

AUGUST 22, IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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Devotion to Mary's Heart always flourished in the Church, but its first official approval did not come till the beginning of the 19th century when Pius VI approved, for certain religious organizations, a Feast for the Most Pure Heart of Mary. The devotion was approved for the universal Church when Pius XII dedicated all mankind to the Heart of Mary in December, 1942, following this by the institution of the new Feast of the Immaculate Heart of the B. V. M.

Sts. Timothy, Hippolytus and Symphorian, Martyrs:

St. Timothy of Antioch was martyred at Rome in the Fourth Century. He was buried in a special grave in the gardens of Theona, not far from the cemetery of St. Paul. This was a recognition of the fact that he bore the same name as the great disciple of St. Paul.

St. Hippolytus (not the rival of Pope Callixtus) was a martyr of Porto. His history is wrapped in obscurity.

St. Symphorian is a celebrated martyr of Autun, beheaded under the reign of Aurelian about 180. When he was being led to martyrdom his pious mother called to him: "My son, my son, look up to heaven and behold Him Who reigns there. You are not being led to death, but to a better life."

INTROIT Hebrews 4: 16

Adeámus cum fidúcia ad thronum grátiae, ut misericórdiam consequámur, et grátiam inveniámus in auxilio opportúno. (Ps. 44: 2) Eructávit cor meum verbum bonum: dico ego ópera mea regi. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Adeámus cum fidúcia ad thronum grátiae, ut misericórdiam consequámur, et grátiam inveniámus in auxilio opportúno.

COLLECT

Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, qui in Corde beátæ Maríæ Vírginis dignum Spíritus Sancti habitáculum præparásti: concède propítius; ut ejúsdem immaculáti Cordis festivitátem devóta mente recolétes, secúndum cor tuum vívere valeámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte ejúsdem Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of Sts. Timothy, Hippolytus and Symphorianus, Martyrs)

Auxilium tuum nobis, Dómine, quæsumus, placátus impende: et, intercedéntibus beátis Martýribus tuis Timótheo, Hippolyto et Symphoriáno, dexteram super nos tuæ propitiatiónis exténde. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Ecclesiasticus 24: 23-31

Ego quasi flos fructificávi suavitátem odóris: et vitis meí, fructus honóris et honestátis. Ego mater pulchræ dilectiúnis, et timóris, et agnitiónis, et sanctæ spei. In me grátia omnis viæ et veritátis: in me omnis spes vitæ, et virtútis. Transíte ad me omnes qui concupiscitis me, et a generatióibus meis implémini. Spíritus enim meus super mel dulcis, et heréditas mea super mel et favum. Memória mea in generatiónes sæculórum. Qui edunt me, adhuc esúriat: et qui bibunt me, adhuc sítient. Qui audit me, non confundétur: et qui operántur in me, non peccábunt. Qui elúcidant me, vitam ætérnam habébunt.

GRADUAL Psalms 12: 6

Exsultábit cor meum in salutári tuo: cantábo Dómino, qui bona tríbuit mihi: et psallam nómini Dómini altíssimi. (Ps. 44: 18) Mémoires erunt nóminis tui in omni generatióne et generatiónem: propterea pópuli confitebúntur tibi in ætérnum.

LESSER ALLELUIA Luke 1: 46-47

Allelúja, allelúja. Magnificat ánima mea Dóminum: et exsultávit spíritus meus in Deo salutári meo. Allelúja.

GOSPEL John 19: 25-27

In illo témpore: Stabant juxta crucem Jesu mater ejus, et soror matris ejus María Cléophæ, et María Magdaléne. Cum vidisset ergo Jesus matrem, et discipulum stantem, quem diligébat, dicit matri suæ: Múlier, ecce filius tuus. Deinde dicit discipulo: Ecce mater tua. Et ex illa hora accépit eam discipulus in sua.

OFFERTORY Luke 1: 46, 49

Exsultávit spíritus meus in Deo salutári meo; quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est, et sanctum nomen ejus.

SECRET

Majestáti tuæ, Dómine, Agnum immaculátum offerétes, quæsumus: ut corda nostra ignis ille divinus accéndat, cui Cor beátæ Maríæ Vírginis ineffabíliter inflammávit. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of Sts. Timothy, Hippolytus and Symphorianus, Martyrs)

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

PREFACE OF THE BVM

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre nos tibi semper et ubique patrém ágere: Dómine sancte et ubique patrém omnípotens, ætérne Deus: Et te in Festivitáte beátæ Maríæ semper Vírginis collaudáre, benedicere et prædicáre. Quæ et Unigénitum tuum Sancti Spíritus obumbratióne concépit: et, virginitatis glória mundum effúdit, Jesum Christum, Dóminum nostrum. Per quem maiestátem tuam laudant Ángeli, adórant Dominatiónes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælórúmque Virtútes ac beáta Séraphim sócia exsultátes voces ut admitti júbeas, deprecámur, súpplici confessióne dicétes:

COMMUNION John 19: 27

Dixit Jesus matri suæ: Múlier, ecce filius tuus: deinde dixit discipulo: Ecce mater tua. Et ex illa hora accépit eam discipulus in sua.

POSTCOMMUNION

Divínis refécti munéribus te, Dómine, supplíciter exorámus: ut beátæ Maríæ Vírginis intercessióne, cujus immaculáti Cordis solénnia venerádo égimus, a præsentibus perículis liberáti, ætérnæ vitæ gáudia consequámur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of Sts. Timothy, Hippolytus and Symphorianus, Martyrs)

Divíni muneris largitate satiáti, quæsumus, Dómine, Deus noster: ut, intercedéntibus sanctis Martýribus tuis Timótheo, Hippolyto et Symphoriáno, in ejus semper participatióne vivámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Let us come with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and may find grace for a timely help. (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. Let us come with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and may find grace for a timely help.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the heart of the blessed Virgin Mary didst prepare a dwelling worthy of the Holy Ghost; a grant in Thy mercy, that we who with devout minds celebrate the festival of that immaculate heart, may be able to live according to Thine own Heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, mercifully lend us Thy help: and through the intercession of Thy blessed Martyrs, Timothy, Hippolytus, and Symphorian, stretch forth upon us the right hand of Thy loving kindness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

As the vine I have brought forth a pleasant odor, and my flowers are the fruit of honor and riches. I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope. In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue. Come over to me, all ye that desire me, and be filled with my fruits; for my spirit is sweet above honey, and my inheritance above honey and the honey-comb. My memory is unto everlasting generations. They that eat me, shall yet hunger: and they that drink me, shall yet thirst. He that hearkeneth to me, shall not be confounded, and they that work by me, shall not sin. They that explain me, shall have life everlasting.

My heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation: I will sing to the Lord, Who giveth me good things: yea I will sing to the name of the Lord the most High. (Ps. 44: 18) They shall remember Thy name throughout all generations. Therefore shall people praise thee for ever.

Alleluia, alleluia. My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my savior. Alleluia.

At that time, there stood by the cross of Jesus, His Mother and His Mother's sister, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalen. When Jesus therefore had seen His Mother and the disciple standing with whom He loved, He saith to His Mother: Woman, behold thy son. After that He saith to the disciple: Behold thy Mother. And from that hour the disciple took her to his own.

My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior: because He that is mighty hath done great things to me and holy is His Name.

We who offer to Thy majesty the Lamb without spot, beseech Thee, O Lord, that our hearts may be kindled by the divine fire which in an ineffable manner inflamed the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 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 sacrifice of Thy dedicated people be accepted by Thee, O Lord, in honor of Thy Saints: to whose merits we attribute the help afforded us in tribulation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation that we always and everywhere give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God: and that we should praise and bless, and proclaim Thee, in this feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, ever Virgin: Who also conceived Thine only-begotten Son by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit, and the glory of her virginity still abiding, gave forth to the world the everlasting Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through whom the Angels praise Thy majesty, the Dominations adore, the Powers tremble: the heavens and the hosts of heaven, and the blessed Seraphim, together celebrate in exultation. With whom, we pray Thee, command that our voices of supplication also be admitted in confessing Thee saying:

Jesus said to His mother: Woman, behold thy son. Then He said to the disciple: Behold thy mother. And from that hour, the disciple took her to his own.

Refreshed by divine gifts, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, that, by the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the solemnity of whose Immaculate Heart we have just venerated, we may be freed from the joys of eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

We who are filled with the bounty of this divine gift, beseech Thee, O Lord our God, that through the intercession of Thy holy Martyrs Timotheus, Hippolytus, and Symphorian, we may partake thereof for evermore. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.