MAY 1, ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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INTROIT Wisdom 10: 17

Sapiéntia réddidit justis mercédem labórum suórum, et dedúxit illos in via mirábili, et fuit illis in velaménto diéi et in luce stellárum per noctem. Allelúja, allelúja. (Ps. 126: 1) Nisi Dóminus ædificáverit domum, in vanum labórant qui ædíficant eam. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sǽcula sæculórum. Amen. Sapiéntia réddidit justis mercédem labórum suórum, et dedúxit illos in via mirábili, et fuit illis in velaménto diéi et in luce stellárum per noctem. Allelúja, allelúja.

Wisdom rendered to the just the wages of their labors, and conducted them in a wonderful way: and she was to them for a covert by day, and for the light of stars by night. Alleluia, alleluia. (Ps. 126: 1) Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Wisdom rendered to the just the wages of their labors, and conducted them in a wonderful way: and she was to them for a covert by day, and for the light of stars by night. Alleluia, alleluia.

COLLECT

Rerum cónditor Deus, qui legem labóris humáno géneri statuísti: concéde propítius; ut, sancti Joseph exémplo et patrocínio, ópera perficiámus quæ prǽcipis, et prǽmia consequámur quæ promíttis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.

O God, Creator of all things, Who dost impose on man the law of work; grant in Thy goodness that, by the example and patronage of blessed Joseph, we may both accomplish the work Thou dost command and attain the reward Thou hast promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

EPISTLE
Colossians 3: 14-15, 17, 23-24

Fratres: Caritátem habéte, quod est vínculum perfectiónis, et pax Christi exsúltet in córdibus vestris, in qua et vocáti estis in uno córpore, et grati estóte. Omne quodcúmque fácitis in verbo aut in ópere, ómnia in nómine Dómini Jesu Christi, grátias agéntes Deo et Patri per ipsum. Quodcúmque fácitis, ex ánimo operámini sicut Dómino, et non homínibus, sciéntes quod a Dómino accipiétis retributiónem hereditátis. Dómino Christo servíte.

Brethren: Have charity, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ rejoice in your hearts, wherein also you are called in one body: and be ye thankful. All whatsoever you do in word or in work, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him. Whatsoever you do, do it from the heart, as to the Lord, and not to men: knowing that you shall receive of the Lord the reward of inheritance. Serve ye the Lord Christ.

GREATER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. De quacúmque tribulatióne clamáverint ad me, exáudiam eos, et ero protéctor eórum semper. Allelúja. Fac nos innócuam, Joseph, decúrrere vitam: sitque tuo semper tuta patrocínio. Allelúja.

Alleluia, alleluia. In whatever tribulation they shall cry to me, I will hear them and be their protector always. Alleluia. Make us, Joseph, to lead an innocent life: and may it ever be preserved by thy patronage. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 13: 54-58

In illo témpore: Véniens Jesus in pátriam suam, docébat eos in synagógis eórum, ita ut miraréntur et dícerent: Unde huic sapiéntia hæc et virtútes? Nonne hic est fabri filius? Nonne mater ejus dícitur María, et fratres ejus Jacóbus et Joseph et Simon et Judas? Et soróres ejus nonne omnes apud nos sunt? Unde ergo huic ómnia ista? Et scandalizabántur in eo. Jesus autem dixit eis: Non est prophéta sine honóre nisi in pátria sua et in domo sua. Et non fecit ibi virtútes multas propter incredulitátem illórum.

At that time, Jesus coming into His country, He taught them in their synagogues, so that they wondered and said: How came this man by this wisdom and miracles? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brethren James, and Joseph, and Simon, and Jude: and His sisters, are they not all with us? Whence therefore hath He all these things? And they were scandalized in His regard. But Jesus said to them: A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house. And He wrought not many miracles there, because of their unbelief.

OFFERTORY Psalms 87: 17

Bónitas Dómini Dei nostri sit super nos, et opus mánuum nostrárum secúnda nobis, et opus mánuum nostrárum secúnda. Allelúja.

Let the brightness of the Lord our God be upon us, and direct Thou the works of our hands over us; yea, the work of our hands do Thou direct. Alleluia.

SECRET

Quas tibi, Domine, opéribus mánuum nostrárum offérimus hóstias, sancti Joseph interpósito suffrágio, pignus fácias nobis unitátis et pacis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.

May the works of our hands, that we offer Thee in sacrifice, O Lord, become for us, by the intercession of blessed Joseph, a pledge of unity and peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

PREFACE OF ST. JOSEPH

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubíque grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus: Et te in festivitáte beáti Joseph débitis magnificáre præcóniis, benedícere et prædicáre. Qui et vir justus, a te Deíparæ Vírgini Sponsus est datus: et fidélis servus ac prudens, super Famíliam tuam est constitútus: ut Unigénitum tuum, Sancti Spíritus obumbratióne concéptum, patérna vice custodíret, Jesum Christum, Dóminum nostrum. Per quem majestátem tuam laudant Ángeli, adórant Dominatiónes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælorúmque Virtútes, ac beáta Séraphim sócia exsultatióne concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admítti júbeas, deprecámur, súpplici confessióne dicéntes:

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God: and that we should with due praise magnify, bless, and proclaim Thee on the Feast of blessed Joseph; who being a just man, was given by Thee as Spouse to the Virgin Mother of God, and, as a faithful and prudent servant, was set over Thy Family, that with fatherly care he might guard Thine only-begotten Son, conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Whom the Angels praise Thy majesty, the Dominations adore, the Powers tremble: the heavens and the hosts of heaven, and the blessed Seraphim, together celebrate in exultation. With whom, we pray Thee, command that our voices of supplication also be admitted in confessing Thee, saying:

COMMUNION Matthew 13: 54, 55

Unde huic sapiéntia hæc et virtútes? Nonne hic est fabri fílius? Nonne mater ejus dícitur María? Allelúja.

How came this man by this wisdom and miracles? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? Alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION

Hæc sancta quæ súmpsimus, Dómine: per intercessiónem beati Joseph, et operatiónem nostram cómpleant, et prǽmia confírment. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.

May these holy mysteries which we have received, O Lord, by the intercession of blessed Joseph, supply what is wanting in our works, and assure us of Thy rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.