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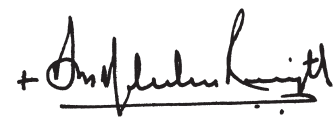
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PROPER CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Memorial 8 ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, virgin

MAY

Last Saturday of the month

Memorial OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART

JUNE

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Solemnity THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
TITULAR PATRON OF THE INSTITUTE

SEPTEMBER

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PATRON OF THE INSTITUTE

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Doctor of the Church, Patron of the Missions

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NOVEMBER

On the day appointed each year

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED
CONFRERES, RELATIVES AND BENEFACTORS

DECEMBER

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Patron of the Missions

8 February

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

virgin

Memorial

Josephine Bakhita was born near Jebel Ajilere in Southern Darfur, Sudan. She was kidnapped while still very young, sold several times in the slave markets of Africa, and subjected to much cruelty. Finally, in Venice, she was baptised and entered the religious Institute of the Daughters of Charity (Canossians). She lived the rest of her life in the joy of Christ in Schio (Vicenza) in Italy, where she died on 8 February 1947.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Is 48:10,17

**See, I have refined you like silver,
tested you in the furnace of affliction;
I lead you in the way that you must go.**

COLLECT

**O God, who raised St. Josephine, virgin, from abject servitude
to the glory of being your child and the bride of Christ,
grant that through her example,
we may follow the crucified Lord Jesus with unfailing love,
and persevere in this love that leads to works of mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Readings of the day or from the Common of Virgins.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, Lord, the gifts
we bring to your altar
in honour of St. Josephine,
and grant that they may become a sign
of a new humanity, reconciled in love.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 5:4.8

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, grant to us
who have partaken of eternal joy
through our participation in this sacrament,
the love which was shown by St. Josephine,
so that we may effectively foster the same love among all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Last Saturday in May

**THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
“OUR LADY
OF THE SACRED HEART”**

Memoria

The devotion to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart was officially introduced by St. Daniel Comboni with an Act of Consecration of the Vicariate of Central Africa, on 8 December 1857. Seen as the completion of, and a finishing touch to, the earlier Act of Consecration of the Vicariate to the Sacred Heart, St. Daniel had taken this devotion from his friend Fr. Jules Chevalier (1824-1907), who had first conceived it and was spreading it throughout the Catholic world. The mystery of the Heart of Mary is the mystery of the Mother who, at the foot of the Cross, draws us in a special way into the saving plan of the Heart of Christ, and thus into the bestowal of grace: Mary thus becomes “the mystical key to the Heart of Jesus”, as she is called in the Act of Consecration itself.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**I have loved you with an everlasting love,
so I build you once more;
you shall be rebuilt,
virgin of Israel!**

Jer 31:3b-4a

COLLECT

**O God, who revealed in Christ
the unfathomable riches of your love,
and wished to associate the Blessed Virgin Mary
to the mystery of his Heart,
grant that we too may always be
worthy sharers in and witnesses of
your love in the Church.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Readings of the day or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord, accept the prayers and offerings we present to you
in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
so that through this sacred exchange we may, like her,
experience the same sentiments as your Son, Jesus Christ.
Who lives and reigns.**

Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

1Jn 4:16

**God is love
and anyone who lives in love, lives in God,
and God lives in him.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Refreshed at the wellsprings of the Saviour
on this commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
we pray, Lord,
that through this sacrament of unity and love
we may always do what is pleasing to you
and always serve our brothers and sisters.
Through Christ our Lord.

Friday
following the Second Sunday after Pentecost

**THE MOST SACRED HEART
OF JESUS**

Titular Patron of the Institute

Solemnity

All as in the Roman Missal.

9 September

ST PETER CLAVER

priest

Patron of the Institute

Solemnity

Peter (Verdu, Catalonia, 1580 - Cartagena, 8 September 1657) entered the Society of Jesus and embraced the cause of the Africans being taken as slaves to Latin America, and there subjected to the most harsh labour and inhuman treatment. He dedicated himself with such commitment and love to this mission that he came to be called the Apostle of the Africans. Pope Leo XIII named him Patron of the Missions to black people.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Lk 4:18 & Is.61:1

**The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for he has anointed me
to bring the good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken,
to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison.**

The Gloria is said.

COLLECT

**O God, who made St. Peter Claver the slave of slaves,
and who strengthened him with admirable love
in bringing them relief,
grant us, through his intercession,
that seeking the things that are of Jesus Christ,
we may love our neighbours in deed and in truth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

FIRST READING

Share your bread with the hungry.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

58:6-10

The Lord says this: Is not this the sort of fast that pleases me: to break unjust fetters, and undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and break every yoke, to share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor; to clothe the man you see to be naked and not turn from your own kin? Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call and he will say: 'I am here', if you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 146:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
to him our praise is due.
The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles. **R.**

He heals the broken-hearted
he binds up all their wounds;
he fixes the number of the stars,
he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

SECOND READING

We must give our lives for others.

A reading from the first letter of St. John

3:14-18

We have passed out of death and into life, and of this we can be sure because we love our brothers. If you refuse to love, you must remain dead; to hate your brother is to be a murderer, and murderers, as you know, do not have eternal life in them.

This has taught us love: that he gave up his life for us: and we, too, ought to give up our lives for our brothers. If a man who was rich enough in this world's goods saw that one of his brothers was in need, but closed his heart to him, how could the love of God be living in him? My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:12-13

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**This is my commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.**

R. Alleluia.**GOSPEL***The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.***✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 4:16-22a**

In those days, Jesus came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: “The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour.” He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down.

And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them: “This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.” And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The Creed is said.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us offer our prayers trustingly to the Father, who wants all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Christ.

Response:

Father, may your Kingdom come.

1. For God's Church, the universal sacrament of salvation: that it may bring all humankind to the light and freedom of the Gospel: we pray to the Lord. **R.**
2. For young people: that with trusting hearts they may approach those who do not yet know Christ, and foster their human and Christian growth: we pray to the Lord. **R.**
3. For civil authorities and their collaborators: that they may work for the common good and social equality: we pray to the Lord. **R.**
4. For those who suffer from hunger, disease, or solitude: that the mystery of human liberation brought about by Christ may bring them solace of body and soul: we pray to the Lord. **R.**
5. For ourselves and our community: that as we welcome Christ in these holy mysteries, we may learn to recognise him in the persons of the poor: we pray to the Lord. **R.**

O God, you set the heart of St. Peter Claver on fire with apostolic zeal for the poorest and most abandoned. Hear our prayers and inflame our hearts with the same ardour, so that we may give ourselves without reserve for the salvation of our brothers and sisters who are most in need. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Sanctified by the Holy Spirit,
may our offering for the salvation of the nations
for whom St. Peter Claver became a minister
of Jesus Christ, your Word and our Lord,
be acceptable to you, Father,
who live and reign for ever and ever.

PREFACE

Pity for the poor and afflicted.

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 fitting.

It is indeed right and fitting,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Father most holy,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
whom you sent as Saviour and Redeemer.

You made your glory shine
in the life of blessed Peter,
and in crowning his merits
you set a crown on the gifts of your mercy.

Moved by heavenly love,
he made himself a neighbour to the oppressed,
and, by your power,
showed himself so merciful
that he led them
through the shadows of pain and servitude
to the light of the resurrection.

Therefore, with the Angels and Archangels
and the varied multitude of Saints,
we sing a hymn to your glory
as we endlessly proclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

1Cor 9:22b

I made myself all things to all men
in order to save some at any cost.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord, inflame our hearts with the fire of your love
through the power of the sacrifice of your Son
who bore our weakness,
so that by making ourselves weak with the weak,
we may win them to Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

SOLEMN BLESSING

The Deacon or, in his absence, the celebrant himself, may invite the people with the following, or similar, words:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Then the priest, extending his hands over the people, pronounces the blessings, to which all respond: **Amen.**

**May God, the Lord of heaven and earth,
who has brought us together on the feast
of our Patron, St. Peter Claver,
fill you with heavenly blessings.**

R. Amen.

**May he grant that, following the example of St. Peter,
you may dedicate yourselves with burning love
to the service of the poor and the afflicted.**

R. Amen.

**Amplly purified and strengthened
in your missionary spirit
may you always proclaim
the wonders of the Lord,
and come to possess the inheritance of eternal blessedness
with all the saints.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of Almighty God,
Father, + Son and Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you always.**

R. Amen.

1 October

**ST THERESA
OF THE CHILD JESUS**
virgin and doctor of the Church
Patron of the Missions

Feast

Theresa was born in Alençon in France in 1873. While still a young girl, she entered the Carmelite Monastery in Lisieux, where she practised humility, evangelical simplicity and trust in God to a high degree. She taught the same virtues, especially, to the novices through her words and example. She died on 30 September 1897, offering her life for the salvation of souls and the renewal of the Church.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Dt 32:10-12

**The Lord nurtured and taught her;
he guarded her as the apple of his eye.
As the eagle spreads its wings to carry its young, he bore her
on his shoulders.
The Lord alone was her leader.**

The Gloria is said.

COLLECT

God our Father, who promised your kingdom
to those who are willing to become like little children,
help us to follow the way of Saint Theresa with confidence,
so that by her prayers we may come to know your eternal glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

Look, I am going to send peace flowing like a river.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

66:10-14

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you
may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you
may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says
the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her
breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. (And
by Jerusalem you will be comforted.) At the sight your heart
will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his
servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-2, 8-9, 17-18

R. As tenderly as a father treats his children, so the Lord treats us.

Bless the Lord, my soul,
from the depths of my being, his holy name;
bless the Lord, my soul,
never forget all his acts of kindness. **R.**

The Lord is tenderness and pity,
slow to anger and rich in faithful love;
his indignation does not last forever,
nor his resentment remain for all time. **R.**

But the Lord's faithful love for those who fear him
is from eternity and for ever;
and his saving justice to their children's children;
as long as they keep his covenant
and carefully obey his precepts. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cf. Mt 11:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

R. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

You hid these things from the learned and revealed them to little children.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Brothers and sisters, having contemplated the wonders of God in St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, let us pray together with confidence:

Lord, graciously hear us.

1. For our Holy Father, Pope N., our Bishop N., all the clergy and the people entrusted to their pastoral care, that they may make manifest the love of Christ in all that they do: Let us pray to the Lord. *R.*
2. For all consecrated men and women, that following the path of childlike simplicity of heart and spiritual infancy,

they may grow in the knowledge of the wonders of the Kingdom: Let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

- 3.** For all those who are suffering, that their sadness be turned into the joy that no one can take away from them: Let us pray to the Lord. **R.**
- 4.** For all the faithful, that they may see in prayer and the daily offering of themselves the means towards growth in holiness and the spreading of the Gospel: Let us pray to the Lord. **R.**
- 5.** For our community: may it bear witness with great constancy to the Resurrection of Christ, and keep the flame of pure love of God burning brightly in the Church: Let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

O God, you know the life of the people of our time, subjected to many needs and dangers. Through the intercession of St. Theresa, answer the plea of all believers: may all peoples come to love and praise you forever in the fullness of your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, we praise the wonders
of your grace in Saint Theresa,
and as you were pleased
with the witness she offered,
deign also to accept
this service of ours.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Virgins and Religious.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 18:3

Unless you change and become like little children, says the Lord, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord, may the sacraments we have received
inflame within us the power of that love
by which St. Theresa offered herself completely to you
and prayed for the salvation of all humankind.
Through Christ our Lord.**

10 October

SAINT DANIEL COMBONI

bishop and founder

*Founder of the Institute
of the Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus*

Solemnity

Saint Daniel Comboni was born on 15 March, 1831 at Limone on Lake Garda (Brescia, Italy). While still a boy he moved to Verona where, under the guidance of the Servant of God Don Nicola Mazza, he felt the call to the evangelisation of the poor of Central Africa. The supernatural meaning of his vocation became clear when, as he prayed in St. Peter's Basilica (1864), he received enlightenment for a "new way" (Plan, 1864): the salvation of Africa through Africa itself. Faithful to his motto "Africa or Death", he visited many countries throughout Europe; he presented his "Postulatum pro Nigris" to the Fathers of the First Vatican Ecumenical Council (1870); he founded two missionary Institutes, one of men and one of women; and he was put at the head of the Vicariate Apostolic of Central Africa as Pro-vicar (1872) and then as Vicar and Bishop (1877). Greatly experienced in "the glory of the Cross", he spent his life for Nigritia, dying in Khartoum on 10 October 1881. He was canonised in Rome by Pope John Paul II on 5 October 2003.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

Ps 97:2-3c

The Gloria is said.

COLLECT

**O God, Father of all nations,
who spread your Church among the peoples of Africa
through the apostolic zeal of Saint Daniel, your bishop:
grant, we beseech you that, through his intercession,
she may grow in faith and holiness,
and be increasingly enriched with new children,
to the glory of your name.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

FIRST READING

The Lord has anointed me and sent me to bring good news to the poor.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

61:1-3a

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord, a day of vengeance for our God, to comfort all those who mourn and to give them for ashes a garland; for mourning robe the oil of gladness, for despondency, praise.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10

R. Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth,
sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim his salvation, day after day,
declare his glory among the nations,
his marvels to every people! **R.**

Give to the Lord, families of nations,
give to the Lord glory and power,
give to the Lord the glory due to his name. **R.**

Say among the nations: "God is king."
The world is set firm, it cannot be moved.
He will judge the nations with justice. **R.**

SECOND READING

The Cross of Christ is the sole strength and boast of the evangeliser.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 6:14-18

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
and I know my own sheep, and my own know me.**

R. Alleluia!**GOSPEL***The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.***✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:11-16**

At that time, Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, as soon as he sees the wolf coming abandons the sheep and runs away, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The Creed is said.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Christ, the Good Shepherd, nourishes us with his word and with his body, to make of us a community that bears witness to and proclaims the Gospel to the nations. In his name we turn to the Father in prayer.

Lord, graciously hear us.

- 1. For the Pope and all who exercise a pastoral office in the Church: may they always lead the people of God in ways of holiness. Lord, hear us. R.**
- 2. For all the members of the Comboni Family working in Europe, Africa, America and Asia: that following the example of St. Daniel, they may take the good news of the Gospel to those places where “the silent cry of so many brothers and sisters begs for the light of truth and the warmth of love.” Lord hear us. R.**
- 3. For the poorest and most neglected human groups and for all the victims of violence and injustice: may they find hope in their lives through Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and support from the solidarity of their brothers and sisters. Lord, hear us R.**
- 4. Through the example of St. Daniel, may the role of women be recognised and fully implemented in the building up of the family and the development of the Church and of society. Lord, hear us. R.**
- 5. May the Lord, who called those he wanted to be with him, and sent them to proclaim his word, raise up men and women today, and in every continent, ready to give their lives for the “ad gentes” mission. Lord, hear us. R.**
- 6. For all the relatives, friends and benefactors who share in the Comboni charism in various ways: may this celebration increase their cooperation and support in the evangelising mission of the Church. Lord, hear us. R.**

O God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ as the great Shepherd of your flock; help all humankind to listen to his voice, so that together, and following the example of St. Daniel, we may continue our journey under his gaze. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord, may these gifts
that we offer in memory of Saint Daniel
be acceptable to you,
so that given life by your Holy Spirit,
they may become a source of redemption and of peace.
Through Christ our Lord.**

PREFACE

A witness to the love of God and the mission of the Church.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And also with you.

℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

℟. It right and fitting.

**It is indeed right and fitting, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks
and to sing you a hymn of glory and praise
Lord, Holy Father, God of infinite mercy
who worked the salvation of the human race
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**You give us the joy of celebrating the feast of St. Daniel,
a pastor after your own heart,
and an ardent evangeliser of the African peoples.**

**In his unshakeable faith
you offer us a sure light for our path;**

in his charity, full of good works,
you show us the Gospel way
that unites races, cultures and nations.

He embraced the Cross with serene fortitude,
trusting in the pierced Heart of your Son
from which you brought forth the Church,
the mother of new peoples
and the protector of the weak and abandoned.

For this sign of your great kindness,
united in one voice
with the angels and saints,
we sing the hymn of your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 35:9-10

They feast on the riches of your house;
they drink from the stream of your delight.
In you is the source of life,
and in your light we see light.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, may the mysteries we have received
bestow on us the wisdom of the Cross
which gave strength to the life of Saint Daniel,
so that we may announce to the nations
the work of the infinite love of Christ,
who suffered and rose again for the life of the world.
He lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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Then the priest, extending his hands over the people,
pronounces the blessings, to which all respond: **Amen.**

**May God, the glory and joy of his faithful servants,
who gives us this feast of St. Daniel,
grant you his everlasting blessing.**

R. Amen.

**May he always free you from every sin,
strengthen your hearts in his love
and make of you a light for others.**

R. Amen.

**May he show you the ways of justice, love and peace,
so that you may come to the joy of eternal life.**

R. Amen.

**And may the blessing of almighty God,
Father + Son and Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you always.**

R. Amen.

20 October

BLESSED DAVID OKELO AND JILDO IRWA

martyrs

David Okelo was born at Ogom-Payira (Northern Uganda) around 1902, and Jildo Irwa was born in Bar-Kitoba in 1906. Both belonged to the Acholi tribe, were baptised at the mission of Kitgum on 1 June 1916, and went together to serve as catechists at Paimol, a small village in what is now the Archdiocese of Gulu. Although still young, they gave an outstanding example of faith. In a time of hostility they refused to abandon their post and, at the instigation of adherents of the traditional religion and of some Muslims, were killed between 18-20 October 1918.

From the Common of Martyrs: **for several Martyrs.**

COLLECT

**Almighty and eternal God,
who granted the crown of martyrdom
to Blessed Daudi and Jildo
for their proclamation of the Gospel,
grant that, through their example and intercession,
we may tirelessly offer the news of salvation
to our brothers and sisters.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

On the day appointed each year

**MEMORIAL
OF DEPARTED
CONFRERES,
RELATIVES AND
BENEFACTORS**

From the Roman Missal, with the following:

COLLECT

**Lord God,
you are the glory of believers
and the life of the just.
Your Son redeemed us
by dying and rising to life again.
Since the departed members of the Comboni family
and our relatives and benefactors
believed in the mystery of the resurrection,
let them share the joys and blessings of the life to come.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Readings from the weekday or from Readings for the Dead.

3 December

ST FRANCIS XAVIER

priest

Patron of the Missions

Feast

Born into a noble Spanish family in 1506, Francis Xavier met St. Ignatius Loyola while at university in Paris, and joined him in his works of charity. He was ordained priest in Venice in 1537 and worked up and down Italy before moving to Rome. In 1541 he was sent to the mission in the East, and worked tirelessly for ten years in India and Japan, converting many to the Faith. He was about to enter China when he died in 1552 on the island of Sanchin. Pope Gregory XV canonised him in 1622.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Jer 1:7b-8

**To whomever I send you, you shall go;
whatever I command you, you shall speak.
Have no fear before them
because I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.**

The Gloria is said.

COLLECT

God our Father, who through the preaching of Francis Xavier brought many nations to yourself, give his zeal for the faith to all who believe in you, that your Church may rejoice in continued growth throughout the world.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

I shall purge the lips of the peoples, so that all may invoke the name of the Lord.

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah

3:9-10, 14-20

Yes, I will then give the peoples lips that are clean, so that all may invoke the name of the Lord, and serve him under the same yoke. From beyond the banks of the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants will bring me offerings. Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst, you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you, as on a day of festival. I have taken away your misfortune, no longer need you bear the disgrace of it. I am taking action here and now against your oppressors. When that time comes I will rescue the lame, and gather the strays, and I will win them praise and renown when I restore their fortunes. When that

time comes, I will be your guide, when that time comes, I will gather you in, I will give you praise and renown among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes under your own eyes, says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Alternative reading

How can they believe in him if they have never heard of him?

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 10:8-17

Scripture says: The Word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

But they will not ask his help unless they believe in him, and they will not believe in him unless they have heard of him, and they will not hear of him unless they get a preacher, and they will never have a preacher unless one is sent, but as scripture says: "The footsteps of those who bring good news are a welcome sound." Not everyone, of course, listens to the Good News. As Isaiah says: Lord, how many believed what we proclaimed? So faith comes from what is preached, and what is preached comes from the word of Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 85:1-3,7-10

R. All the nations shall come to adore you, O Lord.

Turn your ear, O Lord, and give answer,
for I am poor and needy.
Preserve my life, for I am faithful,
save the servant who trusts in you.
You are my God, have mercy on me, Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long. **R.**

In the day of distress I will call
and surely you will reply.
Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
nor work to compare with yours. **R.**

All the nations shall come and adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Eph 4:5-6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
and one God who is Father of all.

R. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Go, make disciples of all nations.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20

At that time, the eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Let us pray together to God our Father, who in his Providence desires to extend the Kingdom of Christ to the furthest ends of the earth.

Lord, graciously hear us.

1. That the Church may be always and everywhere a sign of salvation, making present and real the mystery of God's love. Lord, hear us **R.**
2. That the Lord may pour out on his Church, in a new Pentecost, his spirit of piety and fortitude, and raise up from the People of God many holy missionaries. Lord, hear us **R.**

- 3. That all peoples may recognise one another as brothers and sisters, and work in solidarity for the true development of every nation, so that humanity may come to know a time of equality and peace. Lord, hear us **R.****
- 4. That in faithfulness to our missionary vocation, we may tirelessly proclaim, through word and witness, the Gospel of salvation. Lord, hear us **R.****
- 5. That after the example of St. Francis Xavier and of our Founder, our service to the poorest and most abandoned may be carried out with generosity and joy. Lord, hear us **R.****

Lord God our Father, you have redeemed us in the blood of your Son, and called us from every tribe and tongue and people and nation to become your People. Grant that all men and women may be admitted to your Kingdom, which was prepared for them from the creation of the world. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord, receive the gifts we bring on the feast of Francis Xavier, and as his zeal for the salvation of humankind led him to the ends of the earth,
may we be effective witnesses to the Gospel
and come with our brothers and sisters
to be with you in the joy of your kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord.**

PREFACE

Fire of love and missionary zeal.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

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 fitting.

**It is indeed right and fitting, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.**

**You inflamed St. Francis,
a son of the newly-formed Society of Jesus,
with burning love and zeal for souls.
Despising dangers, difficulties and labours,
he undertook countless journeys
to proclaim the Gospel to many peoples,
so that through their initiation into the mysteries of salvation
they might become part of your Church,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**And so, joined with the Angels and Archangels
and with the multitude of saints,
we sing for ever the hymn of your glory:**

Holy, Holy, Holy.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Jer.20:7-9b

**You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a laughing-stock all day long, they all make fun of me.
There seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me; I could not bear it.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord, may the Eucharist we have celebrated
fill us with the apostolic charity
of St Francis Xavier,
so that each one of us may live
the Christian vocation in truth,
and obtain the reward promised to the faithful workers
in the vineyard of the Gospel.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Appendix

VOTIVE MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. DANIEL COMBONI

Liturgical colour white

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim his glory among the nations,
his marvellous deeds to all the peoples;
great is the Lord, worthy of all praise.

Ps 95:3-4

COLLECT

O God, to make your Church's brightness shine
in all languages and nations,
you sent your holy Bishop St. Daniel
to evangelise the peoples of Africa:
grant that, inflamed by his apostolic zeal,
we may be able to recognise
the signs of your presence in the world,
and be witnesses to everyone of the loving concern of Christ,
the Good Shepherd.
Who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

For the readings see pp. 51-56.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, through these gifts which we offer you,
transform us into an acceptable sacrifice to you,
and kindle in us the same flame of your love
which drove St. Daniel to take
the light of the Gospel to the nations.
Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE

The works of God are born from the love of the Cross.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And also with you.

℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. We lift them up to the Lord.

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

℟. It is right and fitting.

**It is indeed right and fitting, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father,
all-powerful and ever-living God,
who never cease to bring together all the nations
as one family in the Son of your love.**

**Through the example of St. Daniel
you have taught us that your works
are born in the love of the Cross
and are destined to bring the nations
to rebirth in the new life in Christ.**

Even today, in the power of the Holy Spirit,

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Lk 10:5,8-9

Whatever house you go into, let your first words be:

“Peace to this house!”

**Whenever you go into a town, cure those in it who are sick
and say: “The Kingdom of God is very near to you.”**

Alternative:

Cf. Mt. 5:16

**Your light must shine in the sight of men,
so that they may give praise to your Father in heaven.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Grant, O God, that nourished with the bread of the strong
in this memorial of St. Daniel,
we may closely follow Christ with his same ardour
to work in the whole world
for the coming of your kingdom of justice and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.**

FIRST READING

1. (Outside the Easter season)

Called, in Christ Jesus, to share in the same inheritance.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-12, 14-19

**You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God
with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation
that I was given the knowledge of the mystery, as I have just
described it very shortly. If you read my words, you will have
some idea of the depths that I see in the mystery of Christ.
This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit
to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men**

in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

I have been made the servant of that gospel by a gift of grace from God who gave it to me by his own power. I, who am less than the least of all the saints, have been entrusted with this special grace, not only of proclaiming to the pagans the infinite treasure of Christ but also of explaining how the mystery is to be dispensed. Through all the ages this has been kept hidden in God, the Creator of everything. Why? So that the Sovereignities and Powers should learn only now, through the Church, how comprehensive God's wisdom really is, exactly according to the plan which he had had from all eternity in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is why we are bold enough to approach God in complete confidence, through our faith in him.

This is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name: Out of his infinite glory may he give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; until, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-5

Rit. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation,
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R.**

2.

I will make you a light to the nations.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

49:5-7,11-13

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him. I shall be honoured in the Lord's eyes, and my God has been my strength. The Lord said to me: "It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." I will make a highway of all the mountains, and the high roads shall be banked up. Some are on their way from afar, others from the north and the west, others from the land of Sinim. Shout for joy, you heavens; earth exult! You mountains, break into happy cries! For the Lord consoles his people.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

From Ps 67

Rit. Blessed be our God, the Lord who saves.

**Sing to God, play music to his name,
build a road for the Rider of the Clouds,
rejoice in the Lord, dance before him. R.**

**Father of orphans, defender of widows,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in,
he leads prisoners forth into freedom. R.**

**God, you rained down a shower of blessings,
when your heritage was weary you gave it strength.
Your family found a home, which you
in your generosity provided for the humble. R.**

**Blessed be the Lord, day after day,
he carries us along, God our Saviour.
This God of ours is a God who saves;
from the Lord God comes escape from death. R.**

GOSPEL ANTIPHON AND GOSPEL**1.**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Go out to the whole world,
proclaim the Good News to all creation.**

Mt 16:15

R. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

He sent them out ahead of him in pairs to all the towns.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 10:1-9

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be: 'Peace to this house!' And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say: 'The kingdom of God is very near to you.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

2. *Alternative gospel antiphon and gospel*

℟. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, you whom my Father has blessed,
for I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink;
sick, and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.

℟. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew **Mt 5, 13-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house.

In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

DECREE

conferring the honours of the saints on
Daniel Comboni

John Paul, Bishop,
Servant of the Servants of God, in perpetual memory.

“The love of Christ overwhelms us when we consider that if one man died for all, then all have died.” (2Cor.5:14).

These words of the Apostle are very appropriate for the outstanding evangeliser and Blessed Bishop, missionary and founder, Daniel Comboni, whose whole life was driven by the one yearning of the Lord Jesus: “I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold, and I must lead these too. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, one shepherd” (Jn.10:16). Supernatural love drove him tirelessly to do everything in his power for the evangelisation of Africa, and an unshakeable hope guided his many undertakings, in the certainty that the Church would eventually welcome the peoples of Africa among her beloved children.

Gifted with great human sensitivity and uncommon intellectual qualities, Daniel Comboni was born on 15 March 1831 at Limone sul Garda, a village belonging to the Diocese of Brescia. However, his education in the humanities and theology, and his attraction towards the missions, were bestowed on him in Verona, especially in the Mazza Institute of which he became a member. On 31st December 1854 he was ordained priest in Trent, and a few years later, in September 1857, he was part of an expedition sent by the Mazza Institute to Central Africa. Although this particular mission was brief in its duration and apparently unsuccessful, Daniel Comboni was inflamed with an immense desire to help lead the Church to new and more solid methods of evangelisation so as to bring the Gospel to Africa.

The all-provident God, who watched over him with attentive care, showed him the way in an unexpected manner. In fact, while he was praying near the tomb of the Apostle Peter on 15th September 1854, the idea came to him of a plan to “Save Africa through Africa.” This plan included the establishment of an indigenous clergy, of Sisters of charity, catechists, teachers, mothers of families out there in Africa, and not simply in Europe, who would, through their own efforts and work, spread the Catholic faith and worship in the interior of that continent. Our predecessor Pius IX encouraged the servant of God to put his plan into action, telling him to “work for Africa like a good soldier of Christ.”

From then on his activity seemed to take on an even greater ecclesial inspiration, as well as acquiring greater depth and effectiveness through the new foundations undertaken and through various initiatives that were to have a great spiritual impact. Thus it was that this ardent missionary priest embarked upon series of journeys of missionary animation in the principal dioceses and nations of Europe, which culminated in his presence at the First Vatican Council and the distribution to the Fathers gathered there of the “*Postulatum pro Nigris Africae Centralis*.” Meanwhile, with the support of the Bishop of Verona, Mgr. Luigi di Canossa, he had founded, on 1st June 1867, the Institute for the Missions of Africa, whose members are today called “Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus” (MCCI); and on 1st January 1872 he founded the Institute of the *Pie Madri della Nigrizia*, known today as “Comboni Missionary Sisters.”

The See of Peter recognised and lent its support to this great dedication to the missionary cause. In fact, on 25th May of the same year, it assigned the languishing Vicariate Apostolic of Central Africa to the Institute for the Missions of Africa, and named Daniel Comboni Pro-Vicar Apostolic, with his See in the city of Khartoum. Then on 31st July 1877, it made him Bishop and Vicar Apostolic of the same Vicariate, with the title of the Church of *Claudiopolis*.

Daniel Comboni found the strength for all his missionary activity in the inexhaustible source of Trinitarian love manifested in the pierced Heart of Jesus, and he entrusted himself constantly to

the maternal presence of Mary, invoked under the most beautiful names of Mother and Queen of Africa, the Immaculate, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; and also to the provident help of St. Joseph. Indeed, he consecrated his Vicariate to the Heart of Jesus and to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. He acted constantly out of love for and in communion with the Church and her legitimate representatives, ever focused on the aims of his work: to spread the Gospel, to lay the foundations for an authentic local Church, to involve all the local elements in their own regeneration and in the struggle against slavery. Walking this path he came to know, embrace and discover the meaning of the Cross of Christ, from which he drew the strength to give himself totally for the “poorest and most abandoned” and to confront and overcome numerous obstacles; here, too, he found the hope to look trustingly towards the future.

At the age of 50 he had given himself totally: to God, to the Church and to Africa. And so, on 10th October 1881 he breathed his last in Khartoum, predicting a fruitful time for the Institutes he had founded and for the Church in Sudan. His reputation for sanctity and the memory of his tireless activity are still a source of missionary inspiration for the Church of God and an object of admiration for civil society, besides being a call for a more equal world.

The Cause of his Beatification and Canonisation was instituted by the Bishop of Verona in 1928. On 17th March 1996 we proceeded to the Beatification of this Servant of God. With a view to the Canonisation, a further cure was studied with positive results: it took place in Khartoum (Sudan), and was for the benefit of a Muslim woman, Lubna Abdel Aziz. Following this, we promulgated the Decree on the miracle on 10th December 2002. In the Consistory of 7th March 2003 we determined that the Rite of Canonisation should be celebrated on 5th October of the same year.

Today, therefore, in the square that opens out before the patriarchal Vatican Basilica of St Peter, during the solemnity of the Mass, we proclaimed the following formula: “To the honour of the Holy and One Trinity, for the exaltation of the Catholic faith and the increase of Christian life, with the authority of Our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul and Our own, after long reflec-

tion, frequently calling on divine help and taking to heart the opinion of many of Our Brothers in the Episcopate, we declare and define as Saints the Blessed Daniel Comboni, Arnold Janssen and Josef Freinademetz, and we inscribe them in the List of Saints, and we determine that, in the whole Church, they be devoutly honoured among the Saints. In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

We wish to exalt before all the virtues of this Saint, who gave himself tirelessly to the spreading of the Gospel, so that the Catholic Faith and zeal should be propagated without interruption and reach the greatest possible number of people, so that, enriched by every protection from Heaven, they might obtain the saving gifts of God in abundance.

We determine that what we have decreed in the present Letter be ratified and taken as certain, both now and in the future, all things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at St. Peter’s, Rome, on the 5th day of the month of October, in the Year of the Lord 2003, the 25th of our Pontificate.

Joannes Paulus II

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