MARCH 4, ST. CASIMIR, CONFESSOR

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The festival of this saint, who preserved a virginal purity in the midst of the frivolities of a royal court (died 1483), was instituted by Paul V. He practiced bodily mortification in a high degree, gave abundant alms and meditated continually on the sufferings of Christ. (Commemoration of St. Lucius) St. Lucius, Pope and Martyr, is praised greatly by St. Cyprian for his manner of dealing with lapsed Christians; he was exiled from Rome almost immediately after he became bishop; he lived only a

heart.

The mouth of the just shall meditate

wisdom, and his tongue shall speak

judgment: the law of his God is in his

heart. (Ps. 36: 1) Be not emulous of

iniquity. 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

evildoers: nor envy them that work

be, world without end. Amen. The

wisdom, and his tongue shall speak

judgment: the law of his God is in his

O God, Who didst fortify holy Casimir

allurements, through his intercession

we beseech Thee that Thy faithful may

scorn earthly things and ever aspire to

Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and

Eternal Shepherd, regard graciously

intercession of blessed Lucius, Thy

Martyr and Sovereign Pontiff, whom

Thou hast constituted shepherd of the

Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns

with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

Happy the man found without fault, who

turns not aside after gain, nor puts his

trust in money nor in treasures! Who is

he, that we may praise him? For he has

done wonders in his life. He has been

tested by gold and come off safe, and

this remains his glory forever; he could

have sinned but did not, could have

done evil but would not, so that his

possessions are secure in the Lord,

and the assembly of the Saints shall

he shall grow up like the cedar of

and Thy truth in the night.

The just shall flourish like the palm tree:

Lebanon in the house of the Lord. To

show forth Thy mercy in the morning,

(From Septuagesima until Easter the

Alleluia. Alleluia. Blessed is the man

Blessed is the man that feareth the

Lord: he shall delight exceedingly in

mighty upon earth: the generation of

the righteous shall be blessed. Glory

and wealth shall be in his house: and

his justice remaineth forever and ever.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples,

their lord, when he shall return from the

cometh, shall find watching. Amen I say

passing will minister unto them. And if

he shall come in the second watch, or

come in the third watch, and find them

know ye, that if the householder did

know at what hour the thief would

come, he would surely watch, and

open. Be you then also ready: for at

what hour you think not, the Son of

My truth and My mercy shall be with

We offer Thee, O Lord, sacrifices of

praise in commemoration of Thy saints,

by whom we trust to be delivered from

evils both present and future. Through

our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who

lives and reigns with Thee in the unity

of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and

By the offered gifts we beg Thee, O

that Thy flock everywhere may be

Lord: enlighten kindly Thy Church: so

increasing, and the Shepherds, under

Thy direction, may be pleasing to Thy

Name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Blessed is that servant, whom when his

lord shall come he shall find so doing.

Amen I say to you, he shall place him

We Thy suppliants, who are refreshed

with heavenly food and drink, beseech

fortified by the prayers of him in whose

commemoration we have partaken of

Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns

O Lord, we beseech Thee, graciously

govern Thy Church, which Thou hast

fed with a holy meal; so that, directed

by a mighty wisdom, she may progress

in liberty, and persist in the integrity of

faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with

Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

these gifts. Through our Lord Jesus

Thee, O our God, that we may be

Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with

Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, forever and ever.

over all his goods.

God, forever and ever.

God, forever and ever.

him: and in My name shall his horn be

man will come.

exalted.

ever.

so, blessed are those servants. But this

would not suffer his house to be broken

Let your loins be girt, and lamps

burning in your hands. And you

yourselves like to men who wait for

wedding; that when he cometh and

knocketh, they may open to him

immediately. Blessed are those

servants, whom the Lord when he

to you, that he will gird himself, and

make them sit down to meat, and

His commandments. His seed shall be

that endureth temptation: for when he

hath been proved, he shall receive the

Lesser Alleluia is omitted and the Tract

whole Church. Through our Lord Jesus

reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy

those of heaven. Through our Lord

Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Thy flock, and keep it with an

everlasting protection, by the

God, forever and ever.

recount his alms.

is said instead)

crown of life. Alleluia.

of kingly delights and the world's

with the virtue of constancy in the midst

mouth of the just shall meditate

few weeks after his return. INTROIT Psalms 36: 30,31

Os justi meditábitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur judícium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsíus, (Ps. 36: 1) Noli æmulári in malignántibus: neque zeláveris faciéntes iniquitátem. Glória

Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et

in sécula seculórum. Amen. Os justi meditábitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur judícium: lex Dei ejus in corde

ipsíus. COLLECT

Deus, qui inter regáles delicias et mundi illécebras sanctum Casimírum

virtúte constantiæ roborásti:

quæsumus; ut ejus intercessióne fidéles tui terréna despíciant, et ad

Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in

cæléstia semper aspírent. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of St. Lucius I) Gregem tuum, Pastor ætérne, placátus inténde: et, per beátum

Lúcium Mártyrem tuum atque Summum Pontíficem, perpétua protectióne custódi; quem totíus Ecclésiæ præstitísti esse pastórem. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum

Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit

et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti,

Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. **LESSON Ecclesiasticus 31: 8-11** Beátus vir, qui invéntus est sine mácula, et qui post aurum non ábiit,

nec sperávit in pecúnia et thesáuris.

Quis est hic, et laudábimus eum? fecit

enim mirabília in vita sua. Qui probátus est in illo, et perféctus est, erit illi glória ætérna: qui pótuit tránsgredi, et non est transgréssus: fácere mala, et non fecit: ídeo stabilíta sunt bona illíus in Dómino, et eleemósynas illíus enarrábit omnis ecclésia sanctórum.

Justus ut palma florébit: sicut cedrus

Líbani multiplicátur in domo Dómini.

tuam, et veritátem tuam per noctem.

Ad annuntiándum mane misericórdiam

GRADUAL Psalms 91: 13,14

(From Septuagesima until Easter the Lesser Alleluia is omitted and the Tract is said instead)

LESSER ALLELUIA James 1: 12

Allelúja, allelúja. V. Beátus vir, qui

suffert tentatiónem. quóniam cum

Allelúja.

sæculum sæculi.

probátus fúerit, accípiet corónam vitæ.

TRACT Psalms 111: 1-3 Beátus vir, qui timet Dóminum: in mandátis ejus cupit nimis. Potens in terra erit semen ejus: generátio rectórum benedicétur. Glória et divítiæ in domo ejus: et justítia ejus manet in

GOSPEL: Luke 12: 35-40 In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discípulis suis: Sint lumbi vestri præcíncti et lucérnæ ardéntes. Et vos simíles homínibus expectántibus dóminum suum quando revertátur a núptiis ut cum vénerit et pulsáverit conféstim apériant ei. Beáti servi illi quos cum vénerit dóminus invénerit vigilántes.

Amen dico vobis quod præcinget se et

fáciet illos discúmbere et tránsiens

ministrábit illis. Et si vénerit in secúnda vigíla et si in tértia vigíla vénerit et ita invénerit beáti sunt servi illi. Hoc autem scitóte quia si sciret pater familias qua hora fur véniret vigiláret útique et non síneret pérfodi domum suam et vos estóte paráti quia qua hora non putátis Fílius hóminis véniet.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 25

Laudis tibi, Dómine, hostias

nos et præséntibus éxui malis

immolámus in tuórum

sécula seculórum.

cornu ejus.

SECRET

Véritas mea et misericórdia mea cum

commemoratione sanctorum: quibus

confídimus, et futúris. Per Dóminum

qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte

Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia

(Commemoration of St. Lucius I)

Oblátis munéribus, quæsumus,

illúmina: ut, et gregis tui profíciat

tuo, te gubernánte, pastóres. Per

unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per

ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

bona sua constituet eum.

cujus hæc commemoratióne

percépimus, ejus muniámur et

POSTCOMMUNION

Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum,

Dómine, Ecclésiam tuam benígnus

ubíque succéssus, et grati fiant nómini

Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in

Amen dico vobis quóniam super ómnia

nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum,

ipso: et in nómine meo exaltábitur

COMMUNION Matthew 24: 46-47 Beátus ille servus quem cum vénerit dóminus ejus invénerit sic faciéntem.

précibus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of St. Lucius I)

Refectióne sancta enutrítam gubérna,

dirécta, et increménta libertátis accípiat

et in religiónis integritáte persístat. Per

Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in

Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum,

unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per

ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

quésumus Dómine, tuam placátus

Ecclésiam: ut poténti moderatione

Refécti cibo, pótuque cælésti, Deus

noster, te súpplices exorámus: ut, in