



St Vincent Strambi (1745- 1824) was the son of a pharmacist, and was born at Civitavecchia, Italy. He resisted his parents' wish that he become a diocesan priest, but joined the Passionists in 1768 after attending a retreat given by St. Paul of the Cross. Vincent became a professor of theology, was made provincial in 1781, and in 1801, was appointed bishop of Macera and Tolentino.

First Reading: (Zech 2:1-5, 10-11a) I, Zechariah, lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand! Then I said, "Where are you going?" And he said to me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its breadth and what is its length." And behold, the angel who talked with me came forward, and another angel came forward to meet him, and said to him, "Run, say to that young man, 'Jerusalem shall be inhabited as villages without walls, because of the multitude of men and cattle in it. For I will be to her a wall of fire round about, says the Lord, and I will be the glory within her.'" Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion; for lo, I come and I will dwell in the midst

of you, says the Lord. And many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people.

Jer 31:10-13

R./ The Lord will guard us, as a shepherd guards his flock.

Gospel: (Lk 9:43-45) While they were all marvelling at everything Jesus did, he said to his disciples, "Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men." But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, that they should not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

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People marvelled at the majesty of God. Even disciples began thinking about the earthly reign of Jesus. The disciples did not grasp the mystery of suffering and death foretold by Jesus. It was concealed from them because of their unbelief and perverseness, because they were spiritually dull. Once again Jesus affirms of his suffering and death. An invitation to everyone to share in it to enter into his glory. **What is our spiritual status and readiness in following Jesus... especially by sharing in the pain of our brothers and sisters?**