

OVERVIEW

Wednesday 14 Aug 2024

Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

For Lectionary texts, select from the Common of Martyrs or the Common of Pastors.

Entrance Antiphon

Matthew 25:34,40

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord.
Amen I say to you:
Whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren,
you did it for me.

First Reading

Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

He accepted them as a holocaust.

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
no torment shall ever touch them.
In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,
their going looked like a disaster,
their leaving us, like annihilation;
but they are in peace.
If they experienced punishment as men see it,
their hope was rich with immortality;
slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.
God has put them to the test
and proved them worthy to be with him;
he has tested them like gold in a furnace,
and accepted them as a holocaust.
When the time comes for his visitation they will shine out;
as sparks run through the stubble, so will they.
They shall judge nations, rule over peoples,
and the Lord will be their king for ever.
They who trust in him will understand the truth,
those who are faithful will live with him in love;
for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

or

1 John 3:14-18

A reading from the first letter of St John

We should lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

We have passed out of death and into life,
and of this we can be sure
because we love our brothers.
If you refused to love, you must remain dead;
to hate your brother is to be a murderer,

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 30:3-4.6.8.17. R. v.6

(R.) Into your hands, O Lord, I entrust my spirit.

1. Be a rock of refuge for me,
a mighty stronghold to save me,
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
For your name's sake, lead me and guide me. (R.)
2. Into your hands I commend my spirit.
It is you who will redeem me, Lord.
As for me, I trust in the Lord:
let me be glad and rejoice in your love. (R.)
3. My life is in your hands, deliver me
from the hands of those who hate me.
Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your love. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Blessed be the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort,
who consoles us in all our afflictions.

Gospel

John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall not call you servants any more, I call you friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you.
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you to go out
and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 15:13

Greater love has no one
than to lay down his life for his friends, says the Lord.

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