

JUNE 19, ST. JULIANA, VIRGIN

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St. Juliana Falconieri, born in Florence in 1270, niece of St. Alexis Falconieri, even as a child showed such sanctity that her holy uncle told her mother that she had given birth to an angel. To hear sin spoken of made her tremble. At the age of fifteen she consecrated her virginity to God. She founded the Order of the Mantelette (wearers of a short cloak or mantle); she was then asked by St. Philip Beniti to take charge of the whole order of the Servites and thus may be regarded as a second foundress of this Community devoted to the Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin. Toward the end of her life; on account of constant sickness, it was not possible for her to receive the Blessed Sacrament; she asked that it might be held near her heart. When this was done the sacred host miraculously penetrated her breast. She died on June 19, 1340. In olden times the pagans penetrated the mouth of the dead a piece of money as payment to the boatman Charon. In the Fourth Century it was already an ancient tradition of the Roman Church to comfort the last moments of the faithful by administration of the Eucharist; the Viaticum also was sometimes placed on the breast of the dead person. This custom which testified to the robust faith of that early age in the immortality of the soul and final resurrection was afterwards modified by the Church, decreeing that Communion after Confession and Extreme Unction should suffice as Viaticum.

Commemoration of Sts. Gervase & Protase: Sts. Gervase and Protase, said to be twins, were called by St. Ambrose the proto-martyrs of Milan. At the close of the Fourth Century he discovered their relics and had them suitably enshrined.

Their names are included in the Litany of the Saints.

INTROIT Psalms 44: 8

Dilexisti justitiam, et odisti iniquitatem: propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, oleo lætitiæ præ consórtibus tuis. (Ps. 44: 2) Eructávit cor meum verbum bonum: dico ego ópera mea Regi. Glória Patri et Filio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Dilexisti justitiam, et odisti iniquitatem: propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus, oleo lætitiæ præ consórtibus tuis.

COLLECTS

Deus, qui beátam Juliánam Vírginem tuam extrémorbo laborántem, pretiósó Filii tui Córpore mirábiliter recreáre dignátus es: concéde, quæsumus; ut, ejus intercedéntibus méritis, nos quoque eódem in mortis agóne refécti ac roboráti, ad cæléstem pátriam perducámur. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

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Deus, qui nos ánnua sanctórum Martyrum tuórum Gervásii et Protásii solemnitate lætifícas: concéde propítius; ut, quorum gaudémus méritis, accendámur exémplic. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 10: 17-18; 11: 1-2

Fratres: Qui gloriátur, in Dómino gloriétur. Non enim qui seipsum comméndat, ille probátus est; sed quem Deus comméndat. Utinam sustinerétis módicum quid insipiéntiæ meæ, sed et supportáte me: æmulator enim vos Deo æmulatione. Despóndi enim vos uni viro vírginem castam exhibére Christo.

GRADUAL Psalms 44: 5

Spécie tua, et pulchritúdine tua inténde, próspere procédere, et regna. Propter veritátem, et mansuetúdinem, et justitiam: et dedúcet te mirábiliter dextera tua.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. Adducéntur regi vírgines post eam: próxime ejus afferéntur tibi in lætítia. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 1-13

In illo tempore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis parabolam hanc: Simile erit regnum coelórum decem virgíibus quæ accipiéntes lámpades suas exiérunt óbviam sponso et sponsæ. Quinque autem ex eis erant fátuæ, et quinque prudéntes: sed quinque fátuæ, accéptis lámpádibus, non sumpsérunt óleum secum: prudéntes vero accepérunt óleum in vasis suis cum lámpádibus. Moram autem nocte clamor factus est: Ecce sponsus venit, exite óbviam ei. Tunc surrexérunt omnes vírgines illæ, et ornavérunt lámpádes suas. Fátuæ autem sapiéntibus dixérunt: Date nobis de óleo vestro: quia lámpádes nostræ exstinguúntur. Respondérunt prudéntes, dicentes: Ne forte non sufficiat nobis, et vobis, ite pótius ad vendéntes, et émite vobis. Dum autem irent émere, venit sponsus: et quæ parátæ erant, intravérunt cum eo ad núptias, et clausa est jánuæ. Novíssime vero véniunt et réliquæ vírgines, dicéntes: Dómine, Dómine, áperi nobis. At ille respóndens ait: Amen dico vobis, nescío vos. Vigiláte itaque, quia nescítis diem, neque horam.

OFFERTORY Psalms 44: 10

Filiæ regum in honóre tuo: ádstitit regina a dextris tua in vestítu deauráto, circúmdata varietáte.

SECRETS

Accépta tibi sit, Dómine, sacráte plebis oblátio pro tuórum honóre sanctórum: quorum se méritis, de tribulatione percepisse cognóscit auxiliúm. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of Sts. Gervase & Protase)

Oblátis, quæsumus, Dómine, placáre munéribus: et, intercedéntibus sanctis Martýribus tuis, a cunctis nos defénde periculis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Matthew 25: 4, 6

Quinque prudéntes vírgines accepérunt óleum in vasis suis cum lámpádibus: média autem nocte calmor factus est: Ecce sponsus venit: exite óbviam Christo Dómino.

POSTCOMMUNIONS

Satiásti, Dómine, familiam tuam munéribus sacris: ejus, quæsumus, semper interventióne nos réfove, cujus solémnia celebrámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

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Hæc nos commúnio, Dómine, purget a crímine: et, intercedéntibus sanctis Martýribus tuis Gervásio et Protásio, coeléstis remédii fáciat esse consórtes. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Thou hast loved justice, and hated iniquity: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. (Ps. 44: 2) My heart hath uttered a good word: I speak my works to the King. 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. Thou hast loved justice, and hated iniquity: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

O God, Who didst vouchsafe miraculously to restore blessed Juliana, Thy virgin, with the precious body of Thy Son, when she suffered with a mortal sickness, grant, we beseech Thee, by her merits interceding for us, we, too, being refreshed and strengthened by the same in the agony of death, may be brought to our heavenly country. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

O God, Who dost gladden us by the annual solemnity of Thy martyrs, Gervase and Protase, mercifully grant that we be kindled by the example of those in whose merits we rejoice. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Brethren, he that glory, let him glory in the Lord. For not that he that commendeth himself is approved, but he whom God commendeth. Would to God you could bear with some little of my folly, but do bear with me. For I am jealous of you with the jealousy of God. For I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

With thy comeliness and thy beauty set out, proceed prosperously, and reign. Because of truth, and meekness and justice: and thy right hand shall conduct thee wonderfully.

Alleluia, alleluia. After her shall virgins be brought to the King: her neighbors shall be brought to thee with gladness. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples, The kingdom of Heaven shall be like to ten virgins, who taking their lamps went out to meet the bridegroom and the bride. And five of them were foolish, and five wise. But the five foolish, having taken their lamps, did not take oil with them; but the wise took oil in their vessels with the lamps. And the bridegroom tarrying, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was cry made, Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye forth to meet him. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps; and the foolish said to the wise, Give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out. The wise answered, saying, Lest perhaps there be not enough for us and for you, go you rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. Now whilst they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage, and the door was shut. But at last came also the other virgins, saying Lord, Lord, open to us; but he answering said, Amen I say to you, I know ye not. Watch ye, therefore, because you know not the day nor the hour.

The daughters of kings in thy glory: the queen stood on thy right hand in gilded clothing, surrounded with variety.

May the offering of Thy consecrated people be accepted by Thee, O Lord, in honor of Thy saints, by whose merits it knoweth that it hath received aid in time of trouble. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Be appeased O Lord, with the gifts we offer, and, by the intercession of Thy holy martyrs, defend us from all dangers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

The five wise virgins took oil in their vessels with the lamps: and at midnight there was a cry made, Behold the bridegroom cometh: go ye forth to meet Christ our Lord.

Thou hast filled Thy household, O Lord, with sacred gifts; ever comfort us, we beseech Thee, through her intercession whose festival we celebrate. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

May this communion, O Lord, purge us of guilt and, by the intercession of Thy holy martyrs, Gervase and Protase, make us partakers of the heavenly salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.