

JUNE 27

**BLESSED THOMAS of ORVIETO
FRIAR SERVANT OF MARY**

Optional Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 15 (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 our God, you extend your mercy
to the humble who call out to you.
Grant that the prayer of Blessed Thomas
obtain for your servants
the comfort of your love in this life
and the possession of eternal joy
in your presence forever.
(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

1 Timothy 6, 6-12

A reading from the First letter of Paul to Timothy

Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

Indeed, religion with contentment is a great gain.
For we brought nothing into the world,
just as we shall not be able to take anything out of it.
If we have food and clothing,
we shall be content with that.
Those who want to be rich are falling into temptation
and into a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires,
which plunge them into ruin and destruction.
For the love of money is the root of all evils,
and some people in their desire for it
have strayed from the faith
and have pierced themselves with many pains.
But you, man of God, avoid all this.
Instead, pursue righteousness, devotion,
faith, love, patience, and gentleness.
Compete well for the faith.
Lay hold of eternal life,
to which you were called
when you made the noble confession
in the presence of many witnesses.

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130 (131), 1, 2, 3

R/. Happy are those who fear the Lord

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me.

R/. Happy are those who fear the Lord

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul.

R/. Happy are those who fear the Lord

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and forever.

R/. Happy are those who fear the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5, 3

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading Luke 12, 29-34

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Seek the Kingdom of God, and these other things will be given you besides

Jesus said to his disciples,
“As for you, do not seek what you are to eat
and what you are to drink,
and do not worry anymore.
All the nations of the world seek for these things,
and your Father knows that you need them.
Instead, seek his kingdom,
and these other things will be given you besides.
Do not be afraid any longer, little flock,
for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.
Sell your belongings and give alms.
Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out,
an inexhaustible treasure in heaven
that no thief can reach nor moth destroy.
For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord,
consecrate these fruits of the earth

that you have willed we dedicate to you.
May they make our service pleasing to you
and bring about in us
the sacrament of eternal salvation.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Holy Men and Women II

The activity of the saints

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
You renew the Church in every age
by raising up men and women
outstanding in holiness,
living witnesses of your unchanging love.
They inspire us by their heroic lives,
and help us by their constant prayers
to be the living sign of your saving power.
We praise you, Lord, with all the angels and saints,
and join their song of joy: 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

Support with your help, Lord our God,
those you nourish with your sacrament.
Through the intercession of Blessed Thomas,
satisfy with heavenly nourishment,
those you have fed with earthly gifts.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

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