

## MARCH 28, ST. JOHN CAPISTRAN, CONFESSOR

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St. John Capistran, who was born in 1385 (died 1456) distinguished himself in early life as a public man. At the age of thirty he entered the Franciscan Order and was ordained a priest. From that time his zeal for the salvation of souls was unceasing. In a crusade against the Turks during the Fifteenth Century he was the leading spirit.

He was canonized in 1724, and Pope Leo XIII ordered that his feast should be observed by the whole Church. To his preaching and prayer is attributed the victory over the Turks under the walls of Belgrade. The prayers in the Mass make allusion to this triumph and to the fervent devotion practiced by the great Franciscan toward the holy name of Jesus.

### INTROIT Habakkuk 3: 18-19

Ego autem in Dómino gaudébo: et exultábo in Deo, Jesu meo: Deus Dóminus fortitúdo mea. (Ps. 80: 2) Exultáte Deo, adjutóri nostro, jubiláte Deo Jacob. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Ego autem in Dómino gaudébo: et exultábo in Deo, Jesu meo: Deus Dóminus fortitúdo mea.

### COLLECT

Deus, qui per beátum Joánnem fidéles tuos in virtúte sanctíssimi nóminis Jesu de Crucis inimicis triumpháre fecisti: præsta, quæsumus; ut, spirituálium hóstiis, ejus intercessióne, superátis insídiis, corónam justítiæ a te accipere mereámur. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

### LESSON Wisdom 10: 10-14

Justum dedúxit Dóminus per vias rectas, et osténdit illi regnum Dei, et dedit illi sciéntiam sanctorum: honestávit illum in labóribus, et complévit labóres illius. In fraude circumveniéntium illum áffuit illi, et honéstum fecit illum. Custodívit illum ab inimicis, et a seductóribus tutávit illum, et certámen forte dedit illi, ut vínceret et sciret, quóniam ómnium poténtior est sapiéntia. Haec vénditum justum non derelíquit, sed a peccatoribus liberávit eum: descendítque cum illo in fóveam, et in vínculis non derelíquit illum.

### GRADUAL Psalms 21: 24-25

Qui tímétis Dóminum, laudáte eum: univérsum semen Jacob, glori ficáte eum. Timeat eum omne semen Israël: quóniam non spre vit, neque despéxit deprecatiónem páuperis.

### TRACT Exodus 15: 2, 3

Fortitúdo mea et laus mea Dóminus, et factus est mihi in salútem: iste Deus meus, et glori ficábo eum. Dóminus quasi vir pugnátor, omnípotens nomen ejus. (Judith 16: 3) Dóminus cónterens bella: Dóminus nomen est illi.

### GOSPEL Luke 9: 1-6

In illo témpore: Convocátis Jesus duódecim Apóstolis, dedit illis virtútem et potestátem super ómnia dæmónia, et ut languóres curárent. Et misit illos prædicáre regnum Dei et sanáre infirmos. Et ait ad illos: Nihil tuléritis in via, neque virgam, neque peram, neque panem, neque pecúniám, neque duas túnicas habeátis. Et in quacúmque domum intravéritis, ibi manéte et inde ne exeátis. Et quicúmque non recéperint vos: exeúntes de civitáte illa, étiam púlverem pedum vestrórum excúтите in testimónium supra illos. Egressi autem circuibant per castélla, evangelizántes et curántes ubique.

### OFFERTORY Ecclesiasticus 46: 6

Invocávit Altíssimum poténtem in oppugnádo inimicos úndique, et audívit illum magnus et sanctus Deus.

### SECRET

Sacrificium, Dómine, quod immolámus, placátus inténde: ut, intercedente beáto Joáñe Confessóre tuo, ad conterédas inimicórum insídias nos in tuæ protectiónis securitáte constítuat. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

### PREFACE OF LENT

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubique grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus: Qui corporáli jejúnio vítia cómprimis, mentem élevas, virtútem largiris et præmia: per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Per quem majestátem tuam laudant Ángeli, adórant Dominatiónes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælórumque Virtútes ac beáta Séraphim sócia exsultatióne concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces ut admítte júbeas, deprecámur, súpplici confessióne dicéntes:

### COMMUNION Wisdom 10: 20

Decantavérunt, Dómine, nomen sanctum tuum, et victrícem manum tuam laudavérunt.

### POSTCOMMUNION

Repléti alimónia cælésti et spirituáli pópulo recreáti, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut, intercedente beáto Joáñe Confessóre tuo, nos ab hoste maligno deféndas, et Ecclésiam tuam perpétua pace custódiás. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

I will rejoice in the Lord: and I will joy in God my Jesus: the Lord God Is my strength. (Ps. 80: 2) Rejoice to God our helper: sing aloud to the God of Jacob. 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. I will rejoice in the Lord: and I will joy in God my Jesus: the Lord God Is my strength.

O God, Who, through blessed John, didst make Thy faithful, in virtue of the most holy name of Jesus, to triumph over the enemies of the cross; grant, we beseech Thee, that overcoming by his intercession the snares of our spiritual enemies, we may deserve to receive from Thee a crown of justice. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

The Lord conducted the just through the right ways, and showed him the kingdom of God, and gave him the knowledge of holy things: made him honorable in his labors, and accomplished his labors. In the deceit of them that overreached him, He stood by him, and made him honorable. He kept him safe from his enemies, and He defended him from seducers, and gave him a strong conflict, that he might overcome, and know that wisdom is mightier than all. He forsook not the just when he was sold, but delivered him from sinners: He went down with him into the pit. And in bands He left him not.

Ye that fear the Lord, praise Him: all ye seed of Jacob, praise Him. Let all the seed of Israel glorify Him. Let all the seed of Israel fear Him: because He hath not slighted nor despised the supplication of the poor man.

The Lord is my strength and my praise, and He is become salvation to me: He is my God, and I will glorify Him. The Lord is a man of war, Almighty is His name. (Judith 16: 3) The Lord putteth an end to wars: the Lord is His name.

At that time, Jesus calling together the twelve apostles, gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And He sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. And He said to them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staff, nor scrip, nor bread, nor money: neither have two coats: and whatsoever house you shall enter into, abide there, and part not from thence. And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off even the dust of your feet for a testimony against them. And going out, they went about through the towns; preaching the gospel; and healing everywhere.

He called upon the most high Sovereign when the enemies assaulted him on every side, and the great and holy God heard him.

Be appeased, O Lord, and look upon the sacrifice which we offer, that, by the intercession of blessed John, Thy confessor, it may establish us in the security of Thy protection until we tread under foot the snares of our enemies. 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 fitting and just, proper and beneficial, that we should always and everywhere, give thanks unto Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God. Who by this bodily fast, dost curb our vices, dost lift up our minds and bestow on us strength and rewards through 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:

They sung to Thy holy name, O Lord, and praised Thy victorious hand.

Filled with heavenly food and refreshed with the spiritual cup, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that by the intercession of blessed John, Thy confessor, Thou defend us against the malice of the enemy and keep continual peace in Thy Church. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.