

AUGUST

1 August

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Memorial

From the Common of Pastors: For a Bishop (p. 000), or from the Common of Doctors of the Church (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who constantly raise up in your Church
new examples of virtue,
grant that we may follow so closely in the footsteps
of the Bishop Saint Alphonsus in his zeal for souls
as to attain the same rewards that are his in heaven.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, to consume our hearts
in the celestial fire of your Spirit,
just as you granted that Saint Alphonsus
should celebrate these mysteries
and through them offer himself to you as a holy sacrifice.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who gave us Saint Alphonsus
to be a faithful steward and preacher of this great mystery,
grant that your faithful may receive it often
and, receiving it, praise you without end.
Through Christ our Lord.

2 August

Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop

From the Common of Pastors: For a Bishop (p. 000).

Collect

Lead us, Lord God, to imitate
the constancy of Saint Eusebius
in affirming the divinity your Son,
so that, by preserving the faith he taught as your Bishop,
we may merit a share in the very life of your Son.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

From the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Religious (p. 000), or from the
Common of Pastors: For One Pastor (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who adorned Saint Peter Julian Eymard
with a wonderful love for the sacred mysteries
of the Body and Blood of your Son,
graciously grant
that we, too, may be worthy to receive
the delights he drew from this divine banquet.
Through our Lord.

4 August

Saint John Vianney, Priest

Memorial

From the Common of Pastors: For One Pastor (p. 000).

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
who made the Priest Saint John Vianney
wonderful in his pastoral zeal,
grant, we pray, that through his intercession and example
we may win brothers and sisters in charity for Christ
and attain with them eternal glory.
Through our Lord.

5 August

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

From the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary (p. 000).

Collect

Pardon the faults of your servants, we pray, O Lord,
that we who cannot please you by our own deeds,
may be saved through the intercession
of the Mother of your Son and our Lord.
Who lives and reigns with you.

6 August
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
Feast

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mt 17:5

In a resplendent cloud
the Holy Spirit appeared.
The Father's voice was heard:
This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.
Listen to him.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration
of your Only Begotten Son
confirmed the mysteries of faith
by the witness of the Fathers
and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship,
grant, we pray, to your servants,
that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son,
we may merit to become co-heirs with him.
Who lives and reigns with you.

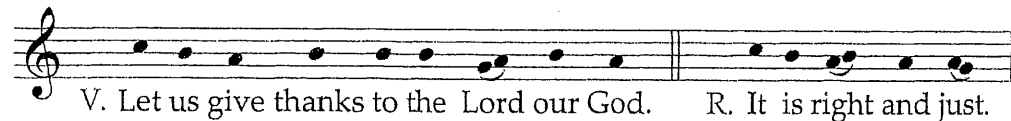
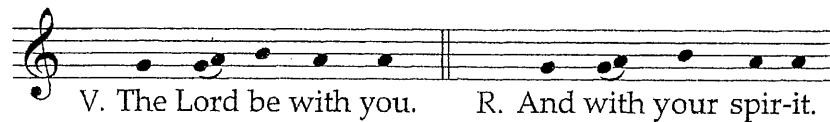
When this Feast falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify, O Lord, we pray,
these offerings here made to celebrate
the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son,
and by his radiant splendor
cleanse us from the stains of sin.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The mystery of the Transfiguration.

Solemn tone



It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and
 everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-
 -ter-nal God, through Christ our Lord. For he revealed his glory in the
 presence of cho-sen wit-ness-es and filled with the greatest splendor that
 bod-i-ly form which he shares with all hu-man-i-ty, that the scandal of
 the Cross might be removed from the hearts of the dis-ci-ples and that he
 might show how in the bod-y of the whole Church is to be ful - filled
 what so wonderfully shone forth first in its Head.

And so, with the Powers of heaven, we worship you con-stant-ly
 on earth, and before your ma - jes - ty with-out end we ac-claim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Text without music:

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. We lift them up to the Lord.

℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For he revealed his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses
and filled with the greatest splendor that bodily form
which he shares with all humanity,
that the scandal of the Cross
might be removed from the hearts of his disciples
and that he might show how
in the body of the whole Church is to be fulfilled
what so wonderfully shone forth first in its Head.

And so, with the Powers of heaven,
we worship you constantly on earth,
and before your majesty
without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

Cf. 1 Jn 3:2

When Christ appears,
we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

Prayer after Communion

May the heavenly nourishment we have received,
O Lord, we pray,
transform us into the likeness of your Son
whose radiant splendor you willed to make manifest
in his glorious Transfiguration.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

7 August

Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs

From the Common of Martyrs: For Several Martyrs (p. 000).

Collect

By the power of the Holy Spirit make us,
we pray, Almighty God,
docile in believing the faith
and courageous in confessing it,
just as you granted Saint Sixtus and his companions
that they might lay down their lives
for the sake of your word
and in witness to Jesus.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Saint Cajetan, Priest

From the Common of Pastors: For One Pastor (p. 000), or from the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Religious (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who endowed the Priest Saint Cajetan
with the grace of imitating
the apostolic way of life,
grant us, through his example and intercession,
to trust in you at all times
and to seek your Kingdom without ceasing.
Through our Lord.

8 August

Saint Dominic, Priest

Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 15:5

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth,
and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding
and clothed him in a robe of glory.

Collect

May Saint Dominic come to the help of your Church
by his merits and teaching, O Lord,
and may he who was an outstanding preacher of your truth
be a devoted intercessor on our behalf.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Attend mercifully to the prayers we offer you, O Lord,
 by the intercession of Saint Dominic,
 and through the great power of this sacrifice
 strengthen by the protection of your grace
 those who champion the faith.
 Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 12:42

This is the servant, faithful and wise,
 whom the Lord set over his household
 to give them their measure of wheat in due season.

Prayer after Communion

May your Church, O Lord,
 receive with wholehearted reverence
 the power of this heavenly Sacrament,
 by which we have been nourished
 on the commemoration of Saint Dominic,
 and may your Church,
 having flourished by means of his preaching,
 be helped through his intercession.
 Through Christ our Lord.

9 August

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

From the Common of Martyrs: For a Virgin Martyr (p. 000), or from the Common
 of Virgins: For One Virgin (p. 000).

Collect

God of our Fathers,
 who brought the Martyr Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
 to know your crucified Son
 and to imitate him even until death,
 grant, through her intercession,
 that the whole human race may acknowledge Christ as its Savior
 and through him come to behold you for eternity.
 Who lives and reigns with you.

10 August
SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR

Feast

Entrance Antiphon

This is Lawrence the blessed
who gave himself up for the treasure of the Church:
for this he earned the suffering of martyrdom
to ascend with joy to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, giver of that ardor of love for you,
by which Saint Lawrence
was outstandingly faithful in service
and glorious in martyrdom,
grant that we may love what he loved
and put into practice what he taught.
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favor, O Lord,
the offerings we joyfully make
on the feast day of Saint Lawrence
and grant that they become a help to our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me
and where I am there also my servant will be, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by these sacred gifts,
we humbly implore you, Lord,
that the homage of dutiful service
which we render on the feast day of Saint Lawrence,
may bring us an increase of your saving grace.
Through Christ our Lord.

11 August
Saint Clare, Virgin

Memorial

From the Common of Virgins (p. 000), or from the Common of Holy Men and Women: For a Nun (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who in your mercy led Saint Clare to a love of poverty,
grant, through her intercession,
that following Christ in poverty of spirit,
we may merit to contemplate you
one day in the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord.

12 August
Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

From the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Religious (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who made Saint Jane Frances
radiant with outstanding merits
in different walks of life,
grant us, through her intercession,
that walking faithfully in our vocation
we may constantly be examples of shining light.
Through our Lord.

13 August
Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

From the Common of Martyrs: For Several Martyrs (p. 000), or from the Common of Pastors (p. 000).

Collect

May the precious long-suffering of the just,
O Lord, we pray,
bring us a great increase of love for you,
and always prompt in our hearts
constancy in the holy faith.
Through our Lord.

14 August

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Mt 25:34, 40

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord.
Amen I say to you,
whatever you did for one of these,
the least of my brethren,
you did it for me.

Collect

O God, who filled the Priest and Martyr Saint Maximilian Kolbe
with a burning love for the Immaculate Virgin Mary
and with zeal for souls and love of neighbor,
graciously grant, through his intercession,
that striving for your glory by eager service of others,
we may be conformed, even until death, to your Son.
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

We present our oblations to you, O Lord,
humbly praying that we may learn
from the example of Saint Maximilian
to offer our very lives to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 15:13

Greater love has no one
than to lay down his life for his friends, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

We pray, O Lord,
that, renewed by the Body and Blood of your Son,
we may be inflamed with the same fire of charity
that Saint Maximilian received from this holy banquet.
Through Christ our Lord.

15 August
THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Solemnity



At the Vigil Mass

This Mass is used on the evening of 14 August, either before or after First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Solemnity.

Entrance Antiphon

Glorious things have been spoken of you, O Mary,
who today were exalted
above the choirs of Angels
into eternal triumph with Christ.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

O God, who looking on the lowliness
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
raised her to such grace,
that your Only Begotten Son
was born of her according to the flesh,
and that she was crowned this day
with surpassing glory;
grant through her prayers,
that saved by the mystery of your redemption,
we may merit to be exalted by you on high.
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, we pray, O Lord,
the sacrifice of conciliation and praise
which we celebrate on the Assumption
of the holy Mother of God,
that it may lead us to your pardon
and confirm us in perpetual thanksgiving.
Through Christ our Lord.

Proper Preface, as in the following Mass, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary,
which bore the Son of the eternal Father.

Cf. Lk 11:27

Prayer after Communion

Having partaken of this heavenly table,
we beseech your mercy, Lord our God,
that we who honor the Assumption of the Mother of God
may be freed from every threat of harm.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 000, may be used.

At the Mass during the Day

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Rev 12:1

A great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun,
and the moon beneath her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Or:

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day
in honor of the Virgin Mary,
at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

The Glória in excélsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary,
the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.
Through our Lord.

The Creed is said.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, our tribute of homage,
rise up to you, O Lord,
and, through the intercession
of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love,
constantly long for you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The Glory of Mary assumed into heaven.

Solemn tone

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and

everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-

-ter-nal God, through Christ our Lord. For today the Virgin Mother

of God was as-sumed in-to heav-en, as the beginning and image of your

Church's coming to per - fec - tion and a sign of sure hope and com-fort to

your pil-grim peo-ple; right-ly you would not allow her to see the corruption

of the tomb, since from her own body she marvelously brought forth

your in-car-nate Son, the Au-thor of all life. And so, in company with the

choirs of An - gels, we praise you and with joy we pro - claim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Text without music:

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. We lift them up to the Lord.

℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For today the Virgin Mother of God
was assumed into heaven,
as the beginning and image
of your Church's coming to perfection
and a sign of sure hope and comfort
to your pilgrim people;
rightly you would not allow her
to see the corruption of the tomb
since from her own body
she marvelously brought forth
your incarnate Son, the Author of all life.

And so, in company with the choirs of Angels,
we praise you, and with joy we proclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

Lk 1:48-49

All generations will call me blessed,
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the Sacrament of salvation,
we ask you to grant, O Lord,
that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula, p. 000, may be used.