

OCTOBER 25

**BLESSED JOHN ANGELO PORRO
FRIAR SERVANT OF MARY – PRIEST**

Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Mark 10, 14

“Let the children come to me and do not hinder them.

It is to just such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs,” says the Lord.

Prayer of the Assembly

Lord God,

Blessed John Angelo was faithful in his religious life
and zealous in teaching Christian doctrine.

Through his intercession,
may our hearts be so centered on you
that we persevere in following the Gospel
and in apostolic service.

(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

Romans 12, 1-8

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Do not conform yourselves to this age

I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.

Do not conform yourselves to this age
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

For by the grace given to me

I tell everyone among you not to think of himself
more highly than one ought to think,

but to think soberly,

each according to the measure of faith
that God has apportioned.

For as in one body we have many parts,
and all the parts do not have the same function,
so we, though many, are one body in Christ
and individually parts of one another.

Since we have gifts that differ

according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them:

if prophecy, in proportion to the faith;

if ministry, in ministering;

if one is a teacher, in teaching;

if one exhorts, in exhortation;

if one contributes, in generosity;

if one is over others, with diligence;

if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1, 1-2, 3. 4. 6

R/. Happy are those who has put their trust in the Lord

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night.

R/. Happy are those who has put their trust in the Lord

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

R/. Happy are those who has put their trust in the Lord

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.

R/. Happy are those who has put their trust in the Lord

For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

R/. Happy are those who has put their trust in the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

John 8, 31b-32

Alleluia! Alleluia!
“If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, says the Lord.” Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Mark 9, 33-37

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Whoever receives a child such as this in my name, receives me

At that time, they came to Capernaum
and, once inside the house,
Jesus began to ask them,
“What were you arguing about on the way?”
But they remained silent.
They had been discussing among themselves on the way
who was the greatest.

Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them,
“If anyone wishes to be first,
he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”
Taking a child he placed it in their midst,
and putting his arms around it he said to them,
“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me; and whoever receives me,
receives not me but the one who sent me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

Graciously listen to our pleas, O God,
offered with fervent devotion
in memory of Blessed John Angelo.
Grant that we, your servants,
may be rooted in the truth of faith
and recognized for the integrity of our lives.
(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 Blessed John Angelo.
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 18,3

Whoever makes himself lowly, becoming like this child is of greatest importance in that heavenly reign.

Or

John 8, 12

“No follower of mine shall ever walk in darkness;
No, he shall possess the light of life,” says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Recalling the memory of Blessed John Angelo,
we beseech you, Lord, our God,
that the power of this sacrament
and the contemplation of heavenly things,
might make us effective ministers of your Word.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

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