

JULY19, 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 mánibus nostris: maledícimur, et benedícimus: persecutióne pátimur, et sustinémus: blasphemámur, et obsecrámus: tamquam purgaménta hu jus mundi facti sumus, ómnium 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 justi meditábitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur júdicium. Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius: et non supplantabúntur gressus ejus.

LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 111: 1

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

GOSPEL Luke 12: 32-34

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discíplis suis: Nolite timére pusillus grex, quia complácuit Patri vestro dare vobis regnum. Véndite quæ possidétis, et date eleemósynam. Fácite vobis sácculos, qui non veteráscunt, thesáurum non deficiéntem in cælis: quo fur non aprópiat, neque tinea corrúmpit. Ubi enim thesáurus vester est, ibi et cor vestrum erit.

OFFERTORY Psalms 20: 2, 3

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

SECRET

Præsta nobis, quæsumus omnípotens 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 reliquístis ómnia, et secúti estis me, céntuplum accipiétis et vitam ætéram possidébitis.

POSTCOMMUNION

Quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut, qui cæléstia aliménta percépimus, intercedénte beáto Vincéntio, Confessóre tuo, per hæc contra ómnia advérsa uniamur. 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, Jesus said to His disciples: Fear not, little flock, for it hath pleased your Father to give you a kingdom. Sell what you possess and give alms. Make to yourselves bags which grow not old, a treasure in heaven which faileth not: where no thief approacheth, nor moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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.