *(for the II Order Solemnity), (White)*

MASS of the Feast/Solemnity, *Gloria, (Credo)*, proper Readings,
proper Preface

No Requiem Masses allowed, except for funerals

LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feast/Solemnity

14 Saturday **St Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Priest and Martyr, I Order, Memoria (Red)**

MASS proper

LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria until None

17 Tuesday **St Beatrice of Silva, Virgin, Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Memoria

LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

Beatrice was born at Ceuta (Portugal) of noble parents in 1424. She spent some time in the court of Queen Isabella. After persecutions at the hands of jealous rivals she abandoned the court and went to Toledo where she entered a Cistercian monastery and lived there nearly thirty years. In 1484 she felt inspired to found the Poor Clares of the Immaculate Conception, approved by Pope Innocent VIII. She died in 1490.

19 Thursday **Feria (Green)**

or: **St Louis of Toulouse, Bishop, I Order, Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Feria or Memoria

LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

25 Wednesday **St Louis IX, King, III Order, Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Memoria

LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

26 Thursday **Feria (Green)**

or: **Bl. Junipero Serra, Priest I Order, optional Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Feria or Memoria

LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

SEPTEMBER 2010

10 Friday **Bl. Agnellus of Pisa, Priest I Order, (in Great Britain) Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Memoria.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria.

11 Saturday **Feria (Green)**

or: **Bl. Bonaventure of Barcelona, Religious I Order, optional Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Feria or Memoria

LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

17 Friday **THE STIGMATA OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT FRANCIS, *Feast (White)***

MASS of the Feast, *Gloria*, proper readings, proper Preface.
No Requiem Masses allowed, except for funerals.
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feast.

18 Saturday **St Joseph of Cupertino, Priest I Order, *Memoria (White)***

MASS of the Memoria.
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria.

23 Thursday **St Pius of Pietrelcina (“Padre Pio”), Priest I Order, *Memoria (White)***

MASS of the Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

24 Friday **Feria (*Green*)**

(In England) **Our Lady of Walsingham, *National Memoria***
or: **St Pacificus of San Severino, Priest I Order, *memoria (White)***

MASS of the Feria or either Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or either Memoria

Pacificus was born into a distinguished family in San Severino in the Marche of Ancona. After joining the Friars Minor he was ordained and taught philosophy for two years, and then began a successful career of preaching. He was an ascetic man, fasting perpetually, eating no more than bread, soup or water. His hairshirt was

made of iron. His confreres remembered him especially for his poverty and obedience. At the age of 35, he contracted an illness that left him deaf, blind and crippled. He offered his sufferings for the conversion of sinners, and he cured many of the sick who came to him. He was canonised in 1839.

OCTOBER 2010

4 Monday **OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT FRANCIS, Deacon, *Founder of the Three Orders, Solemnity (White)***

MASS of the Solemnity, *Gloria*, proper readings, optional sequence, *Credo*, proper Preface
No other Masses allowed, except Requiem Masses for funerals
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Solemnity
Compline as after Evening Prayer II of Sundays

11 Monday **Feria (*Green*)**
or: **Blessed John XXIII, Pope, III Order, *Memoria (White)***

MASS of the Feria, Memoria or *ad libitum*
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

19 Tuesday **St Peter of Alcantara, Priest I Order, *Memoria (White)***

MASS of the Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

- 22 Friday **Feria (Green)**
or (for the II Order): Bl. Josephine Leroux, Virgin and Martyr, II Order, Memoria (Red)

MASS of the Feria or the Memoria or *ad libitum*.
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria.

- 23 Saturday **St John of Capistrano, Priest, I Order, Memoria (White)**

MASS proper
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

NOVEMBER 2010

- 8 Monday **Bl. John Duns Scotus, Priest, I Order, Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Memoria [for text see the Appendix]
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria [see Appendix]

Born in Scotland at the end of 1265 and received as a young man into the Order of Friars Minor, he was ordained a priest on 17 March 1291. After graduating at the University of Paris, he taught in the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford and at Cologne. As a faithful son of Saint Francis of Assisi, he pursued the study of Divine Revelation with the most acute insight and published many works of philosophy and theology. He proved himself a fervent herald of the mystery of the Incarnation of the Word, an untiring promoter of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a defender of the supreme authority of the Roman Pontiff. He was exiled from Paris on 23 June 1303 because of his refusal to sign his name to the libellous attack made by Philip IV the Fair, King of France, on Pope Boniface

VIII. Having dedicated all his energies to his teaching office in Cologne, he died there suddenly and prematurely on 8 November 1308. Already during his lifetime the outstanding Christian virtues of this great Master of Theology had gained for him a high reputation for holiness, and within a short time after his death he was venerated in a public cult, not only in the Seraphic Order to which he belonged, but also at Cologne where he is buried and at Nola in Italy. This cult was confirmed by Pope John Paul II on 6 July 1991.

- 13 Saturday **St Didacus of Alcalá, Religious, I Order, Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

- 17 Wednesday **ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, Religious, III Order, Patroness of the Secular Franciscan Order, Feast (White)**

MASS of the Feast, *Gloria*, proper readings, Preface of a Holy Woman
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feast

- 18 Thursday **Feria (Green)**
or: Dedication of the Basilicas of the Apostles Peter and Paul, (White)
or (for the II Order): Bl. Salome of Kraków, Virgin, II Order, Memoria (White)

MASS of the Feria, Memoria or *ad libitum*
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

- 19 Friday **Feria** (*Green*)
or (for the II Order): **St Agnes of Assisi, Virgin, II Order,**
obligatory Memoria

MASS of the Feria or Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

- 20 Saturday **Feria** (*Green*)
or: **Bl. Paschal Fortuño Almela and Companions, Martyrs of**
Valencia in Spain, I Order, *optional Memoria*

MASS of the Feria or Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

- 22 Monday **St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr,** *Memoria (Red)*
or: **Bl. Salvador Lilli and Companions, Martyrs I Order in**
Armenia, *optional Memoria*

MASS of either Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of either Memoria

- 23 Tuesday **Commemoration of all Deceased Franciscans and**
their Benefactors, *Memoria*

MASS for the Dead as on 2nd November.
LITURGY OF THE HOURS as on 2nd November.

- 25 Thursday **Feria** (*Green*)
or: **St Humilis of Bisignano, Religious I Order,** *Memoria*
(White)

MASS of the Feria or Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

- 26 Friday **St Leonard of Port Maurice, Priest I Order,** *Memoria*
(White)

MASS of the Memoria
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria.

- 27 Saturday **St Francis Antony Fasani, Priest, I Order,** *Memoria*
(White)

MASS of the Feria or Memoria or *ad libitum*
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

Francis Antony Fasani was born at Lucera in Apulia in 1681. He joined the Friars Minor Conventual at age 14 and was conspicuous for his sincerity, austerity of life and priestly zeal. He has a great devotion to the Immaculate Mother of God and spent about forty years in preaching the word of God with a rich harvest of souls throughout Apulia. The needy, the orphans, the sick and especially the inmates of prisons were recipients of his ardent charity. He died on 29 November 1742 endowed with extraordinary gifts of grace. He was canonised in 1984.

- 29 Monday **ALL SAINTS OF THE SERAPHIC ORDER,** *Feast*
(White)

MASS proper, *Gloria*, proper readings, proper Preface
No Requiem Masses allowed, except for funerals
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feast

8 November
BLESSED JOHN DUNS SCOTUS, priest
Memoria

AT MASS

Introductory Rites

Jer 3:15

I will give you shepherds after my own heart, and they shall feed you on knowledge and sound teaching.

Opening Prayer

Lord God, source of all wisdom,
in Blessed John Duns Scotus, priest and champion of the Immaculate Virgin,
you have given us a master of life and thought.
Grant that enlightened by his example and nourished by his doctrine,
we may remain faithful followers of Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.

Prayer Over the Gifts

All-powerful God,
look upon the gifts we bring on this feast in honour of Blessed John Duns Scotus.
May we who celebrate the mystery of the death of the Lord
imitate the love we celebrate.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Communion Rite

Ps 33:9

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;
blessed is he who hopes in God.

Prayer After Communion

All-powerful God,
May we who are strengthened by the power of this sacrament
learn from the example of Blessed John Duns Scotus
to seek you above all things
and to live in this world as your new creation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

READINGS AT MASS

The readings of the day from the Lectionary or else the following:

First Reading

2 Tim 1:13-14, 2:1-3

“Guard this precious thing with the help of the Holy Spirit”

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me ...

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 33 (34):2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11

R/. (v.2) I will bless the Lord at all times.

or (v.9) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Acclamation of the Gospel

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,

Lord of heaven and earth,

for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom

to mere children.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Mt 5:13-16

“You are the light of the world”

Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the salt the earth ...”

OFFICE OF READINGS

Second Reading

From the "Ordinatio" of Blessed John Duns Scotus
(Lib. III d.28, q.un.n.2-3; *Opera Omnia*, ed. Vivès, XV 378b-379b)

The essence and undivided nature of charity

Charity has been defined as the habit by which God becomes the object of our love. However, God could become the object of a kind of private love, such as that of a lover intolerant of any other lovers besides himself (as for example in the case of a jealous man in love with a woman). But a habit of this kind would be both inordinate and imperfect.

It would be inordinate because God, the good of all, does not want to be the private good of any one person, nor does right reason allow one person to appropriate to himself this common good. It follows that a love that tends to regard this common good exclusively as its own property, neither to be loved nor possessed by any other, is an inordinate love.

It would also be imperfect because a person who loves perfectly want his beloved to be loved. Therefore God, in infusing the habit of charity by which the soul tends towards Him in an orderly and perfect way, gives a habit by which He is loved as the common good to be co-loved by others as well. And this habit which is of God, leads an individual to want God to be held dear and to be loved also by others.

Therefore, just as this habit leads a person to love God in Himself in an orderly and perfect way, so also it leads him to want God to be loved not only by the person himself but also by anyone else whose friendship is pleasing to Him.

It is clear from this how the habit of charity must be single and undivided, because it does not concern itself in the first instance with a plurality of objects, but with God alone as the primary object and as the first good. Secondarily it then wants God to be loved and to be possessed in love by everyone else to the utmost of his power, because it is in this that a

perfect and orderly love of God consists. And in willing this, I love both myself and my neighbour in charity, willing, that is, for both of us the desire and the possession of God in Himself through love.

Hence it is evident that it is by one and the same act that I want God and that I want you to want God. And in this my love is a love of charity, because out of this love I desire a good for you which is due to you in justice.

For this reason, my neighbour is not to be regarded as a second object of charity but rather as an object that is entirely incidental, because he is someone who is capable of co-loving the Beloved with me in a perfect and orderly way; and I love him precisely so that he can become a co-lover. In this I love him as it were incidentally, not for himself, but because of the object which I want to be co-loved by him. And in wanting that object to be co-loved by him, I implicitly want what is good for him because it is due to him in justice.

RESPONSORY

1Jn 4:10-11,16

- R/.** God loved us first and sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away. * Since God loved us so much, we too should love one another.
- V/.** We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves.

MORNING PRAYER

Canticle of Zechariah

O Lord, true God, you are blessed for ever;
from you, and in you, and through you, all things are in being.

EVENING PRAYER

Canticle of Mary

We praise you, holy Father, for you are infinitely good
and radiate a share in your goodness upon every creature.