

**SEPTEMBER 6**

**BLESSED BONAVENTURE of FORLÌ  
FRIAR SERVANT OF MARY - PRIEST**

*Memorial*

**Entrance Antiphon**

Psalm 16, 5-6

O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup.  
It is you who hold fast my lot.  
For me the measuring lines have fallen on pleasant sites.  
Fair to me indeed is my inheritance.

**Prayer of the Assembly**

Lord God,  
may the tears of our conversion  
soften the hardness of our hearts  
as we draw inspiration  
from the example and preaching  
of your servant, Blessed Bonaventure.  
(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.

**First Reading**

I Corinthians 1, 18-25

A reading of from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

*It was the will of God, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who have faith*

The message of the cross is foolishness  
to those who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.  
or it is written:  
*"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the learning of the learned I will set aside."*  
Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe?  
Where is the debater of this age?  
Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish?  
For since in the wisdom of God  
the world did not come to know God through wisdom,  
it was the will of God  
through the foolishness of the proclamation  
to save those who have faith.  
For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,  
but we proclaim Christ crucified,  
a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,  
but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike,  
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,  
and the weakness of God  
is stronger than human strength.

## **This is the Word of the Lord**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 95 (96), 1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10

#### **R/. Tell the wonders of God among all peoples**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

#### **R/. Tell the wonders of God among all peoples**

Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples.

#### **R/. Tell the wonders of God among all peoples**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.

#### **R/. Tell the wonders of God among all peoples**

Proclaim to the nations: "God is king."  
The world he made firm in its place;  
he will judge the peoples in fairness.

#### **R/. Tell the wonders of God among all peoples**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

1 Thessalonians 2, 13

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Receive God's Word, not as a human message,  
but as the message of God, which it really is. Alleluia!

### **Gospel Reading**

Mark 1, 14-20

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Repent, and believe in the Gospel*

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God:  
"This is the time of fulfillment.  
The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the Gospel."  
As he passed by the Sea of Galilee,  
he saw Simon and his brother Andrew  
casting their nets into the sea;  
they were fishermen.  
Jesus said to them,  
"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.  
He walked along a little farther

and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.  
They too were in a boat mending their nets.  
Then he called them.  
So they left their father Zebedee  
in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

### **This is the Gospel of the Lord**

#### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Make holy, O Lord,  
the gifts we offer you and,  
through the intercession of Blessed Bonaventure,  
grant that, in heart and deed,  
we may follow the proclamation of your holy gospel.  
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

#### **Preface of Holy Men and Women**

##### *The glory of the saints*

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

You are glorified in your saints,  
for their glory is the crowning of your gifts.  
In their lives on earth,  
you give us an example.  
In our communion with them,  
you give us their friendship.  
In their prayer for the Church,  
you give us strength and protection.

This great company of witnesses spurs us on to victory,  
to share their prize of everlasting glory  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With angels and archangels  
and the whole company of saints,  
we sing our unending hymn of praise: Holy, Holy...

#### **Communion Antiphon**

Matthew 19, 27-29

I give you my solemn word that you who have left all things and have followed me, shall receive a hundred-fold and shall inherit everlasting life.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Strengthened by this divine gift, O Lord,  
and supported by the prayers of Blessed Bonaventure,  
we humbly ask you that,  
we may be moved by gospel love,  
and show concern for all your people.  
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.