

OCTOBER 3

**BLESSED MARIA GUADALUPE RICART OLMOS
SISTER SERVANT OF MARY - VIRGIN AND MARTYR**

Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

This holy woman fought to the death for the law of her God,
never cowed by the threats of the wicked; her house was built on solid rock.

Prayer of the Assembly

Father, our lives are in your hands.
By the mysterious design of your love,
Blessed Maria Guadalupe, faithful disciple
and enclosed Servant of Saint Mary,
shared in the passion of Christ.
Grant that we may comprehend
the mystery of the Son of Man
and follow his path
on the narrow way that leads to life
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

Romans 8, 31b-39

A Reading from the Letter of the Apostle Paul to the Romans

Neither death nor life can ever separate us from the love of God

If God is for us, who can be against us?
Since he did not spare his own Son,
but gave him up for the sake of all of us,
then can we not expect that with him
he will freely give us all his gifts?
Who can bring any accusation against those that God has chosen?
When God grants saving justice who can condemn?
Are we not sure that it is Christ Jesus, who died, yes and more, who was raised from the dead and
is at God's right hand, and who is adding his plea for us?
Can anything cut us off from the love of Christ,
can hardships or distress, or persecution,
or lack of food and clothing, or threats or violence;
as scripture says:
For your sake we are being massacred all day long,
treated as sheep to be slaughtered?
No, we come through all these things triumphantly victorious, by the power of him who loved us.
For I am certain of this:
neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nothing already in existence and nothing still to
come, nor any power, nor the heights nor the depths,
nor any created thing whatever,
will be able to come between us and the love of God,
known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 114-115 (116) 1-2. 3-4. 14.15. 16-17

R/. The Lord is with me in the hour of my trial

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him.

R/. The Lord is with me in the hour of my trial

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name:
"O Lord my God, deliver me!"

R/. The Lord is with me in the hour of my trial

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil *
before all his people.
O precious in the eyes of the Lord *
is the death of his faithful.

R/. The Lord is with me in the hour of my trial

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.

R/. The Lord is with me in the hour of my trial

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Mt. 5, 10

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of justice; Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10, 28-33

A Reading + from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who kill the body

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of human beings, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of human beings, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

We beseech you, Lord,
on the feast of Blessed Maria Guadalupe,
that the sacrificial gifts that we offer you
may, by your grace,
be made as acceptable as her martyrdom
was pleasing to you.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Preface for Martyrs

The presence of martyrs in the Church

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
Your holy martyr Maria Guadalupe followed the example of Christ,
and gave her life for the glory of your name.
Her death reveals your power
shining through our human weakness.
You choose the weak and make them strong
in bearing witness to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
In our unending joy we echo on earth
the song of the angels in heaven
as they praise your glory for ever: Holy, Holy...

Communion Antiphon

Mark 8, 34

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

Prayer after Communion

Lord, you glorified Blessed Maria Guadalupe
with the crown of virginity and martyrdom.
Through our sharing in this sacred banquet,
give us new energy
that we may overcome the power of evil
and reach the glory of heaven.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

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