MAY 15, ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, CONFESSOR

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St. John Baptist de la Salle was canonized by Leo XIII, who also extended the observance of his feast to the Universal Church. His place in ecclesiastical history is chiefly important from the social point of view. Since at least two centuries before world changes rendered necessary the education of the masses, and before technical schools had gained for themselves the all-important place in the training of the young, which had up till then been held exclusively by classical teaching, God gave him an intuition of this need as though by a prophetic vision. St. John Baptist de la Salle, answering the divine call, resigned his honorable position as a canon of Rheims, and, overcoming much opposition and many difficulties, founded the Society of the Brothers of Christian Schools, which still is productive of so much good throughout the Church. He died at Rouen on Good Friday, April 7, 1719, at the age of 68.

in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Os justi meditábitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur judícium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsíus.

COLLECT

Deus, qui, ad christiánam páuperum eruditiónem et ad juvéntam in via veritátis firmándam, sanctum Joánnem Baptístam Confessórem excitásti, et novam per eum in Ecclésia famíliam collegísti: concéde propítius; ut ejus intercessióne et exémplo, stúdio

partícipes fíeri valeámus. Per

Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum,

unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per

**LESSON** Ecclesiasticus 31: 8-11

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

Beátus vir, qui invéntus est sine

ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in

Os justi meditábitur sapiéntiam, et

æmulári in malignántibus: neque

lingua ejus loquétur judícium: lex Dei

ejus in corde ipsíus. (Ps. 36: 1) Noli

Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut

zeláveris faciéntes iniquitátem. Glória

erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et

## glóriæ tuæ in animárum salúte fervéntes, ejus in coelis corónæ

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.

GRADUAL Psalm 91: 13,14

Justus ut palma florébit: sicut cedrus Líbani multiplicátur in domo Dómini. Ad annuntiándum mane misericórdiam tuam, et veritátem tuam per noctem.

LESSER ALLELUIA James 1: 12

Allelúja, allelúja. Beátus vir, qui suffert

tentatiónem. quóniam cum probátus

**GOSPEL Matthew 18: 1-5** 

fúerit, accípiet corónam vitæ. Allelúja.

In illo témpore: Accessérunt discípuli

ádvocans Jesus párvulum, státuit eum

efficiámini sicut párvuli, non intrábitis in

in médio eórum et dixit: Amen, dico

regnum coelórum. Quicumque ergo

est major in regno cælórum. Et qui

humiliáverit se sicut párvulus iste, hic

ad Jesum, dicéntes: Quis, putas,

major est in regno cælórum? Et

vobis, nisi convérsi fuéritis et

suscéperit unum párvulum talem in nómine meo, me súscipit.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 25

Véritas mea et misericórdia mea cum

ipso: et in nómine meo exaltábitur

immolámus in tuórum commemoratióne

sanctórum: quibus nos et præséntibus

Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in

éxui malis confídimus, et futúris. Per

Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum,

unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per

**COMMUNION Matthew 24: 46-47** 

Beátus ille servus quem cum vénerit

dóminus ejus invénerit sic faciéntem.

Refécti cibo, pótuque cælésti, Deus

noster, te súpplices exorámus: ut, in

précibus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum

Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit

Amen dico vobis quóniam super ómnia

ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

bona sua constituet eum.

cujus hæc commemoratióne

percépimus, ejus muniámur et

**POSTCOMMUNION** 

Laudis tibi, Dómine, hostias

cornu ejus.

**SECRET** 

## et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

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 be, world without end. Amen. The mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment: the law of his God is in his heart.

O God, Who, for the Christian instruction of the poor, and the strengthening of the young in the way of truth, didst raise up St. John Baptist, the confessor, and, through him, didst

gather a new family within Thy Church,

mercifully grant that, by his intercession

and example, fervent in zeal for Thy

glory and the salvation of souls, we

may be enabled to become sharers of

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

evildoers: nor envy them that work

his crown in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. 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 recount his alms. The just shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow up like the cedar of Lebanon in the house of the Lord. To show forth Thy mercy in the morning,

and Thy truth in the night.

crown of life. Alleluia.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Blessed is the man

that endureth temptation: for when he

hath been proved, he shall receive the

At that time, the disciples came to

Jesus saying: Who, thinkest Thou, is

the greater in the kingdom of heaven?

set him in the midst of them and said:

Amen I say to you, unless you be

kingdom of heaven. Whosoever

little child, he is the greater in the

receiveth Me.

ever.

over all his goods.

children, you shall not enter into the

therefore shall humble himself as this

kingdom of heaven. And he that shall

My truth and My mercy shall be with

him: and in My name shall his horn be

receive one such little child in My name

converted and become as little

And Jesus calling unto Him a little child,

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

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

with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

these gifts. Through our Lord Jesus

Thee, O our God, that we may be

God, forever and ever.