

28<sup>th</sup> September

**BLESSED LUIGI MONZA**  
priest

MEMORIAL

ENTRANCE ANTIFONE

Mk: 10,14

«Let the children come to me;  
Do not prevent them,  
for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these» - says the Lord.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE LITURGICAL ASSEMBLY

Father, you ask all the believers to form together a body.  
Let us be authors of communion with life and word,  
so that we can witness in the world the practical charity of first Christians,  
helped by the example and the prayer of the blessed Luigi [Monza].  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
God, forever and ever.

FIRST READING

*A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel (Ez 34,11-16)*

For thus saith the Lord God: Behold I myself will seek my sheep, and will visit them. As the shepherd visiteth his flock in the day when he shall be in the midst of his sheep that were scattered, so will I visit my sheep, and will deliver them out of all the places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. Day, in persecution. I will count my sheep, lest any be lost. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and will gather them out of the countries, and will bring them to their own land: and I will feed them in the mountains of Israel, by the rivers, and in all the habitations of the land. Land. All this cannot be understood of the synagogue alone. I will feed them in the most fruitful pastures, and their pastures shall be in the high mountains of Israel: there shall they rest on the green grass, and be fed in fat pastures upon the mountains of Israel. I will feed my sheep: and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God. I will seek that which was lost: and that which was driven away, I will bring again: and I will bind up that which was broken, and I will strengthen that which was weak, and that which was fat and strong I will preserve: and I will feed them in judgment.  
The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 112*

**GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER**

Blessed are those who fear the Lord,  
Who find great delight in His command.  
Their children will be mighty in the land;  
The generation of the upright will be blessed.

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.  
Surely the righteous will never be shaken;  
they will be remembered forever.

They will have no fear of bad news;  
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.  
They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,  
their righteousness endures forever;  
their horn will be lifted high in honor.

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians*

Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.  
The Word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia*

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,  
it remains only a single seed.

But if it dies, it produces much fruit.

*Alleluia*

## GOSPEL

*A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

The Gospel of the Lord

## AS CONCLUSION OF LITURGY OF THE WORD

O God, you have done of the blessed Luigi [Monza]

a real apostle of the evangelical charity:

listen to our prayers

and let that we can love and serve the simple and the needy ones,  
attracted by his example.

Through Christ our Lord.

## OVER THE OFFERINGS

Father, take these gifts we present to you,  
perpetuating the action handed down by the apostles;  
make us able, at the school of the blessed Luigi [Monza],  
to live in charity, happiness and simplicity of heart.

## PREFACE

It is truly right and just,  
our duty and salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Father most holy.  
You gave us a pastor according to your heart  
in the blessed Luigi [Monza].  
He inspired his life and action  
to the evangelical love of the first Christians.  
He never spared anything  
of his energies  
to serve the flock which was entrusted to him,  
because he was sure that  
charity has no limits, and doesn't know stop.  
The mystery of the seed  
which dies in the earth and gives fruit  
transformed him in a promoter of an apostolic service  
that could witness the charity for the poor, the weak and the excluded ones,  
in the hidden actions.  
And so, with the angels and saints,  
we confess your name in exultation,  
giving voice to every creature under heaven as we acclaim: *Holy...*

## BEFORE COMMUNION

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels,  
but do not have love, I am nothing. .  
Love always protects, always trusts,  
always hopes, always perseveres.  
Love never fails.

## AFTER COMMUNION

Fed by the force of this Sacrament  
we ask, Father, to be in the world  
tireless operators of that charity  
which makes big each action  
and drives to the endless happiness,  
as imitation of the blessed Luigi [Monza].