

ST. TIMOTHY

TRIDENTINE MASS READINGS

A Reading from First Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy (I Timothy 6. 11-16)

Dearly beloved: Follow after justice, godliness, faith, charity, patience, mildness. Fight the good fight of faith; lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art called, and hast confessed a good confession before many witnesses. I charge thee before God, Who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, Who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate, a good confession; that thou keep the commandment without spot, blameless, unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; which, in His times, he shall show Who is the Blessed and only Mighty, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who alone hath immortality, and inhabiteth light inaccessible; Whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to Whom be honor and empire everlasting. Amen.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (St. Luke 14. 26-33)

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: If any man come to Me, and hate not his father and mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters, yea and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whosoever doth not carry his cross and come after Me, cannot be My disciple. For which of you, having a mind to build a tower, doth not first sit down and reckon the charges that are necessary, whether he have wherewithal to finish it: lest, after he hath laid the foundation and is not able to finish it, all that see it begin to mock him, saying: This man began to build, and was not able to finish? Or what king about to go to make war against another king, doth not first sit down and think whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that with twenty thousand cometh against him? Or else, while the other is yet afar off, sending an embassy, he desireth conditions of peace. So likewise every one of you that doth not renounce all that he possesseth, cannot be My disciple.