

BLESSED TIMOTHY GIACCARDO

(22 October)

Memorial

Timothy was born on 13 June 1896 at Narzole, in the diocese of Alba, Italy. On the same day he was baptised and named Joseph. Later, when he made the religious profession, he was given the name Timothy.

Bl. Alberione testifies about him:

“From 1909 to 1914, when Divine Providence was preparing the Pauline Family, he had something like a clear intuition about it, though he did not understand everything. The enlightenment he received from the Holy Eucharist to which he was most devoted, his fervent Marian devotion, his meditation on the pontifical documents more than his reading of them, enlightened him on all the needs of the Church and on the modern means of doing good.

He joined in 1917 as master of the first boys gathered with a view to forming the society of St Paul.”

Timothy was ordained priest on 19 October 1919. Soon after the ordination, he noted in his diary “I have ascended the altar carrying the idea I had as a seminarian: ‘It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.’ It is very sweet for me to remember, to thank with an explicit act, the Madonna, as every priest comes from her heart; and I came from there with a superabundance of defects, of care, of providence, of grace, of life.”

In January 1926 he was sent to Rome to start working for the first branch of the Society of St Paul.

In 1937 he returned to Alba as superior of the Mother House. He was the master who preceded all through his example, taught all, and advised all.

In 1946 he was called to Rome and made the Vicar General of the Congregation. After having renewed the offering of his life for the Pauline Family, on 24 January 1948, he died a pious death.

Preaching at Giaccardo’s funeral, Fr Alberione said, “Fr Timothy was called and truly was the Signor Maestro. He represented the Lord well: at the altar, in the confessional, on the pulpit, in conversations, at recreation, in relationships, in all the many offices he discharged and in his private life, he always represented the Lord well; he was another Christ...” (CISP 393)

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Entrance antiphon

2 Tim 2:1:3

As for you, my son, be strong through the grace that is ours in union with Christ Jesus; take your part in suffering as a loyal soldier of Christ Jesus.

Opening prayer

O God, you have guided blessed Timothy Giaccardo, priest, in life and in apostolate, with the light of your Word and the power of the Eucharist. Grant through his intercession that in the Church and in the world, the instruments of social communication may be rightly employed to lead people to goodness and that they may contribute to the spreading of the Gospel message in every place. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

FIRST READING

A reading from the Second letter of St Paul to

Timothy

2Tim 1:13-14; 2:1-3

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives in us, keep the good things that have been entrusted to you.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. With the help of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, look after that precious thing given in trust. As for you, my dear son, take strength from the grace which is in Christ Jesus. Pass on to reliable people what you have heard from me through many witnesses so that they in turn will be able to teach others. Bear with your share of difficulties, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1-3. 7-8, 10

Response:

To my brothers I will announce peace.

Come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful sound
to the Rock of our salvation. R/

Let us come before him giving thanks,
let us acclaim him with music and song.
For the Lord is the great God,
the great king above all gods. R/

He is our God, and we his people;
the flock he leads and pastures. R/

If today you hear his voice,
do not be stubborn, as at Meribah,
in the desert, on that day at Massah. R/

For forty years they wearied me and I said,
“They are a people of inconstant heart;
they have not known my ways.” R/

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! alleluia!
I have called you friends, says the Lord,
because all that I have heard from the Father,
I have made known to you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St John

Jn 15:9-17

I do not call you servants anymore, but friends.
I have loved you
Just as the Father has loved me.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.
No one can have greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you.
I shall no longer call you servants,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
so that the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
My command to you
is to love one another.
This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the gifts

Lord, sanctify with your blessing the gifts we offer in memory of Blessed Timothy Giaccardo, and transform them for us into the sacrament of salvation, so that, approaching your altar, we may be freed from every sin and enabled to participate in the banquet of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface

All-powerful and ever living God, it is truly good and right to give you thanks, and to sing to you a hymn of blessing and praise.
In Blessed Timothy Giaccardo
who consecrated his life to Christ your Son
for the kingdom of heaven,
we celebrate, O Father,
the wonderful initiative of your love
as you lead the human race
back to the sanctity of its origin
and give it a foretaste of the gifts
you have prepared in the renewed world.
For this sign of your goodness,
united with the angels and the saints,
with one voice
we sing the hymn of your praise.
Holy...

Antiphon at Communion

Lk 10:1-9

The Lord sent his disciples to proclaim in every place: "The kingdom of God has come near you."

Prayer after Communion

May your holy Sacrament we have received sanctify and renew us, O Lord, and may the intercession of Blessed Timothy Giaccardo help us to progress every day in our dedication to your service. Through Christ our Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Invitatory Antiphon
In remembering Blessed Timothy Giaccardo,
let us praise the Lord our God.

For the invitatory Psalm, see page 17.

HYMN:

We sing to the Divine Master
Who willed as his follower
Blessed Timothy Giaccardo,
Wise and faithful disciple.

Fixing his eyes on St Paul
He wanted to follow his footsteps
Living for Christ and the brothers
To the glory of God the Father.

Filled with the Holy Spirit
He proclaimed the word to the world
And spread through the modern means
The good news that brings salvation.

Nourished at the divine table
Of the Bread and of the Word
His eyes turned to Mother Mary,
He reached the holy mountain.

With Paul who was his model
He too was able to confess:
“It is no longer I who live,
It is Christ who lives in me.”

To the Father be all glory
And to the Son, Christ our Master,
Praise be to the Holy Spirit
For all ages unending . Amen.

Psalms and their antiphons from the occurring weekday.

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

5:17-22;6:10-14

The good fight of the elder and the man of God

Elders who do their work well while they are in charge earn double reward, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. As scripture says: You must not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the corn; and again: The worker deserves his wages. Never accept any accusation brought against an elder unless it is supported by two or three witnesses. If anyone is at fault, reprimand him publicly, as a warning to the rest. Before God, and before Jesus Christ and the angels he has chosen, I charge you to keep these rules impartially and never to be influenced by favouritism. Do not be too quick to lay hands on anyone, and never make yourself an accomplice in anybody else's sin; keep yourself pure.

The love of money is the root of all evils and there are some who, pursuing it, have wandered away from the faith and so given their souls any number of fatal wounds.

But, as someone dedicated to God, avoid that. You must aim to be upright and religious, filled with faith and love, perseverance and gentleness.

Fight the good fight of faith and win the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made your noble profession of faith before many witnesses. Now, before God, the source of all life, and before Jesus Christ, who witnessed to his noble profession of faith before Pontius Pilate, I charge you to do all that you have been told, with no fault or failure, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORY

R/ People shall think of us as servants of Christ, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God.

*Stewards are expected to be trustworthy.

V. Many describe themselves as people of faithful love, but who can find someone really to be trusted? *Stewards are expected to be trustworthy.

SECOND READING

From the book Queen of the Apostles by BI. Timothy Giaccardo (2nd ed. Pp.177ff.XVI Consideration).

The apostolate of the press is the written preaching of the word of God, done by the authority of the Church.

Mary Most Holy is Queen of the apostolate of the press, because she is the Queen of the Apostles, and the apostolate of the press, according to the Holy Father Pius XI, "is the most apostolic activity one can do." We still call the Queen of the Press, the sweet and powerful

Queen of the Apostles because the press does not take away the universal empire of the Virgin, and helps to bring all things under her dominion.

The press, whose Queen the Holy Madonna is, is the press of the Holy Gospel, which comes from the See of St Peter: for this press she is Queen of love, who illumines and comforts, blesses and rewards. Trust the Catholic Press, because it is under the command of Mary; fear the press which goes against Mary, because it ensnares her heels. The apostolate of the press, which is expressed in books and newspapers, is the living word of the living and loving God, just like the preaching that was the living word of God the Saviour, which is expressed in articulated sounds.

The apostolate of the press is the written preaching of the word of God, done by the authority of the Church. It is therefore the publication, the defence, the explanation, the propagation, the application and the popularization of the of the gospel which one receives from the Holy Catholic Church it is the diffusion of the word of the Pope, be it the solemn and infallible word or the word of the ordinary, universal and sure magisterium. The apostolate of the press is fully supernatural because of the to which it tends, the mandate from which it originates, the object which it administers, and the authority with which it works. But also naturally the press is a kingdom, and Mary rules over it.

The phenomenon of the press is today perhaps the principal manifestation in the field of human activity, and one of the most important means of zeal.

The greater part of the intellectual activity of men is dedicated to the press. The newspaper is today's hunger, today's thirst, today's breath; the newspaper raises up ideas, guides the will, forms the conscience, dominates public opinion. The spoken word passes, the printed word remains.

The newspaper, the press, is known by a very 'true and very expressive name, 'the king of the times'; and the press and the people recognize most holy Mary as their Queen.

The apostolate of the press, like oral preaching, is a great sacramental of the Church; and, in so far as it is the diffusion of the Revelation, it participates in the great mystery of the redemption which is truth, way and life.

God is the first author. He commanded to write, as He commanded to preach, in fact even more frequently. This is the charity of light, of faith; the charity which is the way to grace, to salvation, to joy.

St Paul was the most ardent apostle, yet those who know his spirit very deeply tell us: if St Paul were to come back to the world today, he would become a journalist: "My tongue is the pen". Most holy Mary is all eyes and all heart on this majestic message of good which today Divine Providence has given to the world.

Supplementary Reading (optional)

From the homily of Pope John Paul II at the Beatification of Timothy Giaccardo, 20 October 1989

“But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?” (Lk 18:8)

The question which Jesus asks his disciples even today has always raised up in the Church renewed commitment for the proclamation of the truth. The kingdom of God, kingdom of truth, of grace, of justice and of peace, asks for promptness in welcoming every suitable moment, every favourable occasion to proclaim the word and to exhort “with all patience and with care to instruct” (2 Tim 4:2).

It is really the mission of a Church inserted in our time, in which the structure and the means of communication have assumed so much importance, that has raised up in Timothy Giaccardo, son of the diocese of Alba in Piedmont, the will to place himself radically at the service of the word through the press and all the new ways of transmitting ideas.

Faced with a world in which faith encounters difficulties and snares of all kinds, which place in danger its very survival in many souls, Timothy Giaccardo, first disciple of Fr Alberione, interpreted fidelity to his own priestly vocation assuming the charge of working for a proclamation which, through the press, would reach an even wider and incisive diffusion among the brethren.

Thus he proposed to diffuse the Gospel and the teachings of the Church through the modern means of social communication, understood as the principal and typical apostolate of the modern world: and this in absolute faithfulness to the magisterium of the Church, in spiritual life nourished through the daily Eucharistic adoration and the devotion to Our Lady, in the persuasive examples of a humility and sweetness, which made him dear to the entire Pauline Family. On the seventy-fifth anniversary of its foundation this Family finds in him the ideal to look up to, for the continuation of the mission entrusted to it by Fr Alberione.

“The Divine Master should reign over all, should be given whole to all: with his Gospel to the minds; with his Sanctity to the will and customs; with his Heart to the hearts; with his Prayer and his Eucharist to the spirit and to the life through the apostolate of the Editions.” This he wrote, and in such a project sanctified his life, conscious that the missionary vocation of the Church can and should take the responsibility of diffusing the Gospel not only in every place, but also in the social and moral context of all the wonderful technical inventions which, above all in our time, human genius has succeeded in drawing out from created reality, as the Council stressed exactly twenty five years ago, in the Decree *Inter Mirifica*. Also the wonders of modern social communication are the ‘locus’ and the ‘voice’ where the message of the revealed word incarnates. They are an instrument which apostles should use so that faith and the welcome to salvation may not be wanting when the Son of Man comes to bring the destiny of humanity to completion.

RESPONSORY

2 Tim 4:1-2,5,17

R/ Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I urge you, in the name of his appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message. *Do the work of preaching the Gospel; fulfil the service asked of you.

V. The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed. *Do the work of preaching the Gospel; fulfil the service asked of you.

PRAYER

O God, you have guided Blessed Timothy Giaccardo, priest, in life and in apostolate, with the light of your word and the power of the Eucharist. Grant through his intercession that in the Church and in the world, the instruments of social communication may be rightly employed to lead people to goodness and that they may contribute to the spreading of the Gospel message in every place. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

MORNING PRAYER

HYMN

O Father's sole-begotten Word,
O Light coequal to the Light.
With Father Source and selfsame Light,
Upon us all shed radiance bright.

The chaos at the dawn of time
You severed and the darkness deep,
The universe to recombine
With order wondrous and complete.

In body formed from earthly clay
You made the soul in splendour shine,
Partaker in the life divine,
For glory destined beyond time.

O Father's Word, You did resound
When prophets told to fallen man
The coming of God's very Son
According to salvation's plan.

The prophecies You then fulfilled;
Because You loved humans so much,
You came upon our lowly earth,
Took form that we could see and touch.

Our everlasting Truth, Way, Life—
By You we're led, by You we live.
To Father, You and Paraclete
May all creation glory give.

(The hymn of the office of Reading or any other suitable hymn approved by the competent authority may be used.)

Antiphons and Psalms from the occurring weekday

SCRIPTURE READING

Rom 12:1-2

I urge you, then, brothers, remembering the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, dedicated and acceptable to God; that is the kind of worship for you, as sensible people. Do not model your behaviour on the contemporary world, but let the renewing of your minds transform you, so that you may discern for yourselves what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and mature.

SHORT RESPONSORY

R. The heart of the saints *delight in the law of God. (repeat R/)

V. Straight and sure is their way in the law of

God. Glory be. R/

The heart of the saints delight in the law of God.

Benedictus antiphon: Anyone who does the will of my Father is my brother, sister and mother, says the Lord.

For Benedictus, see page 45.

INTERCESSIONS

United in the liturgy of praise, let us invoke Christ the Lord so that he helps us in serving him in holiness and justice all the days of our life.

R. Sanctify your people, Lord.

You have been tested in everything to become like us in all things except sin,—Lord Jesus, have mercy on your people. R/

You call all to perfect charity,—Lord Jesus, grant that we may practice it following the example of Bl. Timothy Giaccardo. R/

You wanted your disciples to be salt of the earth and light of the world,—Lord Jesus, help us to be such through the use of the means of social communication. R/

You have come to serve and not to be served,— Lord Jesus, teach us to serve you in our brothers, doing to all, without distinction, the charity of truth. R/

You are the light of the glory of the Father and the imprint of his substance,—Lord Jesus, grant that at the end of life we shall contemplate your face together with the saints. R/

Our Father.

PRAYER

As at the office of the Reading. See page 115.

PRAYER DURING THE DAY

Hymn, psalms and antiphons from the occurring weekday

EVENING PRAYER

Hymn: from the Office of Reading, or another suitable hymn approved by competent authority.

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 I have become a minister of the gospel according to the bountiful gift of God (alleluia).

PSALM 14 (15)

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent*
and dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;*
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;*
he who does not slander with his tongue;

he who does no wrong to his brother,*
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,*
but honours those who fear the Lord;

he who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan*
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
such a man will stand firm for ever.

Ant. 1 I have become a minister of the gospel according to the bountiful gift of God (alleluia).

Ant. 2 This is the wise and faithful servant whom the Master placed in charge of his household (alleluia).

PSALM 111(112)

Happy the man who fears the Lord,*
who takes delight in all his commands.
His sons will be powerful on earth;*
the children of the upright are blessed.

Riches and wealth are in his house;*
his justice stands firm for ever.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright;*
he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,*
he conducts his affairs with honour.
The just man will never waver;*
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;*
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;*
he will see the downfall of his foes.

Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm forever.*
His head will be raised in glory.

The wicked man sees and is angry,
grinds his teeth and fades away;*
the desire of the wicked leads to doom.

Ant. 2 This is the wise and faithful servant whom the Master placed in charge of his household (alleluia).

Ant. 3 The sheep that belongs to me listen to my voice; there will be only one flock and one shepherd (alleluia).

CANTICLE:

Rev 15:3-4

Great and wonderful are your deeds,*
O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,*
O King of the ages!

Who shall not fear and glorify your name, O Lord?*

For you alone are holy.
All nations shall come and worship you,*
For your judgments have been revealed.

Ant. 3 The sheep that belongs to me listen to my voice; there will be only one flock and one shepherd (alleluia).

SCRIPTURE READING

Rom 8:28-30

We are well aware that God works with those who love him, those who have been called in accordance with his purpose, and turns everything to their good. He decided beforehand who were the ones destined to be moulded to the pattern of his Son, so that he should be the eldest of many brothers; it was those so destined that he called; those that he called, he justified, and those he has justified he has brought into glory.

SHORT RESPONSORY

R/ The Lord is just, *he loves justice. (repeat R/)

V/ He watches good people with love, he loves justice. Glory be. R/

Magnificat Antiphon:

You have left everything to follow me; you will have hundred times as much and eternal life.

For Magnificat, see page 96.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray God the Father, source of all holiness, so that through the example of Bl. Timothy Giaccardo, he may grant us to live our Pauline mission in conformity with our baptism.

Let us say together:

P/ Make us holy, Lord, because you are holy.

Holy Father, you want that we should be called and really be your children,—grant that the Church may glorify you on all the earth through the light of its holiness. R/

Holy Father, you invite us to walk in a manner worthy of our vocation, to please you in everything, — grant that we may bear abundant fruits of good works through the wise use of the means of social communication. R/

Holy Father, you have reconciled us in Christ,— watch over those who believe in your name, so that they may become one with you. R/

Holy Father, you want us to be in fellowship at the banquet of your Son, —grant that we may grow in charity at the table of his body and of his word, to make of them a gift to all. R/

Holy Father, admit our departed brothers and sisters to the contemplation of your face,— make us also worthy of your glory. R/

Our Father.

PRAYER

As at the Office of Reading. See page 115.

For Night Prayer, see Page 220.