

**Memorial of
BLESSED MICHAEL RUA
October 29**

MORNING PRAYER

Presider: God, come to my assistance ...

OPENING HYMN

[Frank R. Wolfram, SDB]

Melody: Aurelia: "The Church's One Foundation" 7676D

Alternate melodies:

St. Theodulph: "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Ellecombe: "The Day of Resurrection"

We praise You, God the Father,
For all Your saints above,
Whose faith shone forth so brightly,
Who walked the way of Love.
They imitated Jesus,
They served Him well below
And, guided by the Spirit,
They help us You to know.

All praise for Michael Rua,
Your faithful son and priest,
Who followed Saint John Bosco
And served those who were least.
With poverty resplendent,
He gave his all to You.
May we too be apostles
In all we say and do.

The PSALMODY is taken from the weekday.

3. In Blessed Michael You have given us an example of work and temperance.
Help us to bear witness to the values of evangelical poverty by our way of life.
4. You made Blessed Michael the faithful collaborator of St. John Bosco and the person to continue his work.
Grant also to us a filial spirit, so that we may progress along the way of holiness.
5. You constituted Blessed Michael Rua as the responsible leader of a religious Family in rapid expansion.
Enlighten with Your Spirit of wisdom those whom you call to guide the Salesian Congregation.

The Our Father is recited.

CLOSING PRAYER

God our Father,
You have given to Your priest Blessed Michael Rua,
the spiritual heir of St. John Bosco,
the ability to form in the young Your divine image.
Grant also that we,
who are called to educate young people,
may make known the true countenance
of Christ, Your Son.
He is God and lives and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.
Amen.