

MASS IN HONOR OF BLESSED JOHN BAPTIST SCALABRINI BISHOP AND FATHER TO THE MIGRANTS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall do him no wrong. You shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the Land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God. (Lev 19,33-34)

OPENING PRAYER

God, you gave the bishop Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini to migrant peoples as their dedicated pastor; grant, through his intercession, that by preaching the Gospel we may advance the unity of the human family. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Or

All powerful and merciful God, you gave to the Church Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini as an outstanding teacher of Christian faith, and an untiring promoter of social justice, and you made him Father and Apostle to those migrating to foreign lands; through his intercession grant to us, your children, to follow faithfully his teaching and to imitate his zeal for the salvation of souls. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:18-21

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

“I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. I will set a sign among them, from them I will send fugitives to the nations: to Tarshis, Put and Lud, Mosoch, Tubal and Javan, to the distant coast lands that have never heard of my fame, or seen my glory; and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots, upon mules and dromedaries, to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the Lord; just as the Israelites bring their offering to the house of the Lord in clean vessels. Some of these I will take as priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 87

Response: All you people praise the Lord

Or Let all the earth cry out! Let all the earth cry out to God with joy!

The Lord loves the city founded on holy mountains,
Loves the gates of Zion more than any dwelling in Jacob.
Glorious things are said of you, City of God!

Response

From Babylon and Egypt
I count those who acknowledge the Lord.
Philistia, Ethiopia, Tyre, of them it can be said:
"This one was born there."
But of Zion it must be said: "They all were born here."

Response

The Most High confirms this;
The Lord notes in the register of peoples:
"This one was born here."
So all sing in their festive dance:
"Within you is my true home."

Response

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-19

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called (by God) to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God. All these died in faith, they did not receive what had been promised but saw it and greeted it from afar and acknowledge themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth, for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land from which they had come, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse 1: *I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and my sheep know me.*

Verse 2: *I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:*

That you love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:30-37 (Short Form)

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord

Jesus said: "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but, when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and, when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, "Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back."

Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

In Communion with the son, helped by the Holy Spirit, we raise our prayer to the Father.

1. That the Church be guided by Holy Pastors, ready to give their life for the people of God entrusted to them. Let us pray
2. That those who have responsibilities, civil and political may promote the culture of solidarity and mutual acceptance. Let us pray.
3. For the migrants, the most poor and uprooted, who did not gain a place in their new environment. Let us pray.
4. That we may be ready to welcome the newcomers in their diversity free from denial and prejudice. Let us pray.
5. That the Lord give us a tender heart in recognizing the dignity of every person for whom Christ died. Let us pray.
6. For the Scalabrinian Families, born from the heart of Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini, that they may be more enthusiastic of their Vocation and mission, and that they may grow in number and holiness. Let us pray.

7. That the Lord may increase the number of Missionary Vocations willing to work for the coming of God's kingdom in the mission among migrants. Let us pray.
8. For lay people, that actively cooperating with the Missionaries of Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini, they may give a qualified service to the cause of Migrant brothers and sisters with their love, prayer and personal contribution. Let us pray.

God, who in the life of Christ have shown a special love for the poor, hear the prayers we offer to you for today's poor. We ask this through the intercession of the blessed John Baptist Scalabrini, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, by your Holy Spirit transform these gifts we offer into the body and blood of your Son, and make of us that new and reconciled humanity, which is a sign and instrument of the unity of all peoples with you and with each other, for which Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini spent his life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

PREFACE

Priest: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: Father all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
You created us in your image and after your likeness,
that we may give glory to you, our creator and Father.

Sin entered into the world
and, with the confusion of languages,
scattered the human family.

In your infinite love for us, O Father,
You sent your Son to rescue with his blood
men and women of every tribe, language
people and nation.

Through your gift of the Holy Spirit, you build
a community of one heart and one mind, uniting all peoples into one,
and gathering the human family into one flock
under the guidance of one shepherd.

In this great mystery of salvation,
as we wait in joyful hope to share the joys
of the great multitudes of your chosen ones,
we join the Angels and the Saints
in singing joyfully the hymn of your glory:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The good Samaritan had compassion
Go and do the same.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord, may this communion with your body, which was given up,
and with your blood, which was poured out, make us grow in your
love and in your service until death. Like Blessed John Baptist
Scalabrini, may we become willing and fearless announcers of your
Word of peace to all peoples to the ends of the earth, until the day
we will sing together the song of the Lamb in the heavenly
Jerusalem.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen