The rank of the celebration (solemnity, feast, memorial or optional memorial) is indicated each day for each of the Observances (O.Carm. and O.C.D.) Where no distinction is made, the rank is the same for both.

For each solemnity and feast a proper Mass is provided in its entirety. This is therefore used as given.

Each memorial in The Carmelite Sacramentary is also provided with a proper Mass, which may also be used as given.

Memorials that occur on Lenten weekdays may be celebrated only as optional memorials, i.e., the priest celebrates the Mass of the weekday, but he may take the opening prayer from the memorial.

During the Easter season an alleluia should be added in all Masses at the end of the entrance and communion antiphons.

On solemnities and feasts of the saints, if there is no preface, the preface of Holy Men and Women I or II, Martyrs, Pastors, or Virgins and Religious may be used, as most appropriate. On memorials of the saints the preface, unless proper; may be either that of the season or weekday (or one of the inseparable prefaces attached to certain Eucharistic prayers), or that of Holy Men and Women I or II, Martyrs, Pastors, or Virgins and Religious, as most appropriate.

The Masses in this Proper may also be used as votive Masses. Further votive Masses are provided in a separate section of The Carmelite Sacramentary.

The official English translation for the memorials of St Henry de Ossó, B Teresa Maria Manetti and B Maria Mercedes Prat were unavailable at the time of publication of this Study Text; the texts given are taken from a common or from the translation found in the Italian Sacramentary. In the definitive text the official English translation will be included.
JANUARY

January 3  

B. KURIAKOS ELIAS CHAVARA  

Optional Memorial  
priest

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

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

Jer 3:15

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray [that we may seek with steadfast zeal that unity of the Church for which Jesus prayed]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord,  
You raised up Blessed Kuriakos Elias your priest to strengthen the unity of the Church. Grant that through his intercession we may be enlightened by the Holy Spirit to read the signs of the times with wisdom and spread the news of the Gospel by both word and example.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from the Common of Pastors or of Holy Men, or from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 3.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Pray, brethren...

Lord,  
accept these gifts from your people. May the eucharist we offer to your glory in honor of Blessed Kuriakos Elias help us on our way to salvation.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.
The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

*Mt 20:28*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord,
we receive the bread of heaven
as we honor the memory of Blessed Kuriakos Elias.
May the eucharist we now celebrate
lead us to eternal joys.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**January 8**

**SAINT PETER THOMAS**

*bishop*

**O.Carm.: Feast**

**O.C.D.: Optional Memorial**

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, that peace to which all of you are called as one body.
Always be thankful.

*Col 3:15*

Where today is celebrated as a Feast, the *Gloria* is said.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray

[that we may give ourselves, in faith,
to the work of peace and unity]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord,
you inspired in your bishop St Peter Thomas
an intense desire to promote peace
and Christian unity.
Following his example
may we live steadfast in the faith
and work perseveringly for peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Where today is celebrated as a Feast the readings are proper: see *The Carmelite Lectionary* p. 5. Elsewhere they will normally be those of the current weekday, though the proper readings, or others from the Common of Pastors, may be used if preferred.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Pray, brethren...
Father,
in your mercy fill our hearts
with the warmth of your love.
Through these holy mysteries
bring us to unity and peace.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Where today is celebrated as a Feast, Preface of Pastors, p. 141. Elsewhere the Preface may be seasonal, or of Pastors.

**COMMUNION RITE**

Because there is one bread we, though many, are one body, for we all share in the one loaf.

*1 Cor 10:17*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord God,
by the power of this mystery
increase among us, your servants,
that peace and unity for which St Peter Thomas labored all his life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

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**January 9**

**SAINT ANDREW CORSINI**

*bishop*

O.Carm.: Feast
O.C.D.: Optional Memorial

**INTRODUCTORY RITES * **

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the man who brings tidings of peace, joy and salvation.

*Is 52:7*
Where today is celebrated as a Feast, the *Gloria* is said.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray

[that we may work for justice and peace]

Pause for silent prayer

God our Father,
you reveal that those who work for peace
will be called your children.
Through the prayers of St Andrew Corsini,
who excelled as a peacemaker,
help us to work without ceasing
for that justice
which brings true and lasting peace.

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

Where today is celebrated as a Feast the readings are proper: see *The Carmelite Lectionary* p. 8. Elsewhere they will normally be those of the current weekday, though the proper readings, or others from the Common of Pastors, may be used if preferred.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS***

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
accept the gifts we bring to your altar
in memory of St Andrew Corsini.
As you led him to glory through these mysteries,
grant us also your pardon and love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Where today is celebrated as a Feast, Preface of Pastors, p. 141. Elsewhere the Preface may be seasonal, or of Pastors.

**COMMUNION RITE**

I was eyes for the blind and feet for the lame. I
was a father to the poor, and listened to the
plea of the stranger.

*Job 29:15-16*
PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

God of all mercy,
strengthen with your peace
the people you have fed with the bread of
heaven.
Through the prayers of your bishop
St Andrew Corsini
bring them at last to their eternal rest.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing.
After the greeting the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation
in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people, while he sings or says:

God the Father made St Andrew Corsini
the shepherd of an afflicted people.
May he grant you wise obedience
to the pastors of his Church. R Amen.

God the Son became poor to make us rich,
and gave St Andrew Corsini
great compassion for the poor.
May he grant you the grace of unselfishness
and concern for the needs of others.
R Amen.

God the Holy Spirit gave St Andrew Corsini
the ability to reconcile opposing factions.
May he grant you the gift
of bringing peace wherever you may go.
R Amen.
May almighty God bless you, 
the Father, and the Son, ✝ and the Holy Spirit. 
R Amen.

SAINT HENRY DE OSSÓ

priest

O.C.D.: Optional Memorial

The Spirit of God is upon me; he has anointed me. 
He sent me to bring good news to the poor. 

Lk 4:18

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray 
[that all our actions may be inspired by your 
Holy Spirit for the service of your Church]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord God, 
in your priest Saint Henry de Ossó 
you wonderfully combined 
the ideals of the apostolic community, 
a life of continual prayer 
and of untiring apostolic activity. 
By his intercession 
may we persevere in the love of Christ 
and serve your Church by word and deed.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from the Common of Pastors, or from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 10.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Pray, brethren... 
Lord, accept the gifts we offer you 
on the feast of Saint Henry de Ossó. 
Through his intercession 
grant us profound faith, unwavering hope, 
and ardent, steadfast love 
so that we may give ourselves 
for the sake of the Kingdom.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
COMMUNION RITE *

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit.  

Jn 15:4-5

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord, may we who receive this sacrament on the feast of Saint Henry de Ossó follow his example by glorifying you with fervor and serving our brothers and sisters with love.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

January 29

B. ARCHANGELA GIRLANI

virgin

O.Carm.: Optional Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

She is led to the king with her virgin companions. They are escorted with gladness and joy; they enter the palace of the king.  

Ps 45:15b-16

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray [that we may share the insights of the saints into the mysteries of our faith]

Pause for silent prayer

O God, you gave the virgin Blessed Archangela Girlani particular dedication to the mystery of the eternal Trinity. Through her prayers may we taste the delights of your glory already here on earth, and look upon you for ever in heaven.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 12, or the Common of Virgins.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTs *

Pray, Brethren...

Lord,
we see the wonder of your love
in the life of the virgin Blessed Archangela Girlani
and her witness to Christ.
Accept our gifts of praise
and make our offering pleasing to you.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

I heard a loud voice speaking from the throne:
Here God lives among men, and he shall dwell with them.

Rev 21:3a-c

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord God,
may this eucharist renew our courage and strength.
May we remain close to you,
like Blessed Archangela Girlani,
by accepting in our lives
a share in the suffering of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.
MARCH

March 20

B. FRANCIS PALAU Y QUER

priest

O.Carm.: Optional Memorial

All as on November 7, p. 66

APRIL

April 1

B. NUNO ALVARES PEREIRA

brother

O.Carm.: Memorial

O.C.D.: Optional Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITE

The weapons we use are not those of this world, but they have God’s power. We bring every thought into captivity and into Christ’s allegiance. (Alleluia.)

2 Cor 10:4a, 5b

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray

[that we may gain victory with Christ over all that is evil]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord God,
you called Blessed Nuno Alvares Pereira
to put aside his sword and follow Christ under the patronage of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Through his prayers may we too deny ourselves, and devote ourselves to you with all our hearts.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 14, or from the Common of Holy Men.
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Pray, brethren...

God of all mercy,
you transformed Blessed Nuno Alvares Pereira
and made him a new creature in your image.
Renew us in the same way
by making our gifts of peace acceptable to you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

COMMUNION RITE *

I solemnly tell you: those who have left everything
and followed me will be repaid a hundredfold and
will gain eternal life. (Alleluia.) See Mt 19:27-29

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

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

April 17

B. BAPTIST SPAGNOLI
priest

O.Carm.: Memorial
O.C.D.: Optional
Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

The teaching of truth was in his mouth, and no
wrong was found on his lips; he walked with me in
peace and justice, and turned many away from
wickedness. (Alleluia.) Mal 2:6

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray
[that we may proclaim the good news
through our lives]
Pause for silent prayer

Lord God,
you made Our Lady’s faithful servant,
Blessed Baptist Spagnoli,
a preacher of your Gospel by word and example.
Through his prayers
may we ponder your word in Mary’s company
and praise you with her by the way we live.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The
Carmelite Lectionary, p. 16, or from the Common of Pastors or Holy Men.

PRAYER OVER
THE GIFTS *

Pray, brethren...

Lord, may the gifts we bring to your altar
in memory of Blessed Baptist Spagnoli
be acceptable to you.
Free us from the things that keep us from you
and teach us to seek you as our only good.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION
RITE

Let the word of Christ in its richness live in your
hearts; in all wisdom teach and admonish one
another; sing gratefully in your hearts to God with
psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. (Alleluia.)
Col 3:16

PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION *

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
by the power of this sacrament
and the example of Blessed Baptist Spagnoli
guide us always in your love.
May the good work you have begun in us
reach perfection in the day of Christ Jesus
who is Lord for ever and ever.
B. MARY OF THE INCARNATION

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INTRODUCTORY RITES *

Praise to the holy woman whose home is built on faithful love and whose pathway leads to God.
(Alleluia.)

See Prov 14:1-2

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray
[that we may remain hopeful in the midst of trials]

Pause for silent prayer

Heavenly Father,
you gave Blessed Mary of the Incarnation heroic strength in the face of the adversities she met along life’s road, and zeal for the extension of the Carmelite family.
May we your children courageously endure every trial and persevere to the end in your love.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 17, or from the Common of Holy Women.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
may the gifts we present in memory of Blessed Mary of the Incarnation bring us your forgiveness and salvation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

COMMUNION RITE *

Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother, says the Lord.
(Alleluia.)

Mt 12:50
Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

All-powerful God,
fill us with your light and love
by the sacrament we receive on the feast
of Blessed Mary of the Incarnation.
May we burn with love for your kingdom
and let our light shine before men.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

May all your works praise you Lord, and your saints bless you; they will tell of the glory of your kingdom and proclaim your power. (Alleluia.)

Ps 144:10-11

O God, by the inexhaustible grace of the Eucharist,
you enabled the virgin Blessed Teresa Maria
to walk the way of the Cross,
and filled her with maternal concern for the weak and the poor.
Through her intercession
may we too be strengthened by the bread of angels
to share joyfully in the suffering of Christ
and to participate in works of love
for the establishment of your kingdom.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from the Common of Virgins, or from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 20.
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
receive our worship as we recall the
memory of Blessed Teresa Maria.
By this perfect sacrifice make us grow
in unselfish love for you
and for our brothers and sisters.
Free us from the things that keep us from you
and teach us to seek you as our only good.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE *

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; blessed is she who hopes in God. (Alleluia.)  

Ps 33:9

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

All-powerful God,
may we who are strengthened by the power of this sacrament
learn from the example of Blessed Teresa Maria
to seek you above all things
and to bear within ourselves the image of the crucified and risen Christ who is Lord forever and ever.

MAY

May 5

SAINT ANGELUS  
O.Carm.: Memorial

priest and martyr

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

Light for ever will shine on your saints, O Lord, alleluia.  

See 4 Ezr 2:35
OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray
[that we may persevere in the prophetic spirit that enabled Saint Angelus to follow always in the footsteps of your Son]

Pause for silent prayer

Holy God,
strength of the faithful and crown of martyrs,
by your grace Saint Angelus was called from Carmel
to triumph victorious over the torments of martyrdom.
By his prayers grant us that faithfully following his example, we may bear witness to your presence and goodness until death.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from the Common of Martyrs, or from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 21.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Pray, brethren... Lord,
accept this offering of praise and peace in memory of your martyr Saint Angelus. May it bring us your forgiveness and inspire us to give you thanks now and forever.

Grant this in the name of Jesus the lord.

COMMUNION RITE *

I tell you solemnly: unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest, alleluia.

Jn 12:24-25
Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
we receive your gifts from heaven
at this joyful feast.
May we who proclaim at this holy table
the death and resurrection of your Son
come to share his glory with all your holy martyrs.

Grant this through Christ our Lord

May 8

B. ALOYSIUS RABATÀ

priest

O.Carm.: Optional Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Lord, do not hold this
against them. Alleluia.

Acts 7:59b-60b

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray
[for the grace to pardon and love
those who wrong us]

Pause for silent prayer

God of love,
you distinguished Blessed Aloysius Rabatà
with extraordinary charity
and patience in bearing injuries.
May we honor his memory
by showing love, as he did,
even for our enemies,
and thus merit an eternal reward.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 23, or from the Common of Holy Men.
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Pray, brethren...

God of all mercy, you transformed Blessed Aloysius Rabatà and made him a new creature in your image. Renew us in the same way by making our gifts of peace acceptable to you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

COMMUNION RITE *

The Lord has put his faithful servant in charge of his household, to give them their share of bread at the proper time. Alleluia. See Lk 12:42

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

All-powerful God, may we who are strengthened by the power of this sacrament learn from the example of Blessed Aloysius Rabatà to seek you above all things and to live in this world as your new creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

May 16

SAINT SIMON STOCK Carmelite

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

The just man will rejoice in the Lord and hope in him, and all the upright of heart will be praised. (Alleluia.) Ps 63:11

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray [that we may serve God and Our Lady of Mount Carmel by prayer and apostolic zeal]

Pause for silent prayer
God of love,  
you called St Simon Stock to serve you  
in the family of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.  
Through his prayers  
help us like him to live in your presence  
and to work for the salvation of all.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from *The Carmelite Lectionary*, p. 25, or from the Common of Holy Men.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**  

Pray, brethren...

God of all mercy,  
you transformed St Simon Stock  
and made him a new creature in your image.  
Renew us in the same way  
by making our gifts of peace acceptable to you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**COMMUNION RITE**  

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

*Ps 33:9*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

All-powerful God,  
may we who are strengthened by the power of  
this sacrament  
learn from the example of St Simon Stock  
to seek you above all things  
and to live in this world as your new creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
INTRODUCTORY
RITES

Honor the woman who fears the Lord. Her children will bless her. (Alleluia.) See Prov 31:30, 28

OPENING
PRAYER

Let us pray [that we may live in loving service to others]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord God, you gave St Joachina de Vedruna to your Church for the Christian education of youth and the care of the sick. May we follow her example, and lovingly devote our lives to serving you in our brothers and sisters.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 27, or from the Common of Holy Women.

PRAYER OVER
THE GIFTS

Pray, brethren...

Lord, accept these gifts. May we who share these mysteries follow St Joachina de Vedruna in loving you above all things and others for your sake.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION
RITE

No one has greater love, says the Lord, than the one who lays down his life for his friends. (Alleluia.) In 15:13
Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
may your grace be increased in us
through the holy gifts we have received.
May we imitate St Joachina de Vedruna
in word and deed
bringing light and love to all those we
encounter.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

May 25  
SAINT MARY MAGDALEN DE' PAZZI O.Carm.: Feast
virgin O.C.D.: Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

The Word of God became man, and lived among us. (Alleluia.)  

Jn 1:14

or:

I will betroth you to myself for ever; I will betroth you in truth and in justice, in tenderness and in steadfast love. (Alleluia.)

Hos 2:19

Where today is celebrated as a Feast, the Gloria is said.

OPENING PRAYER *

Let us pray

[that St Mary Magdalen de’ Pazzi
may inspire us to greater generosity
in God’s service]

Pause for silent prayer

Father,
you love those who give themselves completely
to your service,
and you filled St Mary Magdalen de’ Pazzi with heavenly gifts and the fire of your love.
As we honor her today
may we follow her example of purity and charity.
Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Where today is celebrated as a Feast the readings are proper: see *The Carmelite Lectionary* p. 29. Elsewhere they will normally be those of the current weekday, though the proper readings, or others from the Common of Virgins, may be used if preferred.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Pray, brethren...

Lord, receive our humble worship in memory of St Mary Magdalen de’ Pazzi the virgin.
By this perfect sacrifice enkindle in us the unquenchable fire of your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of St Mary Magdalen de’ Pazzi, p. 153.

**COMMUNION RITE *  
I am nailed with Christ to the Cross; I am alive, not by my own life but by Christ’s life within me.  
(Alleluia.)  
*Gal 2:19-20**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *  
Let us pray.  
Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.  
Lord God, may this eucharist renew our courage and strength.  
May we remain close to you, like St Mary Magdalen de’ Pazzi, by accepting in our lives a share in the suffering of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.
SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing.
After the greeting the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people while he sings or says:

The Holy Spirit gave St Mary Magdalen de’ Pazzi
experience of the saving love of Christ,
suffering and glorified.
May the Spirit of Fortitude overwhelm you,
even in the midst of pain,
with Christ’s love. R Amen.

The Holy Spirit revealed
to St Mary Magdalen de’ Pazzi
the power and enrichment given to the Church through the glorified flesh of Christ.
May the Spirit of Wisdom inspire you,
members of Christ’s mystical body,
with a constant desire for renewal.
R Amen.

The Holy Spirit
filled St Mary Magdalen de’ Pazzi
with his love,
making her the mother of charity
in her community.
May the Spirit of Counsel grant you strength
and perseverance
in the practice of charity
towards those you encounter. R Amen.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit.
R Amen.
JUNE

June 7

B. ANNE OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW
virgin

O.C.D.: Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

Let virgins praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is supreme; its majesty outshines both earth and heaven. (Alleluia.)  

Ps 148:12-14

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray  
[that we may be faithful to Christ and bring others to love him]

Pause for silent prayer

Gracious God,  
rewarder of the humble, you blessed your servant Anne of St Bartholomew with outstanding charity and patience. May her prayers help us, and her example inspire us, to carry our cross and be faithful in loving you and others for your sake.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 30, or from the Common of Virgins.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Pray, brethren...

Lord,  
may the sacrifice we offer you make us obedient like your Son so that we may not fear even to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Alleluia.)

Mt 5:3

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
you have fed us with bread from your heavenly table.
Strengthened by this food of your love may our hearts be moved to serve you in our brothers and sisters.
Grant this through Christ the Lord.

June 14

SAINT ELISHA
prophet

O.Carm.: Memorial

The spirit of Elijah rested on Elisha and the word of the Lord was with him.

Cf 2 Kgs 2:15; 3:12

Let us pray

[that we may walk in the spirit of Elijah to the Mount of God who is Christ the Lord]

Pause for silent prayer

O God,
protector and redeemer of your people, your glories have been proclaimed through the wonders accomplished by your chosen prophets.
You have bestowed the spirit of Elijah on your prophet Elisha; in your kindness grant us too an increase of the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that, living as prophets,
we will bear constant witness to your abiding presence and providence.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 32.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Pray, brethren...

*O God,*
in ancient sacrifices you foreshadowed these present gifts.  
Graciously grant that, through this sacred exchange which we perform in honor of your prophet Elisha, we too may become an everlasting gift to you, We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION RITE** *

The man of God placed loaves made from the first fruits before them; they ate and there was some left over; as the Lord had said.  

*2 Kgs 4:44*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

*O God,*
in the marvelous deeds of your prophet Elisha you have wonderfully prefigured the bread of life. 
Grant us, we pray, that strengthened by this food we may ever fulfill our prophetic office.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Alleluia.)  

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
you have fed us with bread from your heavenly table.
Strengthened by this food of your love may our hearts be moved to serve you in our brothers and sisters.
Grant this through Christ the Lord.

The spirit of Elijah rested on Elisha and the word of the Lord was with him.

Let us pray
[that we may walk in the spirit of Elijah to the Mount of God who is Christ the Lord]

Pause for silent prayer

O God, protector and redeemer of your people, your glories have been proclaimed through the wonders accomplished by your chosen prophets.
You have bestowed the spirit of Elijah on your prophet Elisha; in your kindness grant us too an increase of the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that, living as prophets,
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JULY

B. JANE SCOPELLEI

virgin

O.Carm.: Optional Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

Let us rejoice and shout for joy, because the Lord of all things has favored this holy and glorious virgin with his love.

OPENING PRAYER *

Let us pray
[for an increase in vocations to a life of consecrated virginity in the Church]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord our God,
may the witness of your faithful bride
the virgin Blessed Jane Scopelli
awaken the fire of divine love in our hearts.
May it inspire other young people
to give their lives
to the service of Christ and his Church.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 35, or from the Common of Virgins.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
may the gifts we bring you help us
to follow the example of Blessed Jane Scopelli.
Cleanse us from our earthly way of life,
and teach us to live the new life of your kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
COMMUNION RITE *

The five sensible virgins took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. At midnight a cry was heard: the bridegroom is here; let us go out to meet Christ the Lord.

See Mt 25:4, 6

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
may our reception
of the body and blood of your Son
keep us from harmful things.
Help us by the example of Blessed Jane Scopelli
to grow in your love on earth
that we may rejoice for ever in heaven.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

July 13

SAINT TERESA OF JESUS OF "LOS ANDES"

Virgin

Optional Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

Let us rejoice and shout for joy, because the Lord of all things has favored this holy and glorious virgin with his love.

OPENING PRAYER

God of mercy, joy of the saints,
you set the youthful heart of Saint Teresa ablaze with the fire of virginal love
for Christ and for his Church;
and even in suffering you made her a cheerful
witness to charity.
Through her intercession,
fill us with the delights of your Spirit,
so that we may proclaim by word and deed the joyful message of your love to the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever.
The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from the Common of Virgins, or from *The Carmelite Lectionary*, p. 37

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS***

Lord,
may the gifts we bring you help us
to follow the example of Saint Teresa.
Cleanse us from our earthly way of life,
and teach us to live the new life of your
kingdom.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION RITE***

The five sensible virgins took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. At midnight a cry was heard: the bridegroom is here; let us go out to meet Christ the Lord.

*Mt 25:4, 6*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION***

Lord,
may our reception
of the body and blood of your Son
keep us from harmful things.
Help us by the example of Saint Teresa
to grow in your love on earth
that we may rejoice for ever in heaven.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.
INTRODUCTORY RITES

The glory of Lebanon is given to her, the beauty of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the splendor of our God.  

*Is 33:2*

The *Gloria* is said.

OPENING PRAYER

(Alternative 1) 

Let us pray.

[that Our Lady of Mount Carmel may intercede for us her children]

Pause for silent prayer

All gracious God, may the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Carmel, protect us, and bring us to your holy Mountain, Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

(Alternative 2)

Let us pray.

[that the prayers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel may bring us to her Son]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord God, you willed that the Order of Carmel should be named in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of your Son. Through her prayers as we honor her today
bring us to your holy Mountain
Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The readings are from *The Carmelite Lectionary*, p. 39.

Profession of Faith.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
we reverently offer you these gifts
as we recall the patronage
of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
In your service may our love become like hers
and so unite us more closely
with the work of redemption.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, I or II, pp. 146-147

**COMMUNION RITE ***

Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.  
*Lk 2:19*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord God,
we have been nourished
by the Body and Blood of your Son.
May the wonders of your love strengthen us
and help us to follow more faithfully
the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary
to whose service we are dedicated.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing. After the greeting, the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people while he sings or says:

The Father chose Mary
to be the Mother of his Son.
May he make you also her faithful children.
R Amen.

God the Son was born of Mary
and was obedient to her.
May he grant you to love her as he did.
R Amen.

The Holy Spirit overshadowed her
and made her fruitful with the Word.
May he fill you also with the divine presence.
R Amen.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
R Amen.

or:

Lord,
grant that those who in devotion have put on
the habit of Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
may put on her virtues also
and enjoy her unfailing protection.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come upon you and remain with you for ever.
R Amen.
Let virgins praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is supreme; its majesty outshines both earth and heaven.

Ps 148:12-14

Let us pray [that through the prayers and sufferings of the martyrs we may be strong in our faith]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord God,
you called Blessed Teresa of St Augustine and her companions to go on in the strength of the Holy Spirit from the heights of Carmel to receive a martyrs' crown.
May our love too be so steadfast that it will bring us to the everlasting vision of your glory.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 41, or from the Common of Virgins.

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
we celebrate the martyrdom of your holy virgins.
May we offer the sacrifice which gives all martyrdom its meaning.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Neither death nor life nor anything in all creation can come between us and Christ's love for us.  
See Rom 8:38-39

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
we have been refreshed with bread from heaven.
May we confess your name
with the same steadfastness
which Blessed Teresa of St Augustine
and her companions
obtained from this sacred banquet.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
SAINT ELIJAH

prophet

INTRODUCTORY RITES

O.Carm.: Answer me, Lord, answer me, so that this people may know that you are God, and are winning back their hearts.

1 Kg 18:37

or:

O.C.D.: The prophet Elijah cried out: ‘The God of Israel lives, in whose presence I stand!’

See 1 Kg 17:1

The Gloria is said.

In the Opening Prayer the words our Father may be included or omitted as appropriate.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray
[that we may live in God’s presence and proclaim our faith in him]

Pause for silent prayer

Almighty, ever-loving God, your prophet Elijah [our Father] lived always in your presence and was zealous for the honor due to your name. May we, your servants, always seek your face and bear witness to your love.

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

The readings are from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 44.
Where today is celebrated as a Solemnity: Profession of Faith.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Pray, brethren...

Lord, 
look with favor on your Church’s offering. 
Accept the gifts we bring you now 
as once you accepted by a miraculous sign 
the sacrifice of your prophet Elijah. 
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of St Elijah, p. 148.

**COMMUNION RITE**

Elijah ate and drank, and, strengthened by that 
food walked all the way to the mountain of God. 
1 Kg 19:8

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord God, 
you have nourished us at the table of your Son 
with the food and drink of angels. 
May we constantly seek you here in faith, 
and so rejoice for ever in the sight of you 
when we reach the Mount of your Glory. 
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

The following may replace the simple blessing. 
After the greeting the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people while he sings or says:
God commanded the prophet Elijah
to hide himself by the brook Cherith,
and to proclaim him on Mount Carmel
the one true God.
May he grant you
Elijah’s spirit of solitary prayer
and his zeal for the divine glory.
R Amen.

God provided for Elijah in the desert
food and drink
that endowed him with miraculous strength.
May the eucharistic banquet he has furnished
for all who follow in the footsteps of his Son
strengthen you for life’s journey.
R Amen.

God’s voice came to Elijah on Mount Horeb
in the whisper of a gentle breeze.
May the Holy Spirit
speak to you constantly in your inmost hearts.
R Amen.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
R Amen.

July 23
OUR LADY, MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE
O.C.D.: Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES
With confidence let us draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and find grace when we are in need of help. Heb 4:16

OPENING PRAYER
Let us pray [that through the prayers of the Mother of Divine Grace the Lord will deepen his life in us]
Pause for silent prayer

God of eternal wisdom,
in your providence you willed
that the Blessed Virgin Mary
should bring forth the Author of Grace,
and take part with him
in the mystery of redemption.
May she obtain for us grace in abundance
and bring us to the haven of everlasting
salvation.

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

The readings are from the current weekday, or from *The Carmelite Lectionary*,
p. 46, or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Pray Brethren...

All powerful Lord,
accept our offerings of atonement and praise,
and through the working of the Holy Spirit
effect the sacrament of our redemption.
May that which Christ our Mediator
instituted for our reconciliation with you
be for us,
through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
a well-spring of grace
and an unfailing stream of salvation.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary I or II, pp. 138-139.

**COMMUNION RITE**

The Spirit and the bride say: ‘Come!’ And let him
who hears say: ‘Come!’ Let all who thirst come,
and let him who desires it accept the gift of life-giving water.

*Rev 22:17*
Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord God,
we have been refreshed
at the fountain of salvation.
Through the power of this sacrament
and the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary
may a closer union with Christ our Mediator
fit us to collaborate ever more faithfully
in the mystery of redemption.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

As a shepherd visits his flock I will look after my sheep, says the Lord, and I will raise up a shepherd who will pasture them.  

Ez 34:12, 23

Let us pray
[that we may learn to follow more faithfully in Christ’s footsteps]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord God,
you willed that Blessed John Soreth should renew religious life
and establish communities for women in the Order of Carmel.
May his prayers and merits help us to be ever more faithful in following Christ and his Mother.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 48, or from the Common of Holy Men.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Pray, brethren...

Lord,  
may the gifts we bring to your altar  
in memory of Blessed John Soreth  
be acceptable to you,  
free us from the things that keep us from you  
and teach us to seek you as our only good.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION RITE**

Let the greatest among you become as the youngest and the leader as one who serves.  
*Lk 22:26*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.  
Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.  
Lord,  
you made Blessed John Soreth  
a defender of religious life  
and a teacher of evangelical perfection.  
May this sacrament give us also the strength  
to serve you in purity of heart.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

July 24  
BB. MARIA PILAR, TERESA  
AND MARIA ANGELES  
virgins and martyrs  
O.C.D.: Optional Memorial

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

The Lord will hear the just when they cry out,  
from all their afflictions he will deliver them.  
*Ps 33:18*
**OPENING PRAYER**

All-powerful Lord, strength of the humble, you sustained in martyrdom the virgins Blessed Maria Pilar, Teresa and Maria Angeles; as they willingly shed their blood for Christ the King; may we, through their intercession be faithful to you and to your Church until death.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from the Common of Virgins or of Martyrs, or from *The Carmelite Lectionary*, p. 50.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Lord, you gave Blessed Maria Pilar, Teresa and Maria Angeles the fulfillment of their faith in the vision of your glory. May the gifts we bring to honor their memory gain us your pardon and peace.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION RITE**

We are given over to death for Jesus, that the life of Jesus may be revealed in our dying flesh.

2 Cor 4:11

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord, may this food of heaven bring us a share in the grace you gave the martyrs Maria Pilar, Teresa and Maria Angeles. From their bitter sufferings may we learn to become strong and by patient endurance earn the victory of rejoicing in your holiness.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.
INTRODUCTORY RITES *

Here is a true virgin and martyr who shed her blood for Christ; her judges could not shake her by their menaces, and so she won through to the kingdom of heaven.

OPENING PRAYER

O God of infinite goodness, you endowed the virgin Blessed Maria Mercedes Prat with the gift of fortitude and enabled her to complete her offering of herself to you and to the Church through martyrdom. Through her intercession grant that, we may always remain firmly rooted in the love of Christ.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from the Common of Martyrs or of Virgins, or from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 52.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Pray, brethren...

Lord, bless our offerings and make them holy. May these gifts fill our hearts with the love which gave Blessed Maria Mercedes Prat victory over all her suffering.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE *

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit.  

Jn 15:5
Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
may the mysteries we receive
give us the spiritual courage which made
your virgin and martyr Blessed Maria
Mercedes Prat
faithful in your service and victorious in her
suffering.

Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Here is a true martyr who shed his blood for Christ;
his judges could not shake him by their menaces,
and so he won through to the kingdom of heaven.

Lord our God,
source and giver of life,
you gave to Blessed Titus the Spirit of courage
to proclaim human dignity and the
freedom of the Church
even in the throes of degrading persecution
and death.
Grant us that same Spirit
so that in the coming of your kingdom of
justice and peace
we might never be ashamed of the Gospel
but be enabled to recognize your loving-kindness
in all the events of our lives.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever.
The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from the Common of Martyrs, or from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 53.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Lord, accept these gifts we present in memory of Blessed Titus, for no temptation could turn him away from you. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE *

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit. Jn 15:5

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Lord, we are renewed by the mystery of the eucharist. By imitating the fidelity of Blessed Titus and by our patience may we come to share the eternal life you have promised. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

July 28

B. JOHN SORETH

priest

O.C.D.: Optional Memorial

All as on July 24, p. 40

AUGUST

August 7

SAINT ALBERT OF TRÁPANI

priest

O.C.D.: Feast O.C.D.: Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

The mouth of the just man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is right; the law of his God is in his heart. Ps 36:30-31
Where today is celebrated as a Feast, the Gloria is said.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray
[that the Carmelite Order may give a
witness in the Church to purity and prayer]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord God,
you made St Albert of Trápani
a model of purity and prayer,
and a devoted servant of Our Lady.
May we practice these same virtues
and so be worthy always
to share the banquet of your grace.

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

Where today is celebrated as a Feast the readings are proper: see The Carmelite Lectionary p. 56. Elsewhere they will normally be those of the current weekday, though the proper readings, or others from the Common of Pastors, may be used if preferred.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Pray, brethren...

Lord God,
our prayers rise up before you
as we present these offerings.
Following the example of St Albert of Trápani
may we give ourselves up
to the contemplation of your divine mysteries
without neglecting the needs of our
brothers and sisters.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Where today is celebrated as a Feast, Preface of Pastors, p. 141. Elsewhere the Preface may be of the weekday, or of Pastors.
I solemnly tell you: those who have left everything and followed me will be repaid a hundredfold and will gain eternal life.  

See Mt 19:27-29

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
we have been refreshed with food from heaven. 
Following the example of St Albert of Trápani 
may we ever draw closer to Christ 
and serve with greater loyalty the Mother of him who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

August 9

SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS
(Edith Stein)
martyr

Optional Memorial

The Lord will hear the just when they cry out, from all their afflictions he will deliver them.  Ps 33:18

Lord, God of our ancestors, you brought Saint Teresa Benedicta to the fullness of the science of the cross at the hour of her martyrdom. 
Fill us with that same knowledge; and, through her intercession, allow us always to seek after you, the supreme truth, and to remain faithful until death to the covenant of love ratified in the blood of your Son for the salvation of all.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from the Common of Martyrs, or from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 59.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Lord, receive our gifts as you accepted the suffering and death of Saint Teresa Benedicta in whose honor we celebrate this eucharist.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE *

If anyone wishes to come after me, he must renounce himself, take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.

Mt 16:24

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Lord, May the mysteries we receive give us the spiritual courage which made your martyr Teresa Benedicta faithful in your service and victorious in her suffering.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

August 17

B. ANGELUS AUGUSTINE MAZZINGHI O.Carm.: Optional Memorial priest

My words that I have put in your mouth, says the Lord, will never be absent from your lips, and your gifts will be accepted on my altar.

See Is 59:27 & 56:7

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray [for perseverance in faith and love]

Pause for silent prayer
All-powerful and ever-living God,
you made this day holy
by welcoming
  Blessed Angelus Augustine Mazzinghi
  into the glory of your kingdom.
Keep us true to the faith
he professed with untiring zeal,
and help us to bring it to perfection
  by acting in love.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The
Carmelite Lectionary, p. 61, or from the Common of Pastors.

PRAYER OVER
THE GIFTS *

Pray, brethren...

God of all mercy,
you transformed
  Blessed Angelus Augustine Mazzinghi
and made him a new creature in your image.
Renew us in the same way
by making our gifts of peace acceptable to you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

COMMUNION
RITE *

We preach a Christ who was crucified; he is the
  power and the wisdom of God. 1 Cor 1:23-24

PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION *

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

All-powerful God,
may we who are strengthened
  by the power of this sacrament
learn from the example
  of Blessed Angelus Augustine Mazzinghi
to seek you above all things
and to live in this world as your new creation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
August 25

B. MARY OF JESUS CRUCIFIED

virgin

Optional Memorial

INTRODUCTORY
RITES *

Come, bride of Christ, and receive the crown, which
the Lord prepared for you for ever.

OPENING
PRAYER

God of mercy and all consolation,
you raised Blessed Mary, the humble
daughter of the Holy Land,
to contemplation of the mysteries of your Son
and made her a witness to the love and
joy of the Holy Spirit.
Grant us, through her intercession,
so to share in the sufferings of Christ
that we may rejoice in the revelation of
your glory.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from the Common
of Virgins, or from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 63.

PRAYER OVER
THE GIFTS *

Lord,
receive our worship in memory of the virgin
Blessed Mary of Jesus Crucified.
By this perfect sacrifice
make us grow in unselfish love of you
and for our brothers and sisters.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION
RITE *

The wise virgin chose the better part for herself,
and it shall not be taken away from her.

See Lk 10:42
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

God of mercy,
we rejoice that on this feast of
Blessed Mary of Jesus Crucified
you give us the bread of heaven.
May it bring us pardon for our sins,
health of body,
your grace in this life,
and glory in heaven.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

August 26

SAINT TERESA OF JESUS' TRANSVERBERATION

O.C.D.: Nuns:
Memorial
Others: Optional
Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES *
The love of God has been poured into our hearts by
his Spirit living in us. Rom 5:5

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray
[that we may follow St Teresa of Jesus
in her love for Christ and his Church]

Pause for silent prayer

Almighty God,
you filled the heart
of St Teresa of Jesus our Mother
with the fire of your love
and gave her strength
to undertake difficult tasks
for the honor of your name.
Through her prayers
may the power of your love fill our hearts also
and stir us to ever more generous efforts
in Your service.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. One
God, for ever and ever.
The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from *The Carmelite Lectionary*, p. 64.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Pray, brethren...

Lord God, 
we offer you this victim of charity. 
May he kindle in us a love as intense 
as that which led St Teresa of Jesus 
to offer herself a living sacrifice for the 
Church. 

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of St Teresa of Jesus, I or II, pp. 149-150.

**COMMUNION RITE * **

I have come to bring fire to the earth. How I wish it were already blazing!  
*Lk 12:49*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord, 
pour into our hearts the Spirit of your love. 
Through the heavenly bread you have given us 
on this feast of our Mother St Teresa of Jesus 
may we grow in friendship with you 
and spread the fire of charity throughout the world. 

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
SEPTEMBER

September 1

SAINT TERESA MARGARET REDI
OF THE SACRED HEART

virgin

O.C.D.: Memorial
O.Carm.: Optional Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

God is love, and whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in him. 1 Jn 4:16

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray
[to be one with Christ through the prayers of St Teresa Margaret Redi]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord God,
you enabled St Teresa Margaret Redi
to draw untold resources of humility and charity
from the fountainhead, our Savior.
Through her prayers may we never be separated from the love of Christ.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 67, or from the Common of Virgins.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
receive these gifts in memory of St Teresa Margaret Redi.
By this perfect sacrifice make us grow in unselfish love for you and for our brethren.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
COMMUNION RITE

Your life is hidden now with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Col 3:3-4

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
may our reception
of the body and blood of your Son
keep us from harmful things.
Help us by the example
of St Teresa Margaret Redi
to grow in your love on earth
that we may rejoice for ever in heaven.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

September 12

B. MARY OF JESUS O.C.D.: Memorial

virgin

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

Come, bride of Christ, and receive the crown, which the Lord has prepared for you for ever.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray

[that Jesus may increase his presence within us through faith and love]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord,
you enabled Blessed Mary of Jesus
to contemplate the mysteries of your Son
and become a living image of his love.
Give us through her prayers
the burning faith to seek Jesus in all things
and the love to prove by our actions
the presence within us of him
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 69, or from the Common of Virgins.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS * **

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
receive our worship in memory of
   Blessed Mary of Jesus, the virgin.
By this perfect sacrifice
make us grow in unselfish love for you
and for our brothers and sisters.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION RITE * **

Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father. We shall come to him and make our home with him.
   Jn 14:21, 23

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION * **

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

All-powerful God,
may we who are strengthened
   by the power of this sacrament
learn from the example of
   Blessed Mary of Jesus
to seek you above all things
and to live in this world as your new creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

September 17    SAINT ALBERT OF JERUSALEM
                  bishop, and lawgiver of Carmel    Feast

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

The book of the law must be ever on your lips; reflect on it day and night, and take care to do all it commands.
   Jos 1:8

The Gloria is said.
OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray
[that being constant in our faithfulness to the Gospel we may know Christ]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord God, through St Albert of Jerusalem you have given us a Rule of life according to your Gospel, to help us attain perfect love. Through his prayers may we always live in allegiance to Jesus Christ, and serve faithfully until death him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The readings are from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 72.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Pray, brethren...

Lord, you have chosen us to bear witness in this world to your love. May the gifts we reverently offer you make us faithful in doing your will and proclaiming your word.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Pastors, p. 141.

COMMUNION RITE

Christ is your only teacher; and all of you are brethren. Mt 23:10, 8

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.
Lord,
by the power of this sacrament
and the prayers of St Albert of Jerusalem
keep us ever in your presence.
Through unceasing reflection on your law
and watchfulness in prayer
may we one day enjoy
the eternal possession of your glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing.
After the greeting, the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation
in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people while he sings or says:

Through the prayers of St Albert of Jerusalem
may God enable you
to live in allegiance to Jesus Christ,
pure in heart and steadfast in conscience,
pondering God’s law day and night
and keeping watch at your prayers. R  Amen.

May the Lord equip you
with the belt of chastity,
the breastplate of holiness,
the shield of faith,
the helmet of salvation
and the sword of the spirit. R  Amen.

May the Holy Spirit enable you
to earn your bread by silent labor,
to find your strength in silence and hope,
to live in the service of your brothers and sisters
and to find Christ
in the superiors he has placed over you.
R  Amen.
May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. 
R Amen.

OCTOBER

October 1

SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS

virgin

Feast

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

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.

See Deut 32:10-12

The Gloria is said.

OPENING PRAYER *

Let us pray
[that we may deepen our confidence in our heavenly Father, and behold the face of his divine Son]

Pause for silent prayer

God of love, you have promised your kingdom to those who are willing to become like little children. Help us to follow the way of St Thérèse with confidence so that by her prayers we may come to know your eternal glory.

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

The readings are from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 74.
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
we praise the wonder of your grace in
St Thérèse.
As you were pleased with the witness
she offered,
be pleased also to accept this service of ours.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, p. 154.

COMMUNION RITE *

Unless you change and become like little children,
says the Lord, you shall not enter the kingdom of
heaven.  

Mt 18:3

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
by the power of your love
St Thérèse offered herself completely to you
and prayed for the salvation of all.
May the sacraments we have received
fill us with love
and bring us forgiveness.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing.
After the greeting, the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.
Then the priest extends his hands over the people while he sings or says:

Christ revealed to St Thérèse
the mysteries of his childhood,
and led her by the way
of simplicity and confidence.
May he grant you childlike trust
in the Father’s merciful love. R  Amen.

In his passion he unveiled to her
the secrets of his holy face.
May he lead you to offer all your sufferings
in union with his own. R   Amen.

By teaching her to offer herself
for his kingdom on earth
he brought her to share
his glory in heaven.
May he give you her apostolic spirit,
and bring you all to eternal joy. R   Amen.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✝ and the Holy Spirit
R    Amen.
SAINT TERESA OF JESUS

virgin and doctor

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God. My soul is thirsting for the living God.

Ps 41:2-3

The Gloria is said.

In the prayers and Solemn Blessing, the words our Mother may be included or omitted as appropriate.

OPENING PRAYER *

Let us pray
[that we may seek Christ, and him alone]

Pause for silent prayer

All-holy God,
by your spirit you raised up
[our Mother] St Teresa of Jesus
to show your Church the way to perfection.
May her inspired teaching
awaken in us a longing for true holiness.

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

See The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 78.

Where today is celebrated as a Solemnity: Profession of Faith.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Pray, brethren...

Lord of heaven,
accept the gifts we bring in your praise,
as you were pleased
with [our Mother] St Teresa’s offering
of her life in your service.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Preface of St Teresa of Jesus, I or II, pp. 149-150.

COMMUNION RITE *

For ever will I sing the mercies of the Lord; I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Ps 88:2

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord our God,
watch over the family you nourish
with the bread of heaven.
Help us to follow
[our Mother] St Teresa’s example
and sing your merciful love for ever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing.
After the greeting, the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people while he sings or says:

God has given [our Mother] St Teresa
to the Church
to guide us on the way of prayer and recollection.
May you be counted no longer servants but friends.
R Amen.

The Lord has made her a teacher
of loving self-sacrifice.
May you also live
generously in his service. R Amen.
God has made her a model of fraternal charity. 
May you also be filled with love for your brothers and sisters. 
R Amen.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. 
R Amen.

NOVEMBER

November 5

B. FRANCES D'AMBOISE 

nun

O.Carm.: 
Optional Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Those things I once considered profitable, I now count as loss in the light of Christ. Indeed, I have come to regard all as loss, because of the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus Christ my Lord. 
See Phil 3:7-8

OPENING PRAYER *

Let us pray 
[to go forward joyfully in God’s love]

Pause for silent prayer

All-loving God, you called Blessed Frances D’Amboise to seek your kingdom in this world by serving Jesus Christ and his Blessed Mother. With her prayers to give us courage help us to go forward with joyful hearts in the way of love.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 82, or from the Common of Holy Women.
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
may the gifts we bring to your altar
in memory of Blessed Frances d’Amboise
be acceptable to you.
May we become one true family in you
through our love for one another.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE

Thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: Your salvation will be in conversion and tranquillity, your strength will lie in silence and hope.

Is 30:15

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
by the power of this sacrament
and the example of Blessed Frances d’Amboise,
the humble handmaid of your Son,
guide us always in your love.
May the good work you have begun in us
reach perfection in the day of Christ Jesus
who is Lord for ever and ever.

November 6

B. JOSEPHA NAVAL GIRBÉS
Virgin

O.C.D.: Optional Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

Here is a wise and faithful virgin who went with lighted lamp to meet her Lord.

See Mt 25:1
OPENING PRAYER

O God, through the new leaven of the Gospel you call men and women and empower them to serve you faithfully in secular life. Grant that they may fervently imitate the example of Blessed Josepha, and, through her intercession, work tirelessly as true Christians to build up your kingdom by fulfilling their duties in the world.

We ask this through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from the Common of Virgins, of from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 83.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Lord, we see the wonder of your love in the life of the virgin Blessed Josepha and her witness to Christ. Accept our gifts of praise and make our offering pleasing to you.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE *

The bridegroom is here; let us go out to meet Christ the Lord. Mt 25:6

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Lord God, may this eucharist renew our courage and strength.

May we remain close to you, like Blessed Josepha by accepting in our lives a share in the suffering of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.
November 7

B. FRANCIS PALAU Y QUER  

*O.C.D.:

Optional Memorial

priest

INTRODUCTORY

RITES *

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation.  

Is 52:7

OPENING

PRAYER

O God,  
through your Spirit  
you filled Blessed Francis Palau your priest  
with singular gifts of prayer and apostolic charity:  
through his intercession  
grant that Christ’s beloved Church,  
refulgent with the beauty of the Virgin Mary,  
may be an ever more effective universal sacrament of salvation.

We ask this through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and ever.

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from the Common of Pastors: Missionaries, or from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 85.

PRAYER OVER  

THE GIFTS *

All powerful God,  
look upon the gifts we bring on this feast in honor of Blessed Francis.  
May we who celebrate the mystery of the death of the Lord  
imitate the love we celebrate  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION  

RITE

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church.

Col 1:24
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
Blessed Francis loved you
and gave himself completely in the service of your Church.
May the eucharist awaken in us that same love.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

November 8

B. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY

virgin

O.C.D.: Memorial
O.Carm.: Optional Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Let virgins praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is supreme; its majesty outshines both earth and heaven.

Ps 148:12-14

OPENING PRAYER

O God of bountiful mercy,
you revealed to Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity
the mystery of your secret presence
in the hearts of those who love you
and you chose her to adore you in spirit
and in truth.
Through her intercession
may we also abide in the love of Christ,
that we may merit to be transformed into
temples of your life-giving Spirit
to the praise of your glory.

We ask this through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from the Common of Virgins, or from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 87.
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Lord,
we bring you gifts and prayers.
We praise your glory on this feast of the
virgin Blessed Elizabeth
whose witness to Christ was pleasing to you.
Be pleased also with the eucharist we now offer.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE *

Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father. We
shall come to him and make our home with him.

Jn 14:21, 23

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Lord God,
may the mysteries we receive
on this feast of the virgin Blessed Elizabeth
keep us alert and ready to welcome your
Son at his return,
that he may welcome us to the feast of
eternal life.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
November 14

ALL CARMELITE SAINTS

INTRODUCTORY RITES

I will bring them to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; for my house is a house of prayer for all people.  

Is 56:7a, c

The Gloria is said.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray,
[that the Blessed Virgin Mary with all the Saints of Carmel may guide and protect us]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord,
may the patronage
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother,
and the prayers of all the Saints of Carmel help us to walk steadfastly in their footsteps, and by our prayers and good works ever further the cause of your Church.

We ask this through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The readings are from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 88.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Pray, brethren...

Lord God,
the example of the Saints of Carmel inspires us to offer with greater devotion this saving victim.
May we, like them, give strong witness to the power of your presence, and have a foretaste, through faith, of heavenly glory.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Preface of Virgins and Religious, p. 142.
With such a cloud of witnesses around us, let us steadfastly run the race that lies before us, our eyes fixed on Jesus who inspires and perfects our faith.

*See Heb 12:1-2*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

God of mercy,  
Christ the living bread renews us.  
Let Christ, our teacher of perfection instruct us.  
Following the example of the Saints of Carmel may we unceasingly contemplate you with Christ  
and be ready to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters with him who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

**SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

The following may replace the simple blessing.  
After the greeting, the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people while he sings or says:

May God our Creator, who set apart the Carmelite Order for the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, clothe you with her virtues and make you worthy of her service.  
R Amen.
May Jesus our Savior who endowed Carmel
with the spirit of the prophet Elijah
make you fervent in prayer
and zealous for his honor. R   Amen.

May the Living Flame of Love who has
blessed Carmel
with a host of saintly sons and daughters
make you their worthy brothers and sisters
on earth,*
and partakers of their everlasting fellowship
in heaven. R   Amen.

* Brothers or sisters alone may be used where appropriate.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ** and the Holy Spirit.
R   Amen.

November 15

ALL CARMELITE SOULS   Commemoration

When November 15 falls on a Sunday, the Commemoration is celebrated on the following day.

INTRODUCTORY
RITES *

God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will give new
life to our mortal bodies through his Spirit living
in us.

Rom 8:11

OPENING
PRAYER

Let us pray
[for all our departed brothers and
sisters in Carmel]

Pause for silent prayer
Lord,
you are the glory of those who serve you.
Look lovingly
on our departed brothers and sisters,
united in following Christ and his Mother
by the waters of baptism
and the bonds of Carmel.
In your mercy
grant them everlasting sight of you,
their Creator and Redeemer.

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

The readings are from *The Carmelite Lectionary*, p. 90.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Pray, brethren...

Lord God,
we offer you this sacrifice
to obtain forgiveness
for our departed brothers and sisters.
May their faithfulness to you in this life
gain for them the reward of your eternal
presence.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.


**COMMUNION RITE * **

We are waiting for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; he will transfigure our lowly bodies into copies of his own glorious body.  

*Phil 3:20-21*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.
Lord,
you have fed us with your life-giving sacrament.
By the power of this sacrifice
give all the deceased members of our Order
an everlasting home in your kingdom
with the Blessed Virgin Mary
to whose service they pledged themselves
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing.
After the greeting the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation
these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people while he sings or says:

In his great love
the God of all consolation gave us
the gift of life.
May he bless us with faith
in the resurrection of his Son
and with the hope of rising to new life.
R Amen.

To us who are alive
may he grant forgiveness,
and to our* brothers and sisters in Carmel
who have died,
a place of light and peace. R Amen.

As we believe that Jesus rose from the dead,
so may we live in joy with him
and with all our* brothers and sisters in Carmel
who have gone before us. R Amen.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ¶ and the Holy Spirit.
R Amen.

* Your may be substituted if appropriate.
SAINT RAPHAEL KALINOWSKI

priest

O.C.D.: Memorial
O.Carm.: Optional Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

The Lord is my inheritance and my cup, he alone will give me my reward. The measuring line has marked a lovely place for me; my inheritance is my great delight.

Ps 15:5-6

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God,
You made your priest Saint Raphael strong in adversity
and filled him with a great love
in promoting Church unity.
Through his prayers, make us strong in faith
and in love for one another,
that we too may generously work together for
the unity of all believers in Christ.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from the Common of Men and Women: Religious, or from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 93.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Lord,
may the gifts we bring to your altar
in memory of Saint Raphael
be acceptable to you.
Free us from the things that keep us from you
and teach us to seek you as our only good.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE *

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

Ps 33:9
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Lord,
by the power of this sacrament and the example of Saint Raphael
guide us always in your love.
May the good work you have begun in us
reach perfection in the day of Christ Jesus
who is Lord for ever and ever.

November 29

BB. DENIS AND REDEMPTUS

martyrs

O.C.D.: Memorial
O.Carm.: Optional Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES *
The saints are happy in heaven because they followed Christ. They rejoice with him for ever because they shed their blood for love of him.

OPENING PRAYER *

Let us pray
[that we may have the courage
to give witness to our faith in Christ]

Pause for silent prayer

All powerful, ever-living God,
we celebrate the memory
of Blessed Denis and Redemptus
who died for their faithful witnessing to Christ.
Give us the strength to follow their example,
loyal and faithful to the end.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 95, or from the Common of Martyrs.
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Pray, brethren...

Lord, at this celebration of the eucharist we honor the suffering and death of your martyrs Blessed Denis and Redemptus. In offering this sacrifice may we proclaim the death of your Son who gave these martyrs courage not only by his words but also by the example of his own passion, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

COMMUNION RITE *

Whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel, says the Lord, will save it. Mk 8:35

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord, may we who eat at your holy table be inspired by the example of Blessed Denis and Redemptus. May we keep before us the loving sacrifice of your Son, and come to the unending peace of your kingdom.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

DECEMBER

December 5

B. BARTHOLOMEW FANTI

priest

O.Carm.: Optional Memorial

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Live temperately, justly and devoutly; do everything with love. Tit 2:12; 1 Cor 16:14
OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray
[for greater devotion to the eucharist
and to the Blessed Virgin Mary]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord God,
you made Blessed Bartholomew Fanti
outstanding in his zeal
for devotion to the eucharist
and to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
May we experience in this regard
the same fullness of spirit that was his.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 96, or from the Common of Pastors.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
receive the gifts we offer you
through the intercession
of Blessed Bartholomew Fanti
who offered himself
a living and pleasing victim to you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE *

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him.  

Jn 6:5

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded
Lord,
may this heavenly table
strengthen our weakness
with the bread of the strong
which gave Blessed Bartholomew Fanti
the strength to achieve victory.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.
December 14

O.C.D.: Solemnity
O.Carm.: Feast

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

priest and doctor

INTRODUCTORY
RITES *

I should boast of nothing but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; through him the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. 

_*Gal 6:14*

The *Gloria* is said.

In the prayers and Solemn Blessing, the words *our Father* may be included or omitted as appropriate.

OPENING
PRAYER *

Let us pray
[that St John of the Cross may help us to unite ourselves with Christ]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord,
you endowed [our Father] St John of the Cross with a spirit of self-denial and a love of the cross. By following his example may we come to the eternal vision of your glory.

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

See *The Carmelite Lectionary*, p. 99.

Where today is celebrated as a Solemnity: Profession of Faith.
Pray, brethren...

Almighty Lord, look upon the gifts we offer in memory of [our Father] St John of the Cross. May we imitate the love we proclaim as we celebrate the mystery of the suffering and death of Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.

Preface of St John of the Cross I or II, pp. 151-152.

If anyone wishes to come after me, he must renounce himself, take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord. 

Mt 16:24

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord God, you have shown us the mystery of the cross in the life of [our Father] St John of the Cross. May this sacrifice make us strong, keep us faithful to Christ, and help us to work in the Church for the salvation of all.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The following may replace the simple blessing. After the greeting the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people while he sings or says:
God guided [our Father] St John of the Cross through the dark night of sense and spirit. May your path be made clear through the gift of faith. R Amen.

God enabled him to press forward unimpeded to the summit of perfection. May your mind be purified through the gift of hope. R Amen.

God kindled in his heart the living flame of his love. May you be made perfect through the gift of charity. R Amen.


December 16

**B. MARY OF THE ANGELS**

virgin

Optional Memorial

**INTRODUCTORY RITES ***

Come, bride of Christ, and receive the crown, which the Lord has prepared for you for ever.

**OPENING PRAYER ***

Let us pray

[that we may be chaste followers of Christ]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord,
you have told us that you live for ever in the hearts of the chaste. By the prayers of the virgin Blessed Mary of the Angels help us to live by your grace and to become temples of your Spirit.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 102, or from the Common of Virgins.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
receive our worship in memory of
Blessed Mary of the Angels the virgin.
By this perfect sacrifice
make us grow in unselfish love for you
and for our brothers and sisters.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION RITE**

The wise virgin chose the better part for herself,
and it shall not be taken away from her.

*See Lk 10:42*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

God of mercy,
we rejoice that on this feast
of Blessed Mary of the Angels
you give us the bread of heaven.
May it bring us pardon for our sins,
health of body,
your grace in this life,
and glory in heaven.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

VOTIVE MASSSES

MASSES FOR THE DEAD OF OUR ORDER
RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

These Masses may be said with white vestments, except on the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, solemnities, Ash Wednesday, and the weekdays of Holy Week.

1. FIRST RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. Your law is written on my heart. 

Ps 39:8-9

OPENING PRAYER *

Lord, you have inspired our brothers (sisters) with the resolve to follow Christ more closely. Grant a blessed ending to the journey on which they have set out, so that they may be able to offer you the perfect gift of their loving service.

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

For readings see The Carmelite Lectionary, pp. 106-109.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Pray, brethren...

Lord, receive the gifts and prayers which we offer to you as we celebrate the beginning of this religious profession. Grant that these first fruits of your servants may be nourished by your grace and be the promise of a richer harvest.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Religious Profession, p. 145; intercessions as indicated in the respective eucharistic prayers.

COMMUNION RITE *

He who has done the will of God is my brother, my sister, and my mother. 

Mk 3:35
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
may the sacred mysteries we have shared
bring us joy.
By their power grant that your servants
may constantly fulfill the religious duties
they now take up
and freely give their service to you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

2. PERPETUAL PROFESSION

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord. Jerusalem, we stand as pilgrims in your courts!

Ps 121:1-2

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God,
you have caused the grace of baptism
to bear such fruit in your servants,
that they now strive to follow your Son more closely.
Let them rightly aim
at truly evangelical perfection
and increase the holiness and apostolic zeal of your Church.

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

For readings see The Carmelite Lectionary, pp. 106-109.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
accept the gifts and the vows of your servants
Strengthen them by your love
as they profess the evangelical counsels.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Preface of Religious Profession, p. 145; intercessions as indicated in the respective eucharistic prayers.

COMMUNION RITE *

I am nailed with Christ to the cross; I am alive, not by my own life but by Christ’s life within me.

_Gal 2:19-20_

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
as we share these sacred mysteries,
we pray for these your servants
who are bound to you by their holy offering.
Increase in them the fire of your Holy Spirit
and unite them in eternal fellowship
with your Son,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

SOLEMN BLESSING OR PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The simple blessing may be replaced by one of the formulae given below, pp. 88-89

B

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

I will offer sacrifice in your temple; I will fulfill the vows my lips have promised.

_Ps 65:13-14_

OPENING PRAYER *

Lord,
confirm the resolve of your servants (N. and N.).
Grant that the grace of baptism,
which they wish to strengthen with new bonds,
may work its full effect in them,
so that they may offer you their praise
and spread Christ’s kingdom with apostolic zeal.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
For readings see The Carmelite Lectionary, pp. 106-109.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Pray, brethren...

Lord, accept the offerings of your servants and make them a sign of salvation. Fill with the gifts of your Holy Spirit those whom you have called by your loving providence to follow your Son more closely.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Religious Profession, p. 145; intercessions as indicated in the respective eucharistic prayers.

**COMMUNION RITE**

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord; blessed is he who hopes in God. *Ps 33:9*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord, may the reception of this sacrament and the solemnizing of this profession bring us joy. Let this twofold act of devotion help your servants to serve the Church and mankind in the spirit of your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The simple blessing may be replaced by one of the formulae given below, pp. 89-90.
SOLEMN BLESSINGS FOR MASSES OF PERPETUAL RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

I
After the greeting the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people, while he sings or says:

God inspires all holy desires and brings them to fulfillment.
May the grace of the Spirit protect you always, so that you may fulfill the duties of your vocation with a faithful heart. R Amen.

May the Lord make each of you a witness and sign of his love for all people. R Amen.

May God make those bonds with which he has bound you to Christ on earth endure for ever in heavenly love. R Amen.

May almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit, bless all of you who have taken part in this celebration. R Amen.

II
After the greeting the deacon (or, in his absence, the priest) gives the invitation in these or similar words:

Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

Then the priest extends his hands over the people, while he sings or says:
May God who is the source of all good intentions enlighten your minds and strengthen your hearts to help you fulfill with steadfast faith all you have promised. R Amen.

May the Lord enable you to travel in the joy of Christ as you follow along his way, and may you gladly share each other's burdens. R Amen.

May the love of God unite you, and make you a true family praising his name and showing forth Christ's love. R Amen.

May almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit, bless all of you who have taken part in these sacred celebrations. R Amen.

3. RENEWAL OF VOWS

The entrance and communion antiphons, if used, may be taken from one of the three preceding Masses.

OPENING PRAYER *

All loving God, guide and ruler of creation, look upon these your servants, who wish to confirm their offering of themselves to you. As the years pass by, help them to enter more deeply into the mystery of the Church and to dedicate themselves more generously to the good of all.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
For readings see *The Carmelite Lectionary*, pp. 106-109.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS **

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
look mercifully upon the gifts of your people,
and upon the renewed offering
    by our brothers (sisters)
of their chastity, poverty, and obedience.
Change these temporal gifts
    into a sign of eternal life
and conform the minds of those who offer them
to the likeness of your Son
who is Lord for ever and ever.

Preface of Religious Profession, p. 145

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
now that we have received
    these heavenly sacraments,
we pray that your servants will trust
    only in your grace,
be strengthened by the power of Christ
and protected with the help of the Holy Spirit.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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4. MASS FOR THE 25TH OR 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

This Mass may be said, with white vestments, except on the Sundays of Advent, Lent, and Easter, solemnities, Ash Wednesday, and the weekdays of Holy Week.

The entrance and communion antiphons, if used, may be taken from one of the preceding Masses for Religious Profession.
OPENING PRAYER *

God of faithfulness, help us to give you fitting thanks for your goodness to N., our brother (sister), who has come here to renew that gift of self which you have enabled him (her) to make. Strengthen within him (her) the spirit of perfect love, so that he (she) may give himself (herself) more and more to the service of your glory and the work of salvation.

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

For readings see The Carmelite Lectionary, pp. 106-109.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS *

Lord, accept with these sacrificial gifts the self-offering which N., our brother (sister) desires to renew and deepen today. By the power of your Holy Spirit strengthen within him (her) the true likeness of your only Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Preface of Religious Profession, p. 145

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son. In the strength of this food and drink may our brother (sister), N., continue his (her) journey along the road to heaven.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
VOTIVE MASSES

THE INFANT JESUS

O.C.D.

INTRODUCTORY
RITES *

A child is born for us, a son given to us; dominion is laid on his shoulder, and he shall be called Wonderful-Counselor.

Is 9:6

OPENING
PRAYER

Let us pray

[for the simplicity that leads to heaven]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord,
your Son was made flesh as a helpless infant. May we recognize him as our all-powerful God, and learn from him to be simple and humble so as to gain the reward of the kingdom he promised to little ones.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 112.

PRAYER OVER
THE GIFTS

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
accept this, our supreme act of worship. May it unite us to you so closely that nothing will lessen our joy in your Son’s incarnation or our steadfastness in imitating his example.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Preface of Christmas I, p. 121

COMMUNION
RITE *

Jesus went down with Mary and Joseph, and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.

See Lk 2:51
PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
you have satisfied our hunger with your holy gift.
May we, like your Virgin-born Son,
always be about our Father’s business
and grow, not only in age, wisdom and grace,
but also in awareness of your love for us.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The Mass of July 16 may be used (p. 31) or either of the following.

I

INTRODUCTORY RITES

I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God; for he has clothed me in the garment of salvation and robed me in the cloak of justice.  

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray

[that Our Lady of Mount Carmel may intercede for us her children]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord God,
you willed that the Order of Carmel should be named in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of your Son. Through her prayers as we honor her today bring us to everlasting joy in her company.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 114, or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
we reverently offer you these gifts
in memory of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
In your service may our love become like hers
and so unite us more closely
with the work of redemption.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Our Lady of Mount Carmel I or II, pp. 146-147

**COMMUNION RITE * **

All generations will call me blessed, because God has looked upon his lowly handmaid.  *See Lk 1:48*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
you have strengthened us with food from heaven.
May the remembrance
of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
always bring us happiness and peace
in the knowledge of her protection,
and help us to become what you want us to be.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

The SOLEMN BLESSING on p. 33 may be used.

**II**

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

Come, my children, listen to me: I will teach you how to fear the Lord. Come, let us climb the mountain of the Lord, let us walk in his paths.

*Ps 33:12; see Is 2:3*
OPENING PRAYER *

Let us pray
[that the prayers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel may bring us to her Son]

Pause for silent prayer

All merciful God,
may the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother and Queen of Carmel, protect us,
and bring us to your holy mountain,
Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 114, or from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Pray, brethren...

Lord, you have united us
under the name and protection
of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
Through the gifts we offer you,
bless us and make us faithful in our service
of you and of her.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Our Lady of Mount Carmel I or II, pp. 146-147

COMMUNION RITE

Honor your mother all the days of your life. He who who honors his mother is like one who lays up treasure.

Tob 4:3; Sir 3:5
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
you have fed us as a family
pledged to your service
and that of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
at the table of your Son’s body and of his word.
May we always remain close to you
and proclaim the wonders of your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The SOLEMN BLESSING on p. 33 may be used.

ELIJAH AND ELISHA prophets

O.Carm.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

The prophets served you in the things which have
now been announced to you through the Holy Spirit
sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

See 1 Pet 1:12

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray

[for the grace of witnessing to God’s presence]

Pause for silent prayer

God of power and might,
you proclaimed your word
by the mouth of the prophets.
Bestow the gifts of your Spirit
on those who follow the prophets
Elijah and Elisha
and strive to give witness in every place
to your presence.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever.
The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from *The Carmelite Lectionary*, p. 117.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Pray, Brethren...

God of mercy,
by your prophets you recalled
the wavering hearts of your people to the
true religion.
May we follow the example of Elijah and Elisha
and offer you faithful worship.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Preface of St Elijah the Prophet, p. 148

**COMMUNION RITE**

You are the sons of the prophets and heirs to the covenant which God made with your fathers; he sent his Son to bless you. *See Acts 3:25-26*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
we have been refreshed
with the food and drink of angels.
Bestow on us your servants
the same zeal for your glory
that you awakened in the hearts of
Elijah and Elisha.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The SOLEMN BLESSING on p. 37 may be used.
SAINT TERESA OF JESUS

The Mass of October 15 may be used (p. 61) or the following.

INTRODUCTORY
RITES

The Lord gave her wisdom and understanding beyond measure, and a heart as vast as the sands on the seashore. See 1 Kg 4:29

In the prayers and Solemn Blessing, the words our Mother may be included or omitted as appropriate.

OPENING
PRAYER *

Let us pray
[that we may seek Christ and him alone]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord,
by your Spirit you raised up
[our Mother] St Teresa of Jesus
to show your Church the way to perfection.
May her inspired teaching awaken in us a longing for true holiness.

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

The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 121, or from the Common of Virgins or of Doctors.

PRAYER OVER
THE GIFTS

(Alternative 1) Pray brethren...

Lord God,
may the prayers of the virgin
St Teresa of Jesus [our Mother]
accompany our gifts,
and may these sacred mysteries
which you have given us
as the source of all holiness
make us holy indeed.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
(Alternative 2) Pray Brethren:

Lord,
St Teresa of Jesus died
to all earthly attachments
and was consumed
as a victim of your love.
Accept these gifts
in her honor.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Preface of St Teresa of Jesus I or II, pp. 149-150

COMMUNION RITE

Whoever drinks the water that I shall give him will never thirst again; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life. Jn 4:13-14

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(Alternative 1) Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord our God,
your Son’s sacrament
has given us new life.
You have allowed us to become sons and daughters
of St Teresa of Jesus;
Make us her true spiritual heirs.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

(Alternative 2) Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.
All-powerful God,  
we trust in the prayers  
of St Teresa of Jesus.  
May we share her love for you  
and remain blameless  
through the new life  
we have received.  

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS  
O.C.D.

The Mass of December 14 may be used (p. 79) or the following.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

To be near God is my happiness. I have made the Lord my refuge. At the gates of the city of Zion I will tell of all your works.  

Ps 72:28

In the prayers and Solemn Blessing, the words our Father may be included or omitted as appropriate.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray  
[for perseverance in faith, hope and charity]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord God,  
you have given your Church  
[our Father] St John of the Cross  
as a guide in the ways of the spirit.  
May his example and teaching  
lead us by faith, hope and charity  
to the perfect liberty  
which is the heritage of your sons and daughters.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
The readings are those of the current weekday or, if preferred, from *The Carmelite Lectionary*, p. 123, or from the Common of Doctors.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
accept our gifts
in honor of [our Father] St John of the Cross.
May the world around us
proclaim to us your goodness
and help us to grow in your grace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Preface of St John of the Cross I or II, pp. 151-152

**COMMUNION RITE**

Faith, hope and love remain, but the greatest of these is love. 

1 Cor 13:13

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

All-powerful God,
you have renewed us at the source of all life.
May we follow in the footsteps
of [our Father] St John of the Cross
through this night of faith,
until we stand for ever in the light of your face.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

The SOLEMN BLESSING on p. 80 may be used.
MASS FOR DEAD MEMBERS
OF OUR ORDER

One of the Masses for the Dead from the *Roman Missal* may be used, or the following.

**I: FOR A BROTHER**

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

The Lord will open to them the gate of paradise, and they will return to that homeland where there is no death, but only lasting joy.

*In Eastertide:*

Just as Jesus died and rose again, so will the Father bring with him those who have died in Jesus, alleluia.

1 Thes 4:14

**OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray

[for our departed brother N.]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord,
you are the glory of those who serve you.
Look lovingly on our departed brother N.
The waters of baptism and the bonds of Carmel unite us with him in following Christ and his Mother.
In your mercy grant him everlasting sight of you,
his Creator and Redeemer.

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

The readings are from *The Carmelite Lectionary*, p. 126, or at choice from *The Roman Lectionary*. 
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Pray, brethren...

Lord,
be merciful to your servant N.
for whom we offer this sacrifice of peace.
He was faithful to you in this life;
reward him with life for ever in your presence.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.


COMMUNION RITE *

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
Anyone who believes in me will have eternal life; he
will not be condemned, but pass from death to life.
\( \text{Jn 11:25; 3:36; 5:24} \)

\textit{In Eastertide:}
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord.
If anyone eats this bread he will live for ever; the
bread I shall give is my flesh for the life of the
world, alleluia.
\( \text{Jn 6:51-52} \)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
hear the prayers of those you renew
with the food of life at your holy table.
By the power of this sacrifice
may N. our brother
be granted an everlasting home in your
kingdom
with the Blessed Virgin Mary
to whose service he pledged himself.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

The SOLEMN BLESSING on p. 73 may be used.
II: FOR A SISTER

INTRODUCTORY RITES *

The Lord will open to them the gate of paradise, and they will return to that homeland where there is no death, but only lasting joy.

In Eastertide:
Just as Jesus died and rose again, so will the Father bring with him those who have died in Jesus, alleluia.

Let us pray
[for our departed sister N.]

Pause for silent prayer

Lord,
you are the glory of those who serve you.
Look lovingly on our departed sister N.
The waters of baptism and the bonds of Carmel unite us with her in following Christ and his Mother.
In your mercy grant her everlasting sight of you, her Creator and Redeemer.

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

The readings are from The Carmelite Lectionary, p. 126, or at choice from The Roman Lectionary.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Pray, brethren...

Lord, be merciful to your servant N. for whom we offer this sacrifice of peace.
She was faithful to you in this life; reward her with life for ever in your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION RITE *

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Anyone who believes in me will have eternal life; he will not be condemned, but pass from death to life.

*Jn 11:25; 3:36; 5:24

In Eastertide:
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord. If anyone eats this bread he will live for ever; the bread I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world, alleluia.

*Jn 6:51-52

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

Lord,
hear the prayers of those you renew
with the food of life at your holy table.
By the power of this sacrifice
may N. our sister
be granted an everlasting home in your
kingdom
with the Blessed Virgin Mary
to whose service she pledged herself.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

The SOLEMN BLESSING on p. 73 may be used.
 OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL I
THE SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD OF MARY

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.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Carmel.

Your Word filled her heart
and inspired all her actions,
making her constant in prayer with the Apostles,
and, through her share in our salvation,
constituting her the spiritual mother of all mankind.
She watches unceasingly with a mother’s loving care
over the brethren of her Son,
and lights us along our pilgrim way
to the Mount of your Glory,
our beacon of comfort,
and the embodiment of all our hopes
as members of the Church.

Now, with all the saints and angels,
we praise you for ever:

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.
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL II
OUR LADY, MOTHER AND MODEL OF HOLINESS

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.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

She shares with Christ his work of salvation,
and with his Church she brings forth sons and daughters
whom she calls to walk the path of perfect love.
She claims us also as her beloved children,
clothed in the habit of her Order,
shields us along our way to holiness,
and in her likeness sets us before the world,
so that our hearts, like hers,
may ever contemplate your Word,
love our brethren,
and draw them to her Son.

In our joy we sing to your glory
with all the choirs of angels:

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.
SAINT ELIJAH THE PROPHET
THE PROPHET ELIJAH AS FRIEND OF GOD AND APOSTLE

**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.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You raised up the prophets to proclaim you the true and living God, and to teach your people to hope for salvation. To Elijah the Tishbite you showed your special friendship, and made his burning zeal for your glory a witness to your power and mercy. You gave him, who walked in your presence, the joy of beholding at Christ’s transfiguration your Son in all his splendor.

In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven, as they praise your glory for ever:

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.
SAINT TERESA OF JESUS I
CHRIST, SOURCE OF ALL HOLINESS

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.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks,
and to praise you for your gifts
as we contemplate your saints in glory.

In celebrating the memory of St Teresa
it is our especial joy to sing with her
the praises of your mercy.
You are the true and living God:
in your goodness and wisdom
you fill with your presence all things created;
and your grace brings you to dwell in our hearts.
Christ, assuming flesh, has shown us
that your love is unbounded.
He has made himself our companion in weakness
and our light in darkness;
he has taught us to speak with you, our Father,
as your children;
he has become for our souls a friend and a bridegroom,
and for your Church an everlasting spring of holiness.

Earth unites with heaven to sing the new song of creation
as we adore and praise you for ever:

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.
SAINT TERESA OF JESUS II

SAINT TERESA'S CHARISM IN THE CHURCH

**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.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
as we honor Saint Teresa,
on whom you bestowed such gifts of nature and grace.

You espoused her to Christ, her divine friend,
who taught her to be zealous in prayer and penance
for the unity and the holiness of the Church.
You endowed her with the wisdom of the saints
to be our guide on the way of perfection,
and the spiritual mother of a new family in Carmel.

In our joy we sing to your glory
with all the choirs of angels:

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.
SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS I
THE FATHER HAS GIVEN US ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

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.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
as we honor Saint John of the Cross
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, your eternal Word, you made all things,
and you clothed them with his beauty and goodness.
He is the fullness of revelation and grace,
in him you have placed all Wisdom within our reach,
and in him you make us
possessors of all heaven and earth.
In the mystery of his death and resurrection
he has reconciled mankind to you,
restoring us to your friendship
and reuniting all creation with you, its Maker.
And now he reigns in everlasting glory among his saints
as head and bridegroom of his Church.
With their great company and all the angels
we praise your glory as we cry out with one voice:

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.
SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS II

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS AS OUR GUIDE TO UNION WITH GOD

*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.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks as we honor Saint John of the Cross.

His life and teaching set before us anew the mystery of Christ’s Cross and victory. He has taught us to make up what is wanting in Christ’s passion, and to share and proclaim the joy of his resurrection. Inwardly strengthened by the living flame of your Spirit, he ascended in darkness the heights of divine union as he sang canticles of your love, the Church’s greatest treasure.

In our joy we sing to your glory with all the choirs of angels:

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.
SAINT MARY MAGDALEN DE' PAZZI
CHRIST AND THE CHURCH HIS BRIDE

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.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

By the working of your Holy Spirit
you kindled in Saint Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi
a visible love for your Incarnate Word
and a consuming zeal for the holiness of the Church.
To bring the Church she so ardently loved
to the perfect likeness of Christ the heavenly bridegroom,
she poured out her life in heroic prayer and sacrifice.

Now, with the saints and all the angels,
we praise you for ever:

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.
SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS
CHRIST REVEALS HIS MYSTERIES TO LITTLE ONES

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.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

You reveal the secrets of your kingdom
to those who become like little children.
Among them you chose Saint Thérèse, hidden in Christ,
to proclaim the good news of your merciful love.
Your Holy Spirit moved her
to make her life a loving oblation
of prayer and self-denial
for the salvation of all mankind
through Christ and his Church.

Now, with the saints and all the angels,
we praise you for ever:

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.