

Day 2 – 18 July, 2022 (Monday)

Opening Hymn: GLORY TO THEE, MONTFORT

* Glory to Thee, Montfort, the loving preacher
Of Jesus cross and Mary's Rosary
The love of God and of his Holy Mother
Both in Thy heart found a fair sanctuary

The early thoughts of Montfort were for Mary
And in her love he grew ever more strong
Her virtues well he endeavoured to copy
To her sweet self, he desired to belong (*)

How well he loved, to call her, his dear mother
When in her heart, he would pour out his heart
How much he care during life, and forever
Her bounteous power to the whole world impart (*)

Opening Prayer:

O God, who has given us St Louis-Marie de Montfort, who founded this small band of missionaries, may we always be united with one another as we persevere to seek divine wisdom in our daily life, through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Ant: Praise God in his sanctuary, praise him in his mighty heavens.

Psalm 150

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heaven!
Praise him for his mighty works; praise his unequalled greatness!
Praise him with a blast of the ram's horn; praise him with the lyre and harp!
Praise him with the tambourine and dancing; praise him with strings and flutes!
Praise him with a clash of cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals.
Let everything that breathes sing praises to the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father...

Ant: Praise God in his sanctuary, praise him in his mighty heavens.

A Spiritual Reading from the writings of St. Louis Marie de Montfort– The Love of Eternal Wisdom No. 10

Nothing is more consoling than to know divine Wisdom. Happy are those who listen to him; happier still are those who desire him and seek him; but happiest of all are those who keep his laws. Their hearts will be filled with that infinite consolation which is the joy and happiness of the eternal Father and the glory of the angels (cf. Prov. 2:1-9).

If only we knew the joy of a soul that perceives the beauty of divine Wisdom and is nourished with the milk of divine kindness, we would cry out with the bride in the Song of Songs: "Your love is better than wine" (Song 1:3) better by far than all created delights.

This is especially true when divine Wisdom says to those who contemplate him, "Taste and see" (Ps. 33:9), eat and drink, be filled with my eternal sweetness (Song 5:1), for you will discover that conversing with me is in no way distasteful, that my companionship is never tedious and in me only will you find joy and contentment (Wisd. 8:16).

Intercessions:

R/ Lord, hear our prayer.

That there will be continued unity among the Montfortian Gabrielites Associates (MGAs) and be in one accord to journey together in their Montfortian spirituality, we pray: **/R**

That the MGAs will be zealous in the spreading of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, we pray: **/R**

That the MGAs family will enhance their knowledge of Wisdom, we pray: **/R**

That we may have patience in carrying our crosses daily and embracing them with joy, we pray: **/R**

Our Father...

Litany to St. Louis de Montfort

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

God the Father of Heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Spirit,

Christ, graciously hear us.

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God,

Have mercy on us.

Hail Mary

pray for us!

Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort

pray for us!

Ardent disciple of Jesus Christ the Incarnate Wisdom,

pray for us!

Eloquent preacher of the Cross,

pray for us!

Singer of the praises of the Sacred Heart,

pray for us!

Loving slave of Jesus in Mary,

pray for us!

Faithful son of the handmaid of the Lord,

pray for us!

Apostle of the Most Holy Rosary,

pray for us!

Preacher of the Mother of the Redeemer,

pray for us!

Servant of the poor and the afflicted,

pray for us!

Man of solitude and prayer,

pray for us!

Wonder of mortification,

pray for us!

Model of priests and missionaries,

pray for us!

Fervent minister of the Holy Eucharist,

pray for us!

Fearless champion of truth,

pray for us!

Restorer of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament,

pray for us!

Marvel of poverty and abandonment to Divine Providence,

pray for us!

Teacher of the people of God,

pray for us!

Founder of Religious congregations,

pray for us!

Apostle of the end times,

pray for us!

Obedient collaborator with the Pope and Bishops,

pray for us!

You see the Face of God:

obtain for us perseverance in the faith.

You shine within Infinite Charity:

obtain for us the gift of pure love.

You live in the New Jerusalem:

obtain for us the spirit of prayer.

You stand before the throne of the Lamb:

obtain for us the wisdom of the Cross.

You contemplate the Mother of the Lord:

obtain for us true devotion to Mary.

You dwell with the Apostles of Christ:

obtain for us missionary zeal.

You share in the communion of Saints:

obtain for us love for the Church.

You are seated at the Table of the Kingdom:

obtain for us the crown of glory.

You are the powerful intercessor before the Throne of God: *hear our prayers.*

Let us pray,

O God, who in the power of the Holy Spirit has made Saint Louis-Marie an ardent apostle of Christ Crucified and a faithful son of the Virgin Mary, grant that through his example and intercession, we may be renewed in the spirit of our baptism and be always faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN: O PUREST OF CREATURES

1. O Purest of creatures, sweet Mother, sweet maid,
The one spotless womb wherein Jesus was laid!
Dark night hath come down on us, Mother! and we
Look out for thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea!
2. Deep night hath come down on this rough-spoken world,
And the banners of darkness are boldly unfurled;
And the tempest-tossed Church,---all her eyes are on thee;
They look to thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea!
3. He gazed on thy soul, it was spotless and fair,
For the empire of sin---it had never been there;
None ever had owned thee, dear Mother, but He.
And He blest thy clear shining, sweet Star of the Sea!
4. Earth gave Him one lodging; t'was deep in thy breast,
And God found a home where the sinner finds rest;
His home and His hiding-place both were in thee,
He was won by thy shining, sweet Star of the Sea!