# Blessed Gaspar Stanggassinger, Priest:

Memorial, September 26.

# **OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty and eternal God,

who gave Blessed Gaspar the grace to announce the faith with joy and to dedicate himself to the formation of candidates for the priesthood, grant, through his intercession, that we may follow his example and become cooperators of the divine Redeemer in word and in deed. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Philippians 4: 4-9

## FIRST READING To express our gratitude.

#### A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R. Be my strength, O Lord.

O Lord, my heart is not proud, nor haughty are my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. R.

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. R.

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. R.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

"Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it," says the Lord.

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#### GOSPEL

Mark 10:13-16

Jesus and the little children.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

(Mk 10:15)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS 4 God, our Father, accept the gifts of your people in honor of Blessed Gaspar, and through our participation in this sacrifice grant that we may express in our lives the power of your love. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE Priest: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. Priest: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up to the Lord. Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks and to raise up to you the hymn of blessing and of praise. Today we honor your saints who consecrated their lives to Christ for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. What love you show us as you recall humankind to its first innocence, and invite us to taste on earth the gifts of the world to come! Now with the saints and all the angels

we praise you for ever:

Communion Antiphon No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends (Jn 15:13).

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, may this holy banquet sustain us, so that, after the example of Blessed Gaspar, we may bear witness in thought and deed to the light of your truth and to love for our brothers and sisters. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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