

# Liturgy Alive of Feria

ST. SCHOLASTICA, Virgin, Religious

Memorial — February 10

## Introduction

Not much is known about St Scholastica, the sister of the great St. Benedict, in whose shadow she lived. Dedicating her virginity to God, she first lived a life of prayer at home, then stayed near her brother at Subiaco, then Monte Cassino, until Benedict put her in charge of a community of women.

We know from history how Benedictine monasteries of men and women not only radiated peace, but were in many regions the civilizers and the main witnesses to Christ's presence in the world.

## Opening Prayer

God our Father,  
we thank you for saints  
like St. Scholastica;  
they remind us that a life  
of prayer and community  
bears witness to your presence in this world.  
Make us too see clearly  
that it is ultimately you who count  
and you who are the meaning of our lives  
and that the bond that unites us  
with people anywhere

is Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Gospel Introduction

A sign that Jesus is the Promised Savior is that he first goes to the poor, the sick, the marginalized people, for they need him most. Not only material poverty is meant. The deaf and the mute, the hard of hearing and the stammerers are we who are shut up within ourselves, often closed to God and to one another. Jesus comes to open our ears and mouths to the words and deeds of God, that we may listen to his message and respond to his love, and that we may also hear those who are poor and speak to them. Note that this miracle too happens in pagan territory. Let Jesus in the Eucharist heal us and commit us to God and people.

## Prayer over the Gifts

God our Father,  
by the signs of food and drink  
your Son Jesus gives himself to us  
and gathers us together as a community  
of love and service.  
Make the communities  
of religious men and women  
a sign for all to see  
that you want us to be one  
as the people you have liberated  
and bound to you in a covenant  
through the death and risen life

of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayer after Communion**

God our Father,

we give you thanks for this eucharist  
and for all the good done  
in the Church and for the world  
by religious men and women.  
Let them be living witnesses  
that the gospel is worth living for.  
Through the body and blood of your Son  
strengthen them to be to everyone  
worshippers in spirit and in truth  
who, on account of you,  
are concerned about people

with Jesus Christ our Lord.