JANUARY 23, ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT, CONFESSOR

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St. Raymond was born in 1175 of a noble Spanish family. In middle life he entered the Order of St. Dominic. In 1250 he was called to Rome by Pope Gregory IX, who made him his confessor and grand penitentiary. He refused the position of archbishop and also that of general of his Order, and devoted himself to labors among infidels. He died in 1275.

Commemoration of St. Emerentiana, Virgin, Martyr: St. Emerentiana is said to have been stoned by the pagans. While still a catechumen, she was discovered praying at the tomb of St. Agnes, her foster-sister.

INTROIT Psalms 36: 30, 31

Os justi meditábitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur judícium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsíus. (Ps. 36: 1) Noli æmulári in malignántibus: neque zeláveris faciéntes iniquitátem. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Os justi meditábitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur judícium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsíus.

The mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment: the law of his God is in his heart. (Ps. 36: 1) Be not emulous of evildoers: nor envy them that work iniquity. 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 mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment: the law of his God is in his heart.

COLLECTS

Deus, qui beátum Raymúndum pœniténtiæ sacraménti insígnem ministrum elegísti, et per maris undas mirabíliter traduxísti: concéde; ut ejus intercessiónе dignos pœniténtiæ fructus fácere, et adætérnæ salútis portum perveníre valeámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

O God, Who didst elect blessed Raymond to be an eminent minister of the sacrament of penance, and didst miraculously guide him through the waves of the sea, grant that by his intercession, we may bring forth worthy fruits of penance, and reach the haven 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.

For St. Emerentiana

Indulgéntiæ nobis, quǽsumus, Dómine, beáta Emerentiána Virgo et Mártyr implóret: quæ tibi grata semper éxstitit, et mento castitátis, et tuæ professiónе virtútis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

For St. Emerentiana

Grant us, O Lord, that blessed Emerentiana, Thy Virgin and Martyr, we beseech Thee, O Lord, obtain pardon for us: both by her chastity and by her confession of Thy power, she was ever pleasing to Thee. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

LESSON Ecclesiasticus 31: 8-11

Beátus vir, qui invéntus est sine mácula, et qui post aurum non ábiit, nec sperávit in pecúnia et thesáuris. Quis est hic, et laudábimus eum? fecit enim mirabília in vita sua. Qui probátus est in illo, et perféctus est, erit illi glória ætérna: qui pótuit tránsgredi, et non est transgréssus: fácere mala, et non fecit: ídeo stabilita sunt bona illíus in Dómine, et eleemósynas illíus enarrábit omnis ecclésia sanctórum.

Happy the man found without fault, who turns not aside after gain, nor puts his trust in money nor in treasures! Who is he, that we may praise him? For he has done wonders in his life. He has been tested by gold and come off safe, and this remains his glory forever; he could have sinned but did not, could have done evil but would not, so that his possessions are secure in the Lord, and the assembly of the Saints shall recount his alms.

GRADUAL Psalms 91: 13, 14

Justus ut palma florébit: sicut cedrus Líbani multiplicábitur in domo Dómini. Ad annuntiándum mane misericórdiam tuam, et veritátem tuam per noctem.

The just shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow up like the cedar of Lebanon in the house of the Lord. To show forth Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth in the night.

LESSER ALLELUIA James 1: 12

Allelúja, allelúja. Beátus vir, qui suffert tentatiónem, quóniam cum probátus fúerit, accípiet corónam vitæ. Allelúja.

Alleluia, Alleluia. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he hath been proved, he shall receive the crown of life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 12: 35-40

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discípulis suis: Sint lumbi vestri præcíncti et lucérnæ ardéntes in mánibus vestris. Et vos símiles hóminibus expectántibus dóminum suum quando revertátur a núptiis ut cum vénerit et pulsáverit conféstim apériant ei. Beáti servi illi quos cum vénerit dóminus invénerit vigilántes. Amen dico vobis quod præcínget se et fáciet illos discúmbere et tránsiens ministrábit illis. Et si vénerit in secúnda vigília et si in tértia vigília vénerit et ita invénerit beáti sunt servi illi. Hoc autem scítote, quóniam si sciret paterfamílias qua hora fur véniret vigiláret útique et non síneret pérfodi domum suam. Et vos estóte paráti quia qua hora non putátis Fílius hóminis véniet.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, Let your loins be girt, and lamps burning in your hands. And you yourselves like to men who wait for their lord, when he shall return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh, shall find watching. Amen I say to you, that he will gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and passing will minister unto them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. But this know ye, that if the householder did know at what hour the thief would come, he would surely watch, and would not suffer his house to be broken open. Be you then also ready: for at what hour you think not, the Son of man will come.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 25

Véritas mea et misericórdia mea cum ipso: et in nómine meo exaltábitur cornu ejus.

My truth and My mercy shall be with him: and in My name shall his horn be exalted.

SECRETS

Laudis tibi, Dómine, hostias immolámus in tuórum commemoratióne sanctórum: quibus nos et præséntibus éxui malis confídimus, et futúris. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

We offer Thee, O Lord, sacrifices of praise in commemoration of Thy saints, by whom we trust to be delivered from evils both present and future. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

For St. Emerentiana

Hóstias tibi, Dómine, beátæ Emerentiánæ Vírginis et Mártyris tuæ dicátas méritis, benígnus assúme: et ad perpétuum nobis tribue provenire subsídium. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

For St. Emerentiana

Graciously receive, O Lord, the offerings consecrated to Thee by the merits of blessed Emerentiana, Thy Virgin and Martyr, and grant that they may ever bring us help. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

COMMUNION Matthew 24: 46-47

Beátus ille servus quem cum vénerit dóminus ejus invénerit sic faciéntem. Amen dico vobis quóniam super ómnia bona sua constítuet eum.

Blessed is that servant, whom when his lord shall come he shall find so doing. Amen I say to you, he shall place him over all his goods.

POSTCOMMUNIONS

Refécti cibo, potúque cælésti, Deus noster, te súpplices exorámus: ut, in cujus hæc commemoratióne percépimus, ejus muníamur et précibus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

We Thy suppliants, who are refreshed with heavenly food and drink, beseech Thee, O our God, that we may be fortified by the prayers of him in whose commemoration we have partaken of these gifts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

For St. Emerentiana

Divíni múneris largítate satiáti, quǽsumus, Dómine, Deus noster: ut, intercedénte beáta Emerentiána Vírgine et Mártyre tua, 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.

For St. Emerentiana

Filled with the Gifts of Thy divine bounty, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our God; that by the intercession of blessed Emerentiana, Thy Virgin and Martyr, 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.