

JULY 18, ST. CAMILLUS OF LELLIS, CONFESSOR

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St. Camillus of Leillis was born in 1550 of a noble family. He tried twice to enter the Capuchin Order, but each time had to leave on account of a sore on his leg. He then spent his life in ministering to the sick in the hospitals of St. Giacomo degli Incurabili, and of the Santo Spirito. He instituted a congregation of regular Clerics, devoted to the care of the sick. St. Philip Neri who at one time was his confessor, saw in a vision that the angels themselves inspired the religious instituted by him with the words best suited to comfort the dying. Leo XIII appointed him the celestial patron of those who are at the point of death; his name is in the Litany of the Dying. He died at Rome, July 14, 1614.

Commemoration of St. Symphorosa and Her Children: Symphorosa and her sons were martyred under Hadrian in the year 120. The mother was drowned on this day in the River Anio, whilst her sons had already won the crown of martyrdom on June 27; Crescens had been stabbed in the throat, Julian in the breast, Nemesius in the heart, Primitivus in the stomach; Justin had received his death-wound in the back, Stacteus in the side, and Eugenius had been actually cleft in two. The bodies of the Tiburtine martyrs were brought to Rome by Stephen III, and were placed in the deaconry church of St. Michael.

INTROIT John 15: 13

Majórem hac dilectionem nemo habet, ut animam suam ponat quis pro amicis suis. (Ps 40: 2) Beátus, qui intéllegit super egénium et páuperem: in dic mala liberábit eum Dóminus. Glória Patri et Filio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Majórem hac dilectionem nemo habet, ut animam suam ponat quis pro amicis suis.

COLLECT

Deus, qui sanctum Camillum, ad animárum in extrémó agóne luctántium subsidiúm, singulári caritátis prærogatíva decorásti: ejus, quæsumus, méritis, spíritum nobis tuæ dilectionis infúnde; ut in hora éxitus nostri hostem víncere, et ad coeléstem mereámur corónam perveníre. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of St. Symphorosa & her Seven Sons, Martyrs)

Deus, qui nos concédís sanctórum Mártyrum tuórum Symphorósæ et filiórum ejus natalítia colére: da nobis in æténa beatitúdine de eórum societáte gaudére. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE 1 John 3: 13-18

Caríssimi: Nolíte mirári, si odit vos mundus. Nos scimus, quóniam transláti sumus de morte ad vitam, quóniam dilígimus fratres. Qui non dilígit, manet in morte: omnis, qui odit fratrem suum, homicída est. Et scitis, quóniam omnis homicída non habet vitam æténam in semetípso manéntem. In hoc cognóvimus caritátem Dei, quóniam ille animam suam pro nobis pósuit: et nos debemus pro frátribus ánimas pónere. Qui habúerit substántiam hujus mundi, et víderit fratrem suum necessitátem habére, et cláuserit víscera sua ab eo: quómodo caritas Dei manet in eo? Filíoli mei, non diligámus verbo neque lingua, sed ópere et veritáte.

GRADUAL Psalms 36: 30-31

Os justí meditábitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur júdicium. V. Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsíus: et non supplantabúntur gressus ejus.

LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 111: 1

Allelúja, allelúja. Beátus vir, qui timet Dóminum: in mandátis ejus cupit nimis. Allelúja.

GOSPEL John 15: 12-16

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis: Hoc est præcéptum meum, ut diligátis ínvicem, sicut diléxi vos. Majorem hac dilectionem nemo habet, ut animam suam ponat quis pro amicis suis. Vos amíci mei estis, si fecéritis quæ ego præcipio vobis. Jam non dicam vos servos: quia servus nescit, quid fáciat dóminus ejus. Vos autem dixi amícos: quia ómnia, quæcúmque audívi a Patre meo, nota feci vobis. Non vos me elegístis: sed ego elegi vos, et pósui vos, ut eátís, et fructum afferátís: et fructus vester maneat: ut, quodcúmque petiéritis Patrem in nómine meo, det vobis.

OFFERTORY Psalms 20: 2-3

In virtúte tua, Dómine, lætábitur justus, et super salutáre tuum exultábit veheménter: desidérium animæ ejus tribuísti ei.

SECRET

Hóstia immaculáta, qua illud Dómini nostri Jesu Christi imménsæ caritátis opus renovámus, sit, Deus Pater omnípotens, sancto Gamílló intercedénte, contra omnes córporis et animæ infirmitates salutáre remediúm, et in extrémó agóne solátium et tutela. 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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Múnere tibi, Dómine, nostræ devotiónis offerimus: quæ et pro tuórum tibi grata sint honóre Justórum, et nobis salutária, te miseránte, reddántur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Matthew 25: 36, 40

Infirmus fui, et visitástis me. Amen, amen, dico vobis: Quámdiu fecístis uni ex his frátribus meis minimis, mihi fecístis.

POSTCOMMUNION

Per hæc cælestia aliménta, quæ, sancti Camílli Confessóris tui solémnia celebrántes, pia devotíone suscepimus: da, quæsumus. Dómine; ut, in hora mortis nostræ sacraméntis refécti et culpís omnibus expiáti, in sinum misericórdiæ tuæ læti súscipi mereámur: Qui vivis et regnas, cum Deo Patre in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

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Præsta nobis, quæsumus, Dómine: intercedéntibus sanctis Martíribus tuis Symphorósa et filiis ejus; ut, quod ore contígimus, pura mente capiámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (Ps. 40: 2) Blessed is he that understandeth concerning the needy and poor: the Lord will deliver him in the evil day. 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. Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

O God, Who didst adorn blessed Camillus with a special gift of charity for the help of souls struggling in their last agony, pour upon us, we beseech Thee, by his merits, the spirit of Thy love, that in the hour of our death we may be worthy to overcome the enemy and attain unto the heavenly crown. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

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