

SCRIPTURAL READING

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the
Corinthians.

[1 Cor 11:1-2]

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. I commend you
because you remember me in everything and maintain
the traditions just as I handed them on to you.

The Word of the Lord.

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Lord, help us to be imitators of Blessed Michael Rua,
as he sought to imitate St. John Bosco. May the
intercession of both of these saints help us to model
Christ in our everyday lives.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Ant.: **The Spirit of the Lord** has consecrated me
to proclaim a joyful message to the poor.

*[Melody: "I Sing the Mighty Pow'r of God" (Mozart) or
the Forest Green melody.]*

Now bless the God of Israel,
Who comes in love and pow'r,
Who raises from the royal house
Deliv'rance in this hour.
Through holy prophets God has sworn
To free us from alarm,
To save us from the heavy hand
Of all who wish us harm.

Remembering the covenant,
God rescues us from fear,
that we might serve in holiness
and peace from year to year.
And you, my child, shall go before
To preach, to prophesy,
That all may know the tender Lord,
The grace of God most high.

In tender mercy, God will send
The Dayspring from on high,
Our rising Sun, the light of life
For those who sit and sigh.
God comes to guide our way to peace,
That death shall reign no more.
Sing praises to the Holy One!
O worship and adore!

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: At the beginning of this new day, let us raise
our prayers and supplications to God our
Father.

1. Through the grace that comes from You, Father,
You enable the ministers of Your Church to work
with patience in charity.
**Grant courage and perseverance to those You
have called to work for the Kingdom.**
2. In Blessed Michael Rua You have given us a model
of total availability to Your call.
**Grant that by imitating his example, we may
love and serve Christ in the young with whom
we come in contact.**