

21 July

Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan, Priest and Founder

Feast

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 52:7

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet
of him who brings glad tidings of peace,
bearing good news, announcing salvation.

The Glory to God in the highest **is said.**

Collect

Merciful God,
who inspired the Priest Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross
to spread the knowledge of you through Jesus Christ your Son,
whom you sent as the Saviour of the world,
grant that, proclaiming the work of salvation to the nations,
we too may be able to contemplate your glory forever in heaven.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we celebrate the memory of blessed Francis Mary of the Cross,
we pray, O Lord, that you may pour out your blessing from heaven
on these offerings we have made to you,
so that in partaking of them
we may be without fault
and be replenished with heavenly food.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of holy Pastors.

Communion Antiphon

Mk 16: 15; Mt 28: 20

Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel.
I am with you always, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord our God,
nourish in us that faith
taught by the preaching of the Apostles
and kept safe by the labors of blessed Francis Mary of the Cross.
Through Christ our Lord.

The Solemn Blessing formula may be used.

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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Is 52:7-10

All the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation
and tells Zion,
'Your God is King!'
Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.
Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.
The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3. 7-8. 10. R v.3

R/. Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord of the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R/.**
2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R/.**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. **R/.**
4. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
The world he made firm in its place;
he will judge the peoples in fairness. **R/.**

GOSPEL

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 28:19-20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go, make disciples of all the nations, says the Lord;

I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 28:16-20

Go make disciples of all the nations

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

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John Baptist Jordan was born on 16 June 1848 in Gurtweil, archdiocese of Freiburg (Germany) into a poor family. After ordination to the priesthood on 21 July 1878, he was sent to Rome, where he spent most part of his life. Motivated by apostolic zeal and a desire to make known and loved the only true God, revealed in Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, Father Jordan founded the Apostolic Teaching Society in 1881 in Rome. In 1883 he changed his apostolic work in a religious institute and took the name of Francis Mary of the Cross. From the Apostolic Teaching Society were developed the Society of the Divine Saviour and the Congregation of the Sisters of the Divine Saviour. He died on 8 September 1918 in Tafers (Switzerland).

From the Common of Pastors.

Office of the Hours

SECOND READING

From the *Chapter Talks* of blessed Francis Mary of the Cross, priest and founder

(Ansprachen von P. Franziskus Maria vom Kreuze Jordan, Rom 2002, 25 February 1898)

Trust in Divine Providence

Those who trust only in their own powers will accomplish nothing great for the glory of God. We must trust in divine providence, as an infant does its nurse, we must trust in the Lord in all things. The one who has trust will not fall, and the one who puts all his trust in the Lord will have the Lord on his side. How many times you have heard and read in the scriptures of what is promised to those who have hope. They have hoped in Me, they have hoped in the Lord, they will not be confounded. "In you, O Lord, have I hoped, I will not be put to shame." "Because he hoped in me, I will set him free: I will protect him because he has known my name."

But surely we must not tempt God. Act in accordance with your hopes in the Lord. If you do not do what you should do, if you neglect to do what you should, you cannot have hope; if you offend God, how can you have hope in him? We must do what we ought to do and let us hope in the Lord! So, let us not trust in ourselves, not have trust or hope in princes, but hope in the Lord! He will help us. He himself will protect us! Have hope even in difficulties and in problems; if you are bereft of human resources, put all your hope in the Lord. You must toil and work and hope in the Lord. He will help us and free us. But do not trust, have no trust in your own strength, in your own abilities. So, let us be men of faith, of trust, if we want to accomplish great things. It is essential to have faith and very great hope.

Trust in the Lord. Trust in Providence: "Who has ever trusted in God and been confounded?" Don't trust in yourself or in human aid. Don't trust in princes or influential people. Trust in God! But how can you have great trust in God? If in your work you want to have great trust in God, then above all do your duty! How can you have great trust in God if you don't fulfill the duties of your vocation? How can you hope if you don't live in accordance with your position and instead jump into big projects following your own will? How can you have trust in the Lord there? So, do your duty and cast all your worries on the

Lord. He will help you and rescue you! If you do your duty, then fear neither the waves that may crash over you, nor prosecutions on all sides, come what may! Trust in the Lord and go forward. Do your duty and you will see that the Lord will help you. It is unworthy for an apostolic religious and confrere of our Society not to walk the straight path! Let us trust in the Lord and do our duty. Walk in the Lord and he will protect us!

RESPONSORY

Cf. Sir 2:6. 10; Ps 25:2

R. Who trusted in the Lord and was disappointed? Who persevered in his fear and was abandoned? * Trust in him and he will help you.

Ÿ. In you, my Saviour, I have hoped, I shall not be confounded.

R. Trust in him and he will help you.

The Te Deum is said.

Morning Prayer

Benedictus ant. Whoever does the will of my Father, says the Lord, is my brother, and sister, and mother.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Merciful God, who inspired the Priest Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross to spread the knowledge of you through Jesus Christ your Son, whom you sent as the Saviour of the world, grant that, proclaiming the work of salvation to the nations, we too may be able to contemplate your glory forever in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Evening Prayer

Magnificat ant. You have left all things and have followed me; you will be repaid a hundred times over, and gain eternal life.