

18 August

**Saint Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga, Priest**

**Memorial**

**Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga** (1901-1952) was born in Viña del Mar, Chile. He entered the Jesuit novitiate at Chillán in July 1923, did his religious studies in Spain and Belgium, and was ordained a priest in 1933. On returning to Chile in 1936, he was a teacher, counsellor, retreat director, author, and youth organizer. In Santiago he founded *Hogar de Cristo* for homeless children. As well, he was involved in various social action organizations and activities. He died on 18 August 1952, and was given at his burial full state honours.

**Entrance Antiphon (RM)**

**Mt 25: 34, 36, 40**

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:

I was sick, and you visited me.

Amen, I say to you:

Whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren,  
you did it for me.

**Collect**

**O God, our Father, who in Saint Alberto Hurtado, your Priest,  
have given us a clear sign of your love,  
grant that, through his intercession,  
holding fast to the Gospel with determination,  
we may, with the love of Christ,  
attend to our brothers and sisters,  
especially the abandoned and the poor,  
and so advance your Kingdom of justice, love, and peace.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.**

**Prayer over the Offerings (RM)**

**Receive, O Lord, the offerings of your people,  
and grant that we, who celebrate  
your Son's work of boundless charity,  
may, by the example of Saint Alberto,  
be confirmed in love of you and of our neighbour.  
Through Christ our Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon (RM)**

**Jn 15: 13**

Greater love has no one  
than to lay down his life for his friends.

**Prayer after Communion**

**Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that we, who are renewed by these sacred mysteries,  
may follow the example of Saint Alberto,  
who honoured you with tireless devotion  
and, by surpassing charity, was of service to your people.  
Through Christ our Lord.**

## PREFACE I OF SAINTS (RM)

### The glory of the Saints

**V/. The Lord be with you.**

**R/. And with your spirit.**

**V/. Lift up your hearts.**

**R/. We lift them up to the Lord.**

**V/. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**R/. It is right and just.**

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.**

**For you are praised in the company of your Saints  
and, in crowning their merits, you crown your own gifts.  
By their way of life you offer us an example,  
by communion with them you give us companionship,  
by their intercession, sure support,  
so that, encouraged by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
we may run as victors in the race before us  
and win with them the imperishable crown of glory,  
through Christ our Lord.**

**And so, with the Angels and Archangels,  
and with the great multitude of the Saints,  
we sing the hymn of your praise,  
as without end we acclaim:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .**