

January 6
ANDRÉ BESSETTE, religious
Memorial

In Canada, and in those places where the Epiphany is always celebrated on January 6, namely, Chile, Ghana, in the diocese of Rome, and, where applicable, in Uganda, the memorial of St. André Bessette is celebrated on January 7. Elsewhere, it remains on January 6. However, when January 6 is a Sunday, the memorial may be transferred to January 7.

From the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Religious

Entrance Antiphon

**O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secures my portion.**

Cf. Ps 16 (15): 5

Or:

**Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:
I was sick, and you visited me.**

**Amen I say to you: Whatever you did for one of
the least of my brethren, you did it for me.**

Cf. Mt 25: 34, 36, 40

COLLECT

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

Lord our God, friend of the lowly,
who gave your servant, Saint André Bessette,
a great devotion to Saint Joseph
and a special commitment to the poor and afflicted,
help us through his intercession,
to follow his example of prayer and love
and so come to share with him in your glory.
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

Most merciful God,
who were pleased to create in blessed André Bessette
the New Man in your image, the old having passed away,
graciously grant, we pray,
that, renewed like him,
we may offer you the acceptable sacrifice of conciliation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface of Holy Virgins and Religious or Preface of Saints I-II

Communion Antiphon

**This is how all will know that you are my
disciples: if you have love for one another,
says the Lord.** Cf. Jn 13: 35

Or:

**Amen I say to you: That you who have left
all things and followed me will receive a
hundredfold and possess eternal life.**

Cf. Mt 19:27-29

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer if this has not preceded.

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we, who are renewed by these sacred mysteries,
may follow the example of blessed André,
who honored you with tireless devotion
and, by surpassing charity, was of service to your people.
Through Christ our Lord.

Or:

Having fed upon the delights
of the Sacrament of salvation, O Lord,
we humbly implore your faithful love,
that by imitating, by your grace, the charity of blessed André,
we may also be made partakers with him in glory.
Through Christ our Lord.