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DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Pastors

FROM: Rev. Alfred Omar Guerrero, Director

DATE: May 7, 2024

RE: Liturgical Directives for the Obligatory Memorial of St. Damien de Veuster, ss.cc. Priest

Please see below a reprint of the texts for the celebration of the Memorial of St. Damien de Veuster, ss.cc. Priest on May 10th. The texts may be taken from the Common for Pastors: for Missionaries.

As a reminder, this is an **“obligatory memorial”** for the Diocese of Honolulu.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us rejoice in the Lord for Damien, servant of God
and servant of humanity, whose compassionate love
and care for the suffering and the forsaken
has given him a place among the blessed.

COLLECT:

Father of mercy,
who gave us in Saint Damien
a shining witness of love for the poorest
and most abandoned,
grant that, by his intercession,
as faithful witnesses of the heart of your Son
Jesus, we too may be servants of the most needy and rejected.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING:

Rom 5:1-8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 33:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. 20-21

Response (9a): Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all
times, his praise always on
my lips; in the Lord my soul
shall make its boast. The
humble shall hear and be glad.

Response (9a): Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard
him and rescued him from all his
distress.

Response (9a): Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue
them. Taste and see that the Lord is
good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Response (9a): Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue
him. He will keep guard over all his
bones, not one of his bones shall be broken.

Response (9a): Taste and see that the Lord is good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his
sheep, Alleluia.

GOSPEL:

Jn 10:11-18

A reading from the holy gospel according to John:

Jesus said: I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.

Or

Jn 13:1-5.12-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end. The devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand him over. So, during supper fully aware that the Father had put everything into his power and that he had come from God and was returning to God, he rose from supper and took off his outer garments. He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. So when he had washed their feet and put his garments back on and reclined at table again, he said to them, "Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do. Amen, amen, I say to you, no slave is greater than his master nor any messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you understand this, blessed are you if you do it."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Father of mercy,
we have these gifts to offer in honor of your
saints who bore witness to your mighty power.
May the power of the
Eucharist bring us your salvation.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 15,13

No one has greater love, says the
Lord, than the man who lays down
his life for his friends.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,
may the mysteries we
receive prepare us for the eternal joys
Saint Damien won by his faithful
ministry. We ask this in the name of
Jesus the Lord.