

January 20

Basile-Antoine-Marie Moreau, priest

FIRST READING

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

4:1-7, 11-13

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But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gifts.

And he gave some as Apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM [721.1] Psalm 16 (15):1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11

R. (see 5a) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Preserve me, O God, for in you, I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord."
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
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I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
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I keep the Lord before me always;
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ALLELUIA VERSE [741.9]

John 8:31b-32

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GOSPEL

[742.6]

Those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew **16:24-27**

Jesus said to his disciples,

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay each one according to his conduct.”

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Memorial

From the Common of Pastors: for One Pastor, or from the Common of Holy Men and Women:
for Religious

Entrance Antiphon

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has
anointed me and sent me to preach the good
news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted.**

Cf. Lk 4:18

Or:

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

Cf. Ps 16 (15):5

COLLECT

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

O God, who in your ineffable Providence chose your priest, Blessed Basil, to imitate the virtues of the Holy Family and respond to the needs of the Church, grant, we beseech you, that, supported by his prayers and example, we may have the strength to boldly confess the Cross of Christ as our only hope. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Most merciful God, who were pleased to create in blessed Basil 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 Pastors or Preface of Saints I-II

Communion Antiphon

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,

and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mt. 20:28

Or:

Amen I say to you: That you who have left all 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.

May the mysteries we have received, O Lord, prepare us, we pray, for the eternal joys that, as a faithful steward, blessed Basil came to deserve. Through Christ our Lord.

Or:

We pray, almighty God, that we, who are fortified by the power of this Sacrament, may learn through the example of blessed Basil to seek you always above all things and to bear in this world the likeness of the New Man. Through Christ our Lord.

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