

## PROPER OF SAINTS

1. The rank of the celebration, namely Solemnity, Feast, or Memorial, is indicated for each day. If no other indication is given, the celebration is an Optional Memorial.
2. For each Solemnity and Feast a complete proper Mass is provided. This is therefore said as printed.
3. As regards Memorials the following are to be observed:
  - a) The proper texts proposed for certain days are always to be used.
  - b) Whenever there is a reference to a particular Common, the more appropriate texts should be chosen according to the principles explained at the beginning of the Commons. The page reference given in each case only indicates a text that is particularly suitable.
  - c) If, however, a reference is given to several Commons, one or other of them may be used, with due regard for pastoral concerns, it always being allowed to exchange texts among several Masses of the same Common.

For example, if a Saint is both a Martyr and a Bishop, either the Common of Martyrs or the Common of Pastors (for Bishops) may be used.
  - d) Moreover, as well as the Commons that refer to a particular category of Saint (e.g., of Martyrs, Virgins, Pastors, etc.), it is always permitted to use the texts from the Common of Holy Men and Women, which refers to Sainthood in general.
  - e) The Prayers over the Offerings and after Communion, unless they are proper, are taken either from the Common or from the current liturgical season.
4. The Masses contained in this Proper of Saints are also used as Votive Masses, with the exception of Masses of the mysteries of the life of the Lord and of the Blessed Virgin Mary (cf. *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, n. 375) and also of Masses of certain Saints for whom a special Votive Mass is provided. When Masses of the Proper of Saints are used as Votive Masses, words in the prayers indicating the heavenly birthday or the Solemnity or Feast are omitted and the word memorial or commemoration is substituted.

# JANUARY

2 January

## **Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 44:15, 14

Let the peoples recount the wisdom of the Saints,  
and let the Church proclaim their praise.  
Their names will live on and on.

Collect

O God, who were pleased to give light to your Church  
by the example and teaching  
of the Bishops Saints Basil and Gregory,  
grant, we pray, that in humility we may learn your truth  
and practice it faithfully in charity.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept this sacrifice from your people, we pray, O Lord,  
and make what is offered for your glory  
in honor of Saints Basil and Gregory  
a means to our eternal salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. 1 Cor 1:23-24

We preach Christ crucified;  
Christ, the power and wisdom of God.

Prayer after Communion

May partaking at the heavenly table, almighty God,  
confirm and increase strength from on high  
in all who celebrate the feast day of Saints Basil and Gregory,  
that we may preserve in integrity the gift of faith  
and walk in the path of salvation you trace for us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

3 January

**The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

Entrance Antiphon

Phil 2:10-11

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend,  
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Collect

O God, who founded the salvation of the human race  
on the Incarnation of your Word,  
give your peoples the mercy they implore,  
so that all may know  
there is no other name to be invoked  
but the Name of your Only Begotten Son.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Bringing you these offerings  
from what your bounty bestows on us,  
we pray, O Lord,  
that just as you have given to Christ,  
obedient even until death,  
the Name that saves,  
so you may grant us protection by its power.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 8:2

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic  
is your name through all the earth!

Prayer after Communion

May the sacrificial gifts  
offered to your majesty, O Lord,  
to honor the Name of Christ,  
and which we have now received,  
fill us, we pray, with your abundant grace,  
so that we may come to rejoice  
that our names, too, are written in heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.

7 January

**Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest**

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

Collect

O God, who adorned the Priest Saint Raymond  
with the virtue of outstanding mercy and compassion  
for sinners and for captives,  
grant us, through his intercession,  
that, released from slavery to sin,  
we may carry out in freedom of spirit  
what is pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord.

13 January

**Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

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

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that we may rightly understand and truthfully profess  
the divinity of your Son,  
which the Bishop Saint Hilary  
taught with such constancy.  
Through our Lord.

17 January

**Saint Anthony, Abbot**

Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 91:13-14

The righteous will flourish like the palm tree,  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar,  
planted in the house of the LORD,  
in the courts of the house of our God.

Collect

O God, who brought the Abbot Saint Anthony  
to serve you by a wondrous way of life in the desert,  
grant, through his intercession,  
that, denying ourselves,  
we may ever love you above all things.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

May these offerings of our service,  
placed on your altar in commemoration of Saint Anthony,  
be acceptable to you, O Lord, we pray,  
and grant that, released from earthly attachments,  
we may have our riches in you alone.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 19:21

If you would be perfect,  
go, sell what you have, give to the poor,  
and follow me, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished for our healing by your Sacraments, O Lord,  
may we escape every snare of the enemy unharmed,  
just as by your grace Saint Anthony won glorious victories  
over the powers of darkness.  
Through Christ our Lord.

20 January

**Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr**

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

Collect

O God, glory of your Priests,  
grant, we pray,  
that, helped by the intercession of your Martyr Saint Fabian,  
we may advance in our sharing of the same faith as his,  
and in worthy service.  
Through our Lord.

**Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

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

Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord, a spirit of fortitude,  
so that, taught by the glorious example  
of your Martyr Saint Sebastian,  
we may learn to obey you rather than men.  
Through our Lord.

21 January

**Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

Memorial

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

Collect

Almighty everlasting God,  
who choose what is weak in the world to confound the strong,  
mercifully grant  
that we who celebrate the heavenly birthday of your Martyr Saint Agnes  
may follow her constancy in the faith.  
Through our Lord.

22 January

**Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr**

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

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
mercifully pour out your Spirit upon us,  
so that our hearts may possess that strong love  
by which the Martyr Saint Vincent  
triumphed over all bodily torments.  
Through our Lord.

24 January

**Saint Francis de Sales, 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 for the salvation of souls  
willed that the Bishop Saint Francis de Sales  
become all things to all,  
grant graciously that, following his example,  
we may always display the gentleness of your charity  
in the service of our neighbor.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Through this saving sacrifice which we offer you, O Lord,  
kindle in our hearts that divine fire of the Holy Spirit  
with which you wonderfully inflamed  
the most gentle soul of Saint Francis de Sales.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that through the Sacrament we have received,  
we might imitate on earth the charity and meekness of Saint Francis de Sales  
and so attain the glory of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.



25 January

## THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

Feast

Entrance Antiphon

2 Tim 1:12; 4:8

I know the one in whom I have believed  
and I am sure that he, the just judge, the mighty  
will keep safe what is my due until that day.

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

Collect

O God, who taught the whole world  
through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul,  
draw us, we pray, nearer to you  
through the example of him  
whose conversion we celebrate today,  
and so make us witnesses to your truth in the world.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we celebrate the divine mysteries, O Lord, we pray,  
may the Spirit fill us with that light of faith  
with which he constantly enlightened the blessed Apostle Paul  
for the spreading of your glory.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Apostles, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Gal 2:20

I live by faith in the Son of God  
who has loved me and given himself up for me.

Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord our God,  
stir up in us that fire of charity  
with which the blessed Apostle Paul burned ardently  
as he bore his concern for all the Churches.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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

26 January

**Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 95:3-4

Tell among the nations his glory,  
and his wonders among all the peoples:  
the LORD is great and highly to be praised.

Collect

O God, who adorned Saints Timothy and Titus  
with apostolic virtues,  
grant, through the intercession of them both,  
that, living justly and devoutly in this present age,  
we may merit to reach our heavenly homeland.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we pray,  
the offerings of your people,  
which we bring in celebration of Saints Timothy and Titus,  
and in your kindness render us fully acceptable  
by giving us sincerity of heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mk 16:15; Mt 28:20

Go into all the world, and proclaim the gospel.  
I am with you always, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord our God,  
nourish in us that faith  
taught by the preaching of the Apostles  
and kept safe by the labors of Saints Timothy and Titus.  
Through Christ our Lord.

27 January

**Saint Angela Merici, Virgin**

From the Common of Virgins: For One Virgin (p. 000), or from the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Educators (p. 000).

Collect

May the Virgin Saint Angela never fail to commend us  
to your compassion, O Lord, we pray,  
that, following the lessons of her charity and prudence,  
we may hold fast to your teaching  
and express it in what we do.  
Through our Lord.

28 January

**Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Memorial

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

Collect

O God, who made Saint Thomas Aquinas outstanding  
in his zeal for holiness and his study of sacred doctrine,  
grant us, we pray,  
that we may understand what he taught,  
and imitate what he accomplished.  
Through our Lord.

31 January

**Saint John Bosco, Priest**

Memorial

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

Collect

O God, who raised up the Priest Saint John Bosco  
as a father and teacher of the young,  
grant, we pray,  
that, aflame with the same fire of love,  
we may seek out souls  
and serve you alone.  
Through our Lord.

## FEBRUARY

2 February

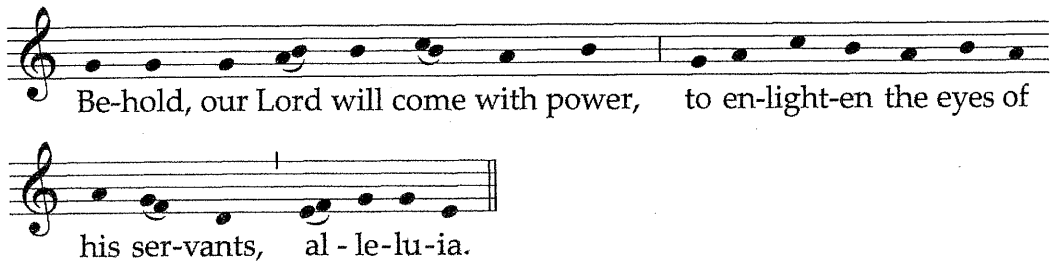
### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Feast

#### The Blessing of Candles and the Procession

##### First Form: The Procession

1. At an appropriate hour, a gathering takes place at a smaller church or other suitable place outside the church to which the procession will go. The faithful hold in their hand unlit candles.
2. The Priest, wearing white vestments as for Mass, approaches with the ministers. Instead of the chasuble the Priest may wear a cope, which he leaves aside after the procession is over.
3. While the candles are being lit, there is sung the following antiphon:



or another appropriate chant.

4. When the chant is concluded, the Priest, facing the people, says: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Then the Priest greets the people in the usual way, and next he gives an introductory address, encouraging the faithful to celebrate the rite of this feastday actively and consciously. He may use these or similar words:

Dear brothers and sisters, forty days have passed  
since we celebrated the joyful feast of the Nativity of the Lord.  
Today is the blessed day  
when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph.  
Outwardly he was fulfilling the Law,  
but in reality he was coming to meet his believing people.  
Prompted by the Holy Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the Temple.  
Enlightened by the same Spirit,  
they recognized the Lord and confessed him with exultation.  
So let us also, gathered together by the Holy Spirit,

proceed to the house of God to encounter Christ.  
There we shall find him and recognize him  
in the breaking of the bread until he comes again,  
revealed in glory.

5. After the address the Priest blesses the candles, saying, with hands extended:

Let us pray.

O God, source and origin of all light,  
who on this day showed to the just man Simeon  
the Light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
we humbly ask that, in answer to your people's prayers,  
you may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing ✠ these candles,  
which we are eager to carry in praise of your Name,  
so that treading the path of virtue,  
we may reach that light which never fails.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
R/. Amen.

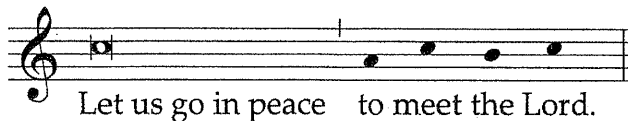
Or:

O God, true light, who create light eternal, spreading it far and wide,  
pour into the hearts of the faithful  
the brilliance of perpetual light,  
so that all who are brightened in your holy temple  
by the splendor of these candles,  
may happily reach the light of your glory.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
R/. Amen.

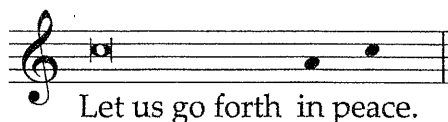
He sprinkles the candles with holy water without saying anything, and puts incense into the thurible for the procession.

6. Then the Priest receives from the Deacon or a minister the lighted candle prepared for him and the procession begins, with the Deacon announcing (or, if there is no Deacon, the Priest himself):

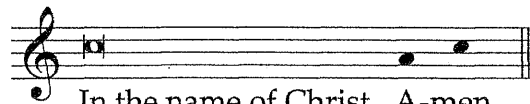
Or:



In this case all respond:



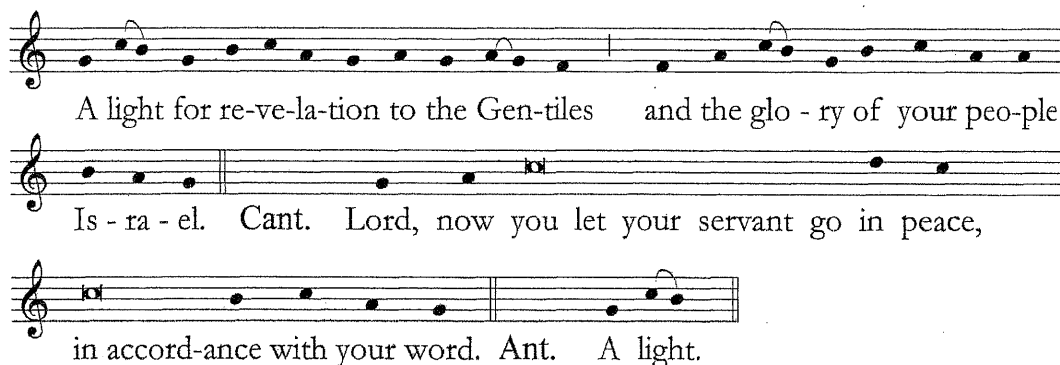
7. All carry lighted candles. As the procession moves forward, one or other of the



In the name of Christ. A-men.

antiphons that follow is sung, namely the antiphon A light for revelation with the canticle (Lk 2:29-32), or the antiphon Adorn your bridal chamber, Zion or another appropriate chant.

## I



Ant. A light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and the glory of your people Israel.

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace,  
in accordance with your word.

Ant. A light for revelation to the Gentiles...  
For my eyes have seen your salvation.

Ant. A light for revelation to the Gentiles...  
Which you have prepared in the sight of all peoples.

Ant. A light for revelation to the Gentiles...

## II

Ant. Sion, adorn your bridal chamber and welcome Christ the King: take Mary in your arms, who is the gate of heaven, for she herself is carrying the King of glory and new light. As Virgin she remains, though bringing in her hands the Son before the morning star begotten, whom Simeon, taking in his arms announced to the peoples as Lord of life and death and Savior of the world.

8. As the procession enters the church, the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass is sung. When the Priest has arrived at the altar, he venerates it and, if appropriate, incenses it. Then he goes to the chair, where he takes off the cope, if he used it in the procession, and puts on a chasuble. After the singing of the hymn *Glória in excélsis* (Glory to God in the highest), he says the Collect as usual. The Mass continues in the usual manner.

## Second Form: The Solemn Entrance

9. Whenever a procession cannot take place, the faithful gather in church, holding candles in their hands. The Priest, wearing white sacred vestments as for Mass, together with the ministers and a representative group of the faithful, goes to a suitable place, either in front of the church door or inside the church itself, where at least a large part of the faithful can conveniently participate in the rite.

10. When the Priest reaches the place appointed for the blessing of the candles, candles are lit while the antiphon *Behold, our Lord* (no. 3) or another appropriate chant is sung.

11. Then, after the greeting and address, the Priest blesses the candles, as above nos. 4-5; and then the procession to the altar takes place, with singing (nos. 6-7). For Mass, what is indicated in no. 8 above is observed.

## At the Mass

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God,  
we ponder in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

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

### Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
we humbly implore your majesty  
that, just as your Only Begotten Son  
was presented on this day in the Temple  
in the substance of our flesh,  
so, by your grace,  
may we be presented to you  
with minds made pure.  
Through our Lord.

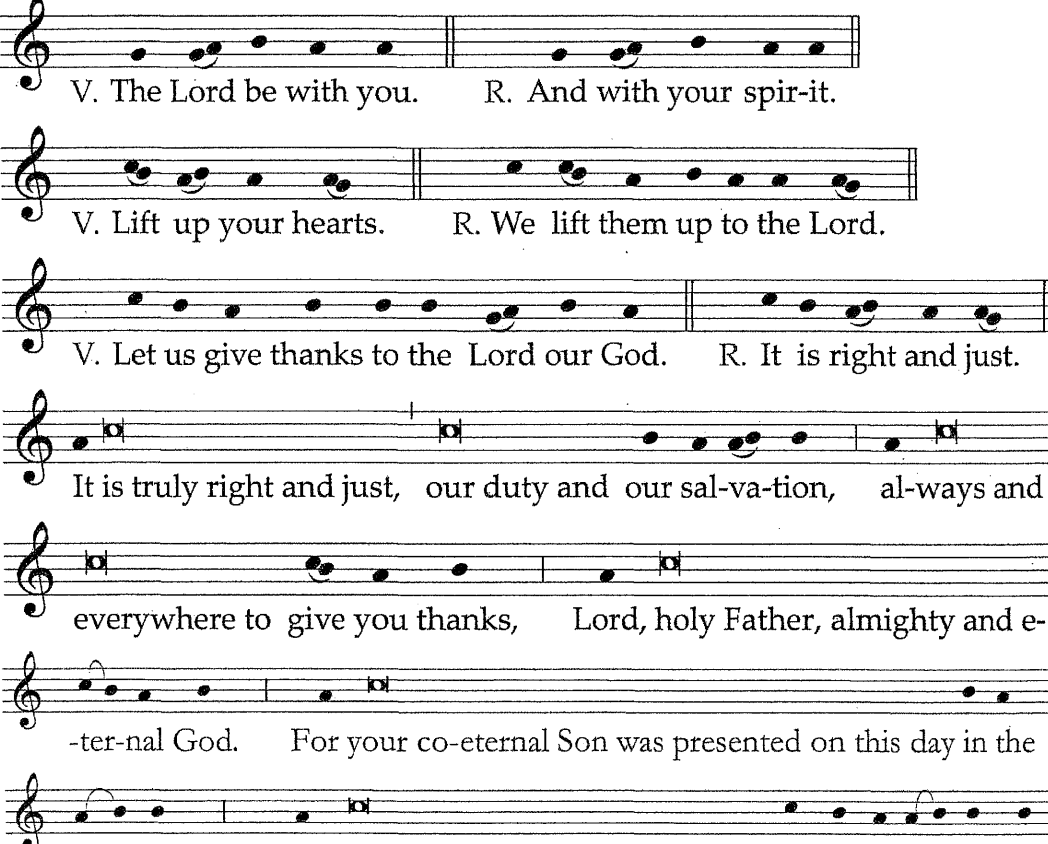
When this Feast falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.

### Prayer over the Offerings

May the offering made with exultation by your Church  
be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray,  
for you willed that your Only Begotten Son  
be offered to you for the life of the world  
as the Lamb without blemish.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface: The mystery of the Presentation of the Lord.

### Solemn tone



V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.

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.

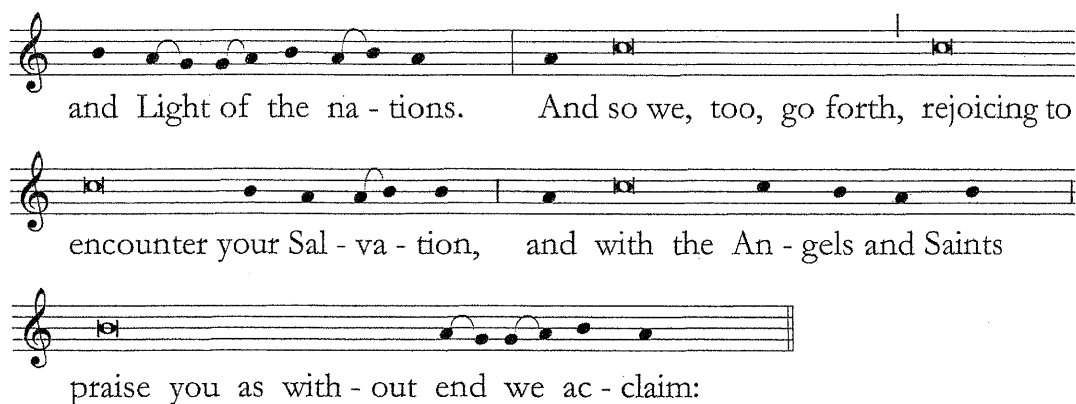
It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and

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

-ter-nal God. For your co-eternal Son was presented on this day in the

Tem-ple and revealed by the Spirit as the glo-ry of Is - ra - el





and Light of the na - tions. And so we, too, go forth, rejoicing to  
 encounter your Sal - va - tion, and with the An - gels and Saints  
 praise you as with - out end we ac - claim:

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

Text without music:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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 salvation,  
 always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
 Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For your co-eternal Son was presented on this day in the Temple  
 and revealed by the Spirit  
 as the glory of Israel and Light of the nations.

And so we, too, go forth, rejoicing to encounter your Salvation,  
 and with the Angels and Saints  
 praise you as without end we acclaim:

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

Communion Antiphon

Lk 2:30-31

My eyes have seen your salvation,  
 which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Prayer after Communion

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord,  
bring your grace to perfection within us,  
and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation  
that he would not see death  
until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ,  
so may we, going forth to meet the Lord,  
obtain the gift of eternal life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

3 February

**Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr**

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

Collect

Hear, O Lord, the supplications your people make  
under the patronage of the Martyr Saint Blaise,  
and grant that they may rejoice in peace in this present life  
and find help for life eternal.  
Through our Lord.

**Saint Ansgar, Bishop**

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

Collect

O God, who willed to send the Bishop Saint Ansgar  
to enlighten many peoples,  
grant us, through his intercession,  
that we may always walk in the light of your truth.  
Through our Lord.

5 February

**Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

Memorial

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

Collect

May the Virgin Martyr Saint Agatha  
implore your compassion for us, O Lord, we pray,  
for she found favor with you  
by the courage of her martyrdom  
and the merit of her chastity.  
Through our Lord.

6 February

**Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

Memorial

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

Collect

O God, strength of all the Saints,  
who through the Cross were pleased to call  
the Martyrs Saint Paul Miki and companions to life,  
grant, we pray, that by their intercession  
we may hold with courage even until death  
to the faith that we profess.  
Through our Lord.

8 February

**Saint Jerome Emiliani**

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

Collect

O God, Father of mercies,  
who sent Saint Jerome Emiliani  
as a helper and father to orphans,  
grant, through his intercession,  
that we may preserve faithfully the spirit of adoption,  
by which we are called, and truly are,  
your children.  
Through our Lord.

## **Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**

From the Common of Virgins: For One Virgin (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who led Saint Josephine Bakhita from abject slavery to the dignity of being your daughter and a bride of Christ, grant, we pray, that by her example we may show constant love for the Lord Jesus crucified, remaining steadfast in charity and prompt to show compassion. Through our Lord.

10 February

## **Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

Memorial

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

Collect

As we celebrate anew the Memorial of the Virgin Saint Scholastica, we pray, O Lord, that, following her example, we may serve you with unfailing love and happily receive what comes from loving you. Through our Lord.

11 February

## **Our Lady of Lourdes**

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

Collect

Grant us, O merciful God, protection in our weakness, that we who keep the Memorial of the Immaculate Mother of God may, with the help of her intercession, rise up from our iniquities. Through our Lord.

14 February  
**Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop**  
Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

These are holy men who became friends of God,  
glorious heralds of divine truth.

Collect

O God, who enlightened the Slavic peoples  
through the brothers Saints Cyril and Methodius,  
grant that our hearts may grasp the words of your teaching,  
and perfect us as a people of one accord  
in true faith and right confession.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look, O Lord, upon the offerings  
which we bring before your majesty  
in commemoration of Saints Cyril and Methodius,  
and grant that these gifts may become  
the sign of a new humanity,  
reconciled to you in loving charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mk 16:20

The disciples went forth and preached the gospel  
while the Lord worked with them,  
confirming the word through accompanying signs.

Prayer after Communion

O God, Father of all nations,  
who make us sharers in the one Bread and the one Spirit  
and heirs of the eternal banquet;  
grant in your kindness,  
on this feast day of Saints Cyril and Methodius,  
that the multitude of your children,  
persevering in the same faith,  
may be united in building up  
the Kingdom of justice and peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

17 February

**The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

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

Collect

Impart to us, O Lord, in kindness  
the filial devotion with which the holy brothers  
venerated so devoutly the Mother of God  
and led your people to yourself.  
Through our Lord.

21 February

**Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

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

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that we may so follow the teaching and example  
of the Bishop Saint Peter Damian,  
that, putting nothing before Christ  
and always ardent in the service of your Church,  
we may be led to the joys of eternal light.  
Through our Lord.

22 February

## THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

Feast

Entrance Antiphon

Lk 22:32

The Lord says to Simon Peter:

I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail,  
and once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

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

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that no tempests may disturb us,  
for you have set us fast on the rock  
of the Apostle Peter's confession of faith.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept with favor, O Lord, we pray,  
the prayers and offerings of your Church,  
that, with Saint Peter as her shepherd,  
she may come to an eternal inheritance,  
for it is through his teaching  
that she holds the faith in its integrity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I of the Apostles, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 16:16, 18

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus replied: You are Peter,  
and upon this rock I will build my Church.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who at our celebration  
of the feast day of the blessed Apostle Peter  
have nourished us by communion  
in the Body and Blood of Christ,  
grant, we pray,  
that this redeeming exchange  
may be for us a Sacrament of unity and peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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

23 February

**Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**

Memorial

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

Collect

God of all creation,  
who were pleased to give the Bishop Saint Polycarp  
a place in the company of the Martyrs,  
grant, through his intercession,  
that sharing with him in the chalice of Christ,  
we may rise through the Holy Spirit to eternal life.  
Through our Lord.



## **MARCH**

4 March

### **Saint Casimir**

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

Collect

Almighty God, to serve you is to reign;  
grant that, with the help of Saint Casimir's intercession,  
we may constantly serve you in holiness and justice.  
Through our Lord.

7 March

### **Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in heaven,  
the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ,  
and since for love of him they shed their blood,  
they now exult with Christ for ever.

Collect

O God, at the urging of whose love  
the Martyrs Saints Perpetua and Felicity  
defied their persecutors and overcame the torment of death,  
grant, we ask, by their prayers  
that we may ever grow in love of you.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we joyfully offer, O Lord, this day's sacrifice,  
recalling the heaven-sent victory of Saints Perpetua and Felicity,  
we proclaim by it your mighty deeds  
and rejoice at having gained their glorious intercession.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

2 Cor 4:11

For the sake of Jesus we are given up to death,  
that the life of Jesus also may be revealed in our mortal flesh.

Prayer after Communion

As we draw everlasting joys, O Lord,  
from our participation in this Sacrament  
and from the Memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity,  
we humbly implore,  
that by your gift we may truly understand  
what you grant us to enact in diligent service.  
Through Christ our Lord.

8 March

**Saint John of God, Religious**

From the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Religious (p. 000), or For Those  
Who Practiced Works of Mercy (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who filled Saint John of God  
with a spirit of compassion,  
grant, we pray,  
that, giving ourselves to works of charity,  
we may merit to be found  
among the elect in your Kingdom.  
Through our Lord.

9 March

**Saint Frances of Rome, Religious**

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

Collect

O God, who have given us in Saint Frances of Rome  
a singular model of both married and monastic life,  
grant us perseverance in your service,  
that in every circumstance of life  
we may recognize and follow you.  
Through our Lord.

17 March

**Saint Patrick, Bishop**

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

Collect

O God, who chose the Bishop Saint Patrick  
to preach your glory to the peoples of Ireland,  
grant through his merits and intercession,  
that those who glory in the name of Christian  
may never cease to proclaim your wondrous deeds to all.  
Through our Lord.

18 March

**Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church**

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

Collect

O God, who through the Bishop Saint Cyril of Jerusalem  
led your Church in a wonderful way  
to a deeper sense of the mysteries of salvation,  
grant us, through his intercession,  
that we may so acknowledge your Son  
as to have life ever more abundantly.  
Through our Lord.



19 March  
SAINT JOSEPH,  
SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Solemnity



Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Lk 12:42

Behold a faithful and prudent steward  
whom the Lord set over his household.

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

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, by Saint Joseph's intercession,  
your Church may constantly watch over  
the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation,  
whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care.  
Through our Lord.

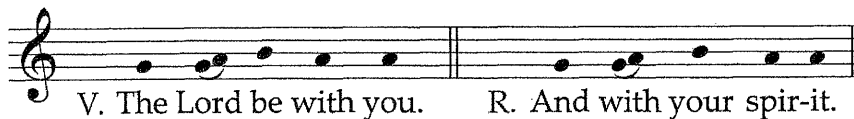
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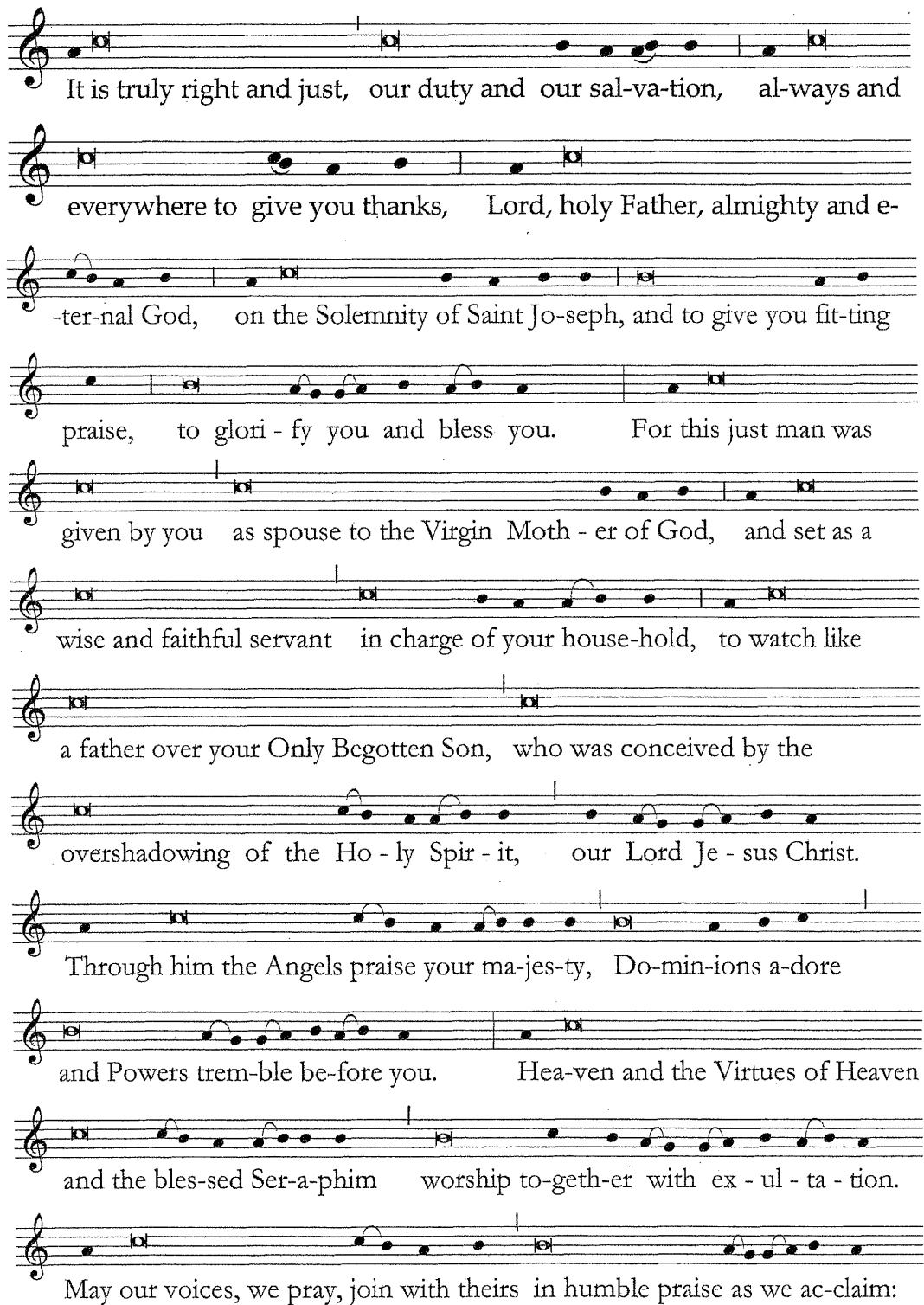
Prayer over the Offerings

We pray, O Lord,  
that just as Saint Joseph served with loving care  
your Only Begotten Son, born of the Virgin Mary,  
so may we be worthy to minister  
with a pure heart at your altar.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The mission of Saint Joseph.

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, on the Solemnity of Saint Jo-seph, and to give you fit-ting  
 praise, to glori - fy you and bless you. For this just man was  
 given by you as spouse to the Virgin Moth - er of God, and set as a  
 wise and faithful servant in charge of your house-hold, to watch like  
 a father over your Only Begotten Son, who was conceived by the  
 overshadowing of the Ho - ly Spir - it, our Lord Je - sus Christ.  
 Through him the Angels praise your ma-jes-ty, Do-min-ions a-dore  
 and Powers trem-ble be-fore you. Hea-ven and the Virtues of Heaven  
 and the bles-sed Ser-a-phim worship to-geth-er with ex - ul - ta - tion.  
 May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in humble praise as we ac-claim:



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

Text without music:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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 salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph,  
and to give you fitting praise,  
to glorify you and bless you.

For this just man was given by you  
as spouse to the Virgin Mother of God,  
and set as a wise and faithful servant  
in charge of your household,  
to watch like a father over your Only Begotten Son,  
who was conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through him the Angels praise your majesty,  
Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you.  
Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim  
worship together with exultation.  
May our voices, we pray, join with theirs  
in humble praise as we acclaim:

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

Communion Antiphon

Mt 25:21

Well done, good and faithful servant:  
Come, share your master's joy.

Prayer after Communion

Defend with unfailing protection,

O Lord, we pray,

the family you have nourished

with food from this altar

while they rejoice at the Solemnity of Saint Joseph,

and graciously keep safe your gifts among them.

Through Christ our Lord.

23 March

**Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

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

Collect

O God, who gave increase to your Church

through the apostolic labors and zeal for truth

of the Bishop Saint Turibius,

grant that the people consecrated to you

may always receive new growth in faith and holiness.

Through our Lord.

25 March  
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD  
Solemnity

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 the Virgin Mary heard with faith  
 that the Christ was to be born among men and for men's sake by the over-  
 -shadowing power of the Ho - ly Spir - it. Lovingly she bore him in her  
 im - mac - u - late womb, that the promises to the children of Israel  
 might come a-bout and the hope of na-tions be accomplished be - yond  
 all tell - ing. Through him the host of Angels a - dores your maj-es-ty  
 and re-joic-es in your pres - ence for ev - er; May our voices, we pray,  
 join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise as we ac-claim:

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

Text without music:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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 salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.

For the Virgin Mary heard with faith  
that the Christ was to be born among men and for men's sake  
by the overshadowing power of the Holy Spirit.  
Lovingly she bore him in her immaculate womb,  
that the promises to the children of Israel might come about  
and the hope of nations be accomplished beyond all telling.

Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty  
and rejoices in your presence for ever.  
May our voices, we pray, join with theirs  
in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

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

Communion Antiphon

Is 7:14

Behold! The Virgin will conceive and bear a son,  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Prayer after Communion

Confirm in our minds the mysteries of the true faith,  
we pray, O Lord,  
so that confessing that he who was conceived of the Virgin Mary  
is true God and true man,  
we may, through the saving power of his Resurrection,  
merit to attain eternal joy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## **APRIL**

2 April

### **Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit**

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

Collect

O God, exaltation of the lowly,  
who raised Saint Francis of Paola to the glory of your Saints,  
grant, we pray, that, by his merits and example,  
we may happily attain the rewards promised to the humble.  
Through our Lord.

4 April

### **Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

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

Collect

Hear graciously the prayers, O Lord,  
which we make in commemoration of Saint Isidore,  
that your Church may be aided by his intercession,  
just as she has been instructed by his heavenly teaching.  
Through our Lord.

5 April

### **Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest**

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

Collect

O God, who raised up the Priest Saint Vincent Ferrer  
to minister by the preaching of the Gospel,  
grant, we pray,  
that when the Judge comes  
whom Saint Vincent proclaimed on earth,  
we may be blessed to behold him  
ascend his heavenly throne.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

7 April

**Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest**

Memorial

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

Collect

O God, who chose Saint John Baptist de la Salle  
to educate young Christians,  
raise up, we pray, teachers in your Church  
who will devote themselves wholeheartedly  
to the human and Christian formation of the young.  
Through our Lord.

11 April

**Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr**

Memorial

From the Common of Martyrs: For One Martyr during Easter Time (p. 000), or from the Common of Pastors: For a Bishop (p. 000).

Collect

O God, for whose honor the Bishop Saint Stanislaus  
fell beneath the swords of his persecutors,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may persevere strong in faith even until death.  
Through our Lord.

13 April

**Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr**

From the Common of Martyrs: For One Martyr during Easter Time (p. 000), or from the Common of Pastors: For a Pope (p. 000).

Collect

Grant, almighty God,  
that we may withstand the trials of this world  
with invincible firmness of purpose,  
just as you did not allow your Martyr Pope Saint Martin the First  
to be daunted by threats or broken by suffering.  
Through our Lord.

21 April

**Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

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 led the Bishop Saint Anselm  
to seek out and teach the depths of your wisdom,  
grant, we pray,  
that our faith in you may so aid our understanding  
that what we believe by your command  
may give delight to our hearts.  
Through our Lord.

23 April

**Saint George, Martyr**

From the Common of Martyrs: For One Martyr during Easter Time (p. 000).

Collect

Extolling your power, O Lord,  
we humbly implore you,  
that, as Saint George imitated the Passion of the Lord,  
so he may lend us ready help in our weakness.  
Through our Lord.

**Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr**

From the Common of Martyrs: For One Martyr during Easter Time (p. 000), or  
from the Common of Pastors: For a Bishop (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who bestowed the crown of martyrdom  
on the Bishop Saint Adalbert,  
as he burned with zeal for souls,  
grant, we pray, by his prayers  
that the obedience of the flock may never fail the shepherds,  
nor the care of the shepherds be ever lacking to the flock.  
Through our Lord.



24 April

**Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr**

From the Common of Martyrs: For One Martyr during Easter Time (p. 000), or  
from the Common of Pastors: For One Pastor (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who were pleased to award  
the palm of martyrdom to Saint Fidelis  
as, burning with love for you, he propagated the faith,  
grant, we pray, through his intercession,  
that, grounded in charity,  
we may merit to know with him  
the power of the Resurrection of Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

25 April

**SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST**

Feast

Entrance Antiphon

Mk 16:15

Go into all the world,  
and proclaim the gospel to every creature, alleluia.

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

Collect

O God, who raised up Saint Mark, your Evangelist,  
and endowed him with the grace to preach the Gospel,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may so profit from his teaching  
as to follow faithfully in the footsteps of Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we venerate the glory of Saint Mark,  
we offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of praise  
and humbly beseech you,  
that your Church may always persevere  
in the preaching of the Gospel.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface II of the Apostles, p. 000.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always,  
until the end of the age, says the Lord, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that what we have received from your holy altar  
may sanctify us and make us strong in the faith  
of the Gospel which Saint Mark proclaimed.  
Through Christ our Lord.

28 April

**Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr**

From the Common of Martyrs: For One Martyr during Easter Time (p. 000), or  
from the Common of Pastors: For Missionaries (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who for the spreading of your Church  
crowned Saint Peter Chanel with martyrdom,  
grant that, in these days of paschal joy,  
we may so celebrate the mysteries  
of Christ's Death and Resurrection,  
as to bear worthy witness to newness of life.  
Through our Lord.

**Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest**

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

Collect

O God, who willed to direct the steps  
of the Priest Saint Louis  
along the way of salvation and of the love of Christ  
in the company of the Blessed Virgin,  
grant us, by his example,  
that meditating on the mysteries of your love,  
we may strive tirelessly  
for the building up of your Church.  
Through our Lord.

Or:

Almighty and eternal God,  
who made the Priest Saint Louis  
an outstanding witness and teacher  
of total devotion to Christ your Son  
through the hands of his Blessed Mother,  
grant us that, following the same spiritual path,  
we may constantly spread your Kingdom.  
Through our Lord.

29 April

**Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of the prudent,  
who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ, alleluia.

Collect

O God, who set Saint Catherine of Siena  
on fire with divine love  
in her contemplation of the Lord's Passion  
and her service of your Church,  
grant, through her intercession,  
that your people,  
participating in the mystery of Christ,  
may exult for ever in the revelation of his glory.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the saving sacrifice we offer  
in commemoration of Saint Catherine,  
so that instructed by her teaching,  
we may give ever more fervent thanks  
to you, the one true God.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Cf. 1 Jn 1:7

If we walk in the light, as God is in the light,  
then we have fellowship with one another,  
and the blood of his Son Jesus Christ  
cleanses us from all sin, alleluia.

## Prayer after Communion

May the heavenly table  
at which we have been fed, O Lord,  
confer eternal life upon us,  
as even in this world  
it nourished the life of Saint Catherine.  
Through Christ our Lord.

30 April

**Saint Pius V, Pope**

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

## Collect

O God, who in your providence  
raised up Pope Saint Pius the Fifth in your Church  
that the faith might be safeguarded  
and more fitting worship be offered to you,  
grant, through his intercession,  
that we may participate in your mysteries  
with lively faith and fruitful charity.  
Through our Lord.

## MAY

1 May

### Saint Joseph the Worker

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 127:1-2

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labor of your hands you shall eat;  
blessed are you, and blessed will you be, alleluia.

Collect

O God, Creator of all things,  
who laid down for the human race the law of work,  
grant graciously  
that by the example of Saint Joseph and under his patronage,  
we may complete the works you set us to do  
and attain the rewards you promise.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, fount of all mercy,  
look upon our offerings,  
which we bring before your majesty  
in commemoration of Saint Joseph,  
and mercifully grant that the gifts we offer  
may become the means of protection  
for those who call upon you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: The mission of Saint Joseph.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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 salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
on the commemoration of Saint Joseph,  
and to give you fitting praise,  
to glorify you and bless you.

For this just man was given by you  
as spouse to the Virgin Mother of God,  
and set as a wise and faithful servant  
in charge of your household  
to watch like a father over your Only Begotten Son,  
who was conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through him the Angels praise your majesty,  
Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you.  
Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim  
worship together with exultation.  
May our voices, we pray you, join with theirs  
in humble praise as we acclaim:

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

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Col 3:17

Whatever you do  
in word or in deed,  
do everything in the Name of the Lord,  
giving thanks to God, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Having fed upon heavenly delights,  
we humbly ask you, O Lord,  
that, by Saint Joseph's example,  
cherishing in our hearts the signs of your love,  
we may ever enjoy the fruit of perpetual peace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

2 May

**Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

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, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
who raised up the Bishop Saint Athanasius  
as an outstanding champion of your Son's divinity,  
mercifully grant,  
that rejoicing in his teaching and his protection,  
we may never cease to grow  
in knowledge and love of you.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look, O Lord, upon the offerings we present to you  
in commemoration of Saint Athanasius,  
and may witnessing to your truth  
bring salvation to those  
who profess the same unblemished faith as his.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

1 Cor 3:11

No one can lay a foundation  
other than the one that is there,  
namely, Jesus Christ, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, we pray, almighty God,  
that the true divinity of your Only Begotten Son,  
which we firmly profess with Saint Athanasius,  
may through this Sacrament  
ever give us life and protection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

3 May  
SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

Feast

Entrance Antiphon

These are the holy men  
whom the Lord chose in his own sheer love;  
and he gave them eternal glory, alleluia.

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

Collect

O God, who gladden us each year  
with the feast day of the Apostles Philip and James,  
grant us through their prayers  
a share in the Passion and Resurrection  
of your Only Begotten Son,  
so that we may merit to behold you for eternity.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the offerings we bring  
for the feast day of the Apostles Philip and James  
and bestow on us religion pure and undefiled.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Apostles, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 14:8-9

Lord, show us the Father,  
and that will be enough for us.  
Whoever has seen me, Philip,  
has seen the Father also, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Purify our minds, we pray, O Lord,  
by these holy gifts we have received,  
so that, contemplating you in your Son  
together with the Apostles Philip and James,  
we may be worthy to possess eternal life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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



12 May

**Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs**

From the Common of Martyrs: For Several Martyrs (p. 000 or, during Easter Time, p. 000).

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that we who know how courageous  
the glorious Martyrs Nereus and Achilleus  
were in confessing you,  
may experience their loving intercession for us in your presence.  
Through our Lord.

**Saint Pancras, Martyr**

From the Common of Martyrs: For One Martyr (p. 000 or, during Easter Time, p. 000).

Collect

May your Church rejoice, O God,  
confident in the intercession of the Martyr Saint Pancras,  
and by his glorious prayers  
may she persevere in devotion to you  
and stand ever firm.  
Through our Lord.

13 May

**Our Lady of Fatima**

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

Collect

O God, who chose the Mother of your Son  
to be our Mother also,  
grant us that, persevering in penance and prayer  
for the salvation of the world,  
we may further more effectively each day  
the reign of Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you.

14 May  
SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

Feast

Entrance Antiphon

Jn 15:16

It was not you who chose me, says the Lord,  
but I who chose you and appointed you  
to go and bear fruit, fruit that will remain (E.T. alleluia).

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

Collect

O God, who added Saint Matthias  
to the college of Apostles,  
grant us, through his intercession,  
that rejoicing at how your love has been allotted to us,  
we may merit to be numbered among the elect.  
Through our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, the offerings of your Church,  
reverently offered for the Feast of Saint Matthias,  
and through them strengthen us  
by the power of your grace.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Apostles, pp. 000-000.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 15:12

This is my commandment:  
love one another as I love you,  
says the Lord, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Never cease, O Lord, to fill your family with divine gifts,  
and, through blessed Matthias's intercession for us,  
graciously admit us  
to a share in the lot of the Saints in light.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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

18 May

**Saint John I, Pope and Martyr**

From the Common of Martyrs: For One Martyr (p. 000 or, during Easter Time, p. 000), or from the Common of Pastors: For a Pope (p. 000).

Collect

O God, who reward souls that are faithful  
and who have consecrated this day  
by the martyrdom of Pope Saint John the First,  
graciously hear the prayers of your people  
and grant that we who venerate his merits  
may imitate his constancy in the faith.  
Through our Lord.

20 May

**Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest**

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

Collect

O God, who gave the Priest Saint Bernardine  
a great love for the holy Name of Jesus,  
grant, through his merits and prayers,  
that we may ever be set aflame  
with the spirit of your love.  
Through our Lord.

21 May

**Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest,  
and Companions, Martyrs**

From the Common of Martyrs: For Several Martyrs (p. 000 or, during Easter Time, p. 000).

Collect

Almighty and eternal God,  
who made the Priest Saint Christopher Magallanes and his companions  
faithful to Christ the King even to the point of martyrdom,  
grant us, through their intercession  
that, persevering in confession of the true faith,  
we may always hold fast  
to the commandments of your love.  
Through our Lord.

22 May

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Bestow on us, we pray, O Lord,  
the wisdom and strength of the Cross,  
with which you were pleased to endow Saint Rita,  
so that, suffering in every tribulation with Christ,  
we may participate ever more deeply in his Paschal Mystery.  
Who lives and reigns with you.