

JULY 19, ST. VINCENT DEPAUL, CONFESSOR

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St. Vincent de Paul, founder of the Congregation of the Priests of the Mission (Lazarists), and the Society of the Sisters of Charity, while a young priest was held as a slave in Africa where he had been sold by pirates. On his return to France he became a parish priest. For a time he took the place of a galley slave. His parish was a country parish; his experience led him to found the Priests of the Mission, bound by special vow to undertake this special work. At one time he was entrusted by St. Francis de Sales with the spiritual direction of the nuns of the Visitation. Assisted by Louise de Marillac he founded the Sisters of Charity. The authority exercised by St. Vincent was immense, and was undisputed throughout the kingdom. He was a member of the king's Privy Council, and thus had control over the appointments to the episcopal sees and to the richest benefices of the Church of France. Yet Vincent, meek and humble of heart, ascended the magnificent stairs of the palace and took part in the royal councils with the same evangelical simplicity, and clothed in the same poor and shabby garments in which he traversed the streets of Paris rescuing abandoned waifs and strays and succoring the helpless sick and suffering. He died in 1660 at St. Lazarus, the motherhouse of his Congregation. Leo XIII declared him the patron of all charitable associations.

INTROIT Psalms 91: 13, 14

Justus ut palma florébit: sicut cedrus Libani multiplicábitur: plantátus in domo Dómini: in átriis domus Dei nostri. (Ps. 91: 2) Bonum est confitéri Dómino: et psállere Nómīni tuo, Altíssime. Glória Patri et Filio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Justus ut palma florébit: sicut cedrus Libani multiplicábitur: plantátus in domo Dómini: in átriis domus Dei nostri.

COLLECT

Deus, qui, ad evangelizándum paupéribus et ecclesiástici órdis decórem promovéndum, beátum Vincéntium apostólica virtúte roborásti: præsta, quæsumus; ut, cujus pia mérita venerámur, virtútu quoque instruámur exémpis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 4: 9-14

Fratres: Spectáculum facti sumus mundo, et ángelis, et homínibus. Nos stulti propter Christum, vos autem prudéntes in Christo: nos infirmi, vos autem fortes: vos nóbiles, nos autem ignóbiles. Usque in hanc horam et esurimus, et sitimus, et nudi sumus, et cólaphis cædimur, et instábiles sumus, et laborámus operántes má nibus nostris: maledícimur, et benedícimus: persecutió nem pátimur, et sustinémus: blasphemámur, et obsecrámus: tamquam purgámēta hu jus mundi facti sumus, ómniū peripséma usque adhuc. Non ut confúndam vos, hæc scribo, sed ut filios meos caríssimos móneo: in Christo Jesu Dómino nostro.

GRADUAL Psalms 36: 30, 31

Os justī meditábitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur júdicium. Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius: et non supplantábuntur gressus ejus.

LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 111: 1

Allelúia, allelúia. Beátus vir, qui timet Dóminum: in mandátis ejus cupit nimis. Allelúia.

GOSPEL Luke 10: 1-9

In illo témpore: Designávit Dóminus et álios septuaginta duos: et misit illos binos ante fáciem suam in omnem civitátem et locum, quo erat ipse ventúrus. Et dicébat illis: Messis quidem multa, operárii autem pauci. Rogáte ergo Dóminum messis, ut mittat operátes in messem suam. Ite: ecce, ego mitto vos sicut agnos inter lupos. Nolíte portáre sacculum neque peram neque calceaménta; et néminem per viam salutavéritis. In quamcúmque domum intravéritis, primum dícite: Pax huic dómū: et si ibi fúerit fílius pacis, requiéscet super illum pax vestra: sin autem, ad vos revertétur. In eádem autem domo manéte, edéntes et bibéntes quæ apud illos sunt: dignus est enim operárius mercéde sua. Nolíte transíre de domo in domum. Et in quamcúmque civitátem intravéritis, et suscéperint vos, manducáte quæ apponúntur vobis: et curáte infirmos, qui in illa sunt, et dícite illis: Appropinquávit in vos regnum Dei.

OFFERTORY Psalms 20: 2, 3

In virtúte tua, Dómine, lætábitur justus, et super salutáre tuum exsultábit veheméiter: desidérium ánimæ ejus tribuísti ei.

SECRET

Præsta nobis, quæsumus omnipotens Deus: ut nostræ humilitátis oblátio, et pro tuórum tibi grata sit honóre Sanctórum, et nos córpore páriter et mente puríficet. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Matthew 19: 28, 29

Amen dico vobis: quod vos, qui reliquistis ómnia, et secúti estis me, céntuplum accipiétis et vitam ætétnam possidébitis.

POSTCOMMUNION

Quæsumus, omnipotens Deus: ut, qui cælestia aliménta percépimus, intercedénte beáto Vincéntio, Confessóre tuo, per hæc contra ómnia advérsa muniámur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

The just shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus: planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God. (Ps. 91: 2) It is good to give praise to the Lord: and to sing to Thy Name, O Most High. 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 just shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus: planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

O God, Who endowed St. Vincent with apostolic strength to preach the Gospel to the poor and to enhance the dignity of clerical life; grant, we beseech Thee, that we who honor his holy merits may also conform to the example of his virtues. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Brethren, We are made a spectacle to the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are honorable, but we without honor. Even unto this hour we both hunger and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no fixed abode; and we labor, working with our own hands: we are reviled, and we bless; we are persecuted, and we suffer it. We are blasphemed, and we entreat; we are made as the refuse of this world, the offscouring of all even until now. I write not these things to confound you; but I admonish you as my dearest children: in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment. The law of his God is in his heart: and his steps shall not be supplanted.

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments. Alleluia.

At that time, the Lord appointed also other seventy-two; and He sent them two and two before His face into every city and place whither He Himself was to come. And He said to them: The harvest indeed is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He send labourers into His harvest. Go, behold I send you as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes; and salute no man by the way. Into whatsoever house you enter, first say: Peace be to this house: and if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon him: but if not, it shall return to you. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they have: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Remove not from house to house. And into what city soever you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you; and heal the sick that are therein; and say to them: The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

In Thy strength, O Lord, the just man shall joy, and in Thy salvation he shall rejoice exceedingly: Thou hast given him his heart's desire.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the offering we humbly bring, may both be pleasing to Thee for the honor of Thy Saints, and cleanse us alike in body and soul. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen, I say to you, that you, who have left all things and followed Me, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall possess life everlasting.

We beseech Thee, almighty God, that we, who have received heavenly nourishment, may through it, by the intercession of blessed Vincent, Thy Confessor, be defended against all adversity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.