

**7th May**  
**BLESSED MARIE LOUISE OF JESUS, virgin**

*Co-foundress of the Daughters of Wisdom*

**Memorial**  
**Feast for the Daughters of Wisdom**

*Marie Louise Trichet was born in Poitiers (France) on May 7, 1684. At the age of 17 she placed herself under the spiritual direction of Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort. On February 2, 1703, she took the habit of the Daughters of Wisdom and received the name of Marie Louise of Jesus. For ten years she was alone in the General Hospital of Poitiers and courageously bore a series of uncommon trials. In La Rochelle and Saint Laurent sur Sèvre, with her first companions, she continued her service of the poor and the sick in hospitals and schools.*

*Hers is the “wisdom” of a life entirely given to the Lord for the service of the poor, under the maternal eye of Mary, Mother of “Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom”. Her spiritual testament is a whole programme for life: “I recommend to all Daughters of Wisdom, present and to come, never to deviate from the spirit of our Holy Founder, which is a spirit of humility, poverty, detachment, charity and union with one another...”*

*When she died at Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre, on April 28, 1759, the Congregation of Wisdom numbered 122 religious in 35 communities; 40 had already gone to the Father’s house.*

**ENTRANCE VERSE**

*Cf. Mic 6:8*

Let us celebrate Blessed Marie Louise, woman of wisdom, who acted justly, loved tenderly and walked humbly with her God. Alleluia.

**GLORIA**

*(where celebrated as a Feast)*

**OPENING PRAYER**

O God,  
in your providential design  
you willed that the virgin Blessed Marie Louise of Jesus,  
formed in the school of the Mother of the Lord  
should become a disciple of your Wisdom.  
Grant that by following her example  
we may reveal your love to the poor  
and bring to all  
the joyful message of the wisdom of the Gospel.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

*(Where celebrated as a Memorial the Readings can be taken from the occurring day or the following)*

## **FIRST READING**

1 Cor 1:26-31

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

*God chose what is foolish by human reckoning.*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

*The word of the Lord.*

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 33*

**Response:** *I will bless the Lord at all times.*

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(/R)**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **(/R)**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **(/R)**

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(/R)**

Revere the Lord, you his saints.  
They lack nothing, those who revere him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. **(/R)**

## **ALLELUIA**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the Kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL**

*Mt 11:25 30*

*A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

*You have hidden these things from the learned and have revealed them to mere children.*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Lord,  
may the gifts we bring you  
help us follow the example of Blessed Marie Louise of Jesus.  
Cleanse us from our earthly way of life,  
and teach us to live the new life of your kingdom.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## **Preface for Virgins and Religious**

*(Where celebrated as a Memorial Preface for Virgins and Religious or for Paschal Time).*

## **COMMUNION VERSE**

*Cf. Matt 11:28; Prov 9:5*

Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened. Come and eat my bread and drink my wine which I have prepared for you. Alleuia.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord,  
by the power of this sacrament  
and the example of Blessed Marie Louise  
guide us always in your love.  
May the good work you have begun in us  
reach perfection in the day of Christ Jesus  
who is Lord for ever and ever.