

MAY 12

**BLESSED FRANCIS of SIENA
FRIAR SERVANT OF MARY – PRIEST**

Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Luke 4, 18

The spirit of the Lord is upon me; therefore he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.

Prayer of the Assembly

Fill us, Lord God,
with the same dedication and gentleness
with which Blessed Francis
devoutly served the Mother of God
and provided spiritual direction for your people.
(We ask this) through our Lord Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

1 Peter 4, 7b-11

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another

Beloved, be serious, therefore,
and sober for prayers.
Above all, let your love for one another be intense,
because love covers a multitude of sins.
Be hospitable to one another without complaining.
As each one has received a gift,
use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace.
Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God;
whoever serves,
let it be with the strength that God supplies,
so that in all things
God may be glorified through Jesus Christ,
to whom belong glory and dominion
forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 83 (84), 3-4, 5-6, 11. 12

R/. Happy are those who dwell in your house, O Lord

My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning
for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God.

R/. Happy are those who dwell in your house, O Lord

The sparrow herself finds a home
and the swallow a nest for her brood;
she lays her young by your altars,
Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

R/. Happy are those who dwell in your house, O Lord

They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you,
in whose hearts are the roads to Zion.

R/. Happy are those who dwell in your house, O Lord

One day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.
The threshold of the house of God
I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked.

R/. Happy are those who dwell in your house, O Lord

For the Lord God is a rampart, a shield;
he will give us his favour and glory.
The Lord will not refuse any good
to those who walk without blame.

R/. Happy are those who dwell in your house, O Lord

Gospel Acclamation

I Corinthians 2, 4

Alleluia! Alleluia!
My message and proclamation
were not with persuasive words of wisdom,
but with a demonstration of spirit and power. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5, 13-16

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world

Jesus said to his disciples:
“You are the salt of the earth.
But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?
It is no longer good for anything
but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.
You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp
and then put it under a bushel basket;
it is set on a lampstand,
where it gives light to all in the house.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

On this feast of Blessed Francis, we bring these gifts to you, O Lord. May
this awesome sacrifice be unceasingly offered to you.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Preface for Pastors

The presence of shepherds in the Church

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
You give the Church this feast in honour of
your servant Blessed Francis of Siena.
You inspire us by his holy life,
instruct us by his preaching,
and give us your protection
in answer to his prayers.
We join the angels and the saints
as they sing their unending hymn of praise: Holy, Holy...

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 28, 20

“Know that I am with you always, until the end of the world,” says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Lord,
may this heavenly banquet,
in which we have received Jesus,
who instructed the apostles with his word
and confirmed them
with the outpouring of your Spirit,
make us like Blessed Francis,
zealous in our gospel witness.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Note: Some biblical texts are taken from: The New American Bible <http://www.vatican.va/archives/>