

MAY 4, ST. MONICA, WIDOW

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St. Monica, born in Africa, married a pagan whom she converted. As described in the ninth book of his Confessions, the beautiful figure of the mother of St. Augustine will continue to live in the Church as one of the finest examples of a Christian mother; night and day she prayed for her son. He tells us that she "shed for him more tears than other mothers shed over a coffin." God heard her prayers after twenty years and gave to her son, under the influence of St. Ambrose, the grace of conversion. She died at Ostia in 387, after God had granted to her and to Augustine a marvelous ecstasy.

The body of St. Monica remained at Ostia until the year 1162, when a certain Walter Prior, of the Canons Regular of Aroasia, in Belgium, removed the

body secretly from its tomb and carried it off to his own monastery. The celebration of her feast on the 4th of May spread from this monastery through Belgium, Germany and France and thus came into general liturgical use.

in veritate tua humiliasti me: con
timore tuo carnes meas a man

timore tuo carnes meas, a mandatis
tuis tímui. Alleluja, alleluja (Ps. 118: 1)
Beáti immaculáti in via : qui ámbulant in
lege Dómini. Glória Patri et Filio et
Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in principio,
et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula
sæculórum. Amen. Cognóvi, Dómine,
quia æquitas júdicia in veritáte tua
humiliásti me: confíge timore tuo
carnes meas, a mandátis tuis tímui.
Alleluja, alleluja.

COLLECT

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Augustini misericorditer suscepisti: da nobis utriusque intervēntu; peccāta nostra deplorāre, et grātiā tuā indulgētiā invenire. Per Dōminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fīlium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitāte Spīritus Sancti, Deus, per ōmnia sēcula sēculōrum.

Caríssime: Víduas honóra qu

viduæ sunt. Si qua autem vidua filios, aut nepotes habet, discat primum domum suam regere, et mutuum vicem reddere parentibus: hoc enim acceptum est coram Deo. Quæ autem vere vidua est, et desolata, speret in Deum, et instet obsecrationibus, et orationibus nocte, ac die. Nam quæ in deliciis est, vivens mortua est. Et hoc præcipe, ut irreprehensibiles sint. Si quis autem suorum, et maxime domesticorum curam non habet, fidem negavit, et est infidelis deterior. Vidua eligatur non minus sexaginta annorum, quæ fuerit unius viri uxor, in operibus bonis. testimonium habens, si filios educavit, si hospitio recepit, si sanctorum pedes lavit, si tribulationem patientibus ministravit, si omne opus bonum subsecuta est.

Aleluja, aleluja. Specie tua et
pulchritudine tua inténde, prospere

procéde et regna. Allelúja. Propter
veritátem et mansuetúdinem et
justítiam: et dedúcet te mirábiliter
déterta tua. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Luke 7: 11-16
In illo témpore: Ibat Jesus in civitáte

ecce defunctus efferebatur

ecce, defunctus emendebat miles
 únicus matris suæ: et hæc vídua erat,
 et turba civitátis multa cum illa. Quam
 cum vidísset Dóminus, misericórdia
 motus super eam, dixit illi: Noli flere. Et
 accessit et tégit lóculum. (Hi autem,
 qui portábant, stetérunt.) Et ait:
 Adoléscent, tibi dico, surge. Et resédit,
 qui erat mórtuus, et coepit loqui. Et
 dedit illum matri suæ. Accépit autem
 omnes timor: et magnificábant Deum,
 dicéntes: Quia Prophéta magnus
 surrélixit in nobis: et quia Deus visitávit
 plebem suam.

OFFERTORY Psalms 44: 3
 Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis:
 propterea benedixit te Deus in
 æternum, et in sæculum sæculi

SECRET
Accépte tibi cit. Rémine, ce...

Accepta tibi sit, Domine, sacratæ
oblatio pro tuorum se méritis, de
tribulatione percepisse cognóscit
auxílium. Per Dóminum nostrum
Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum
et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti

PREFAC

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutäre, Te quidem, Dómine, omni tempore, sed in hoc potissimum, gloriósius prædicäre, cum Pascha nostrum immolátus est Christus. Ipse enim verus est Agnus, qui abstulit peccata mundi. Qui merita peccatorum

Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Throni

Dominationibus, cumque omni militia
cælestis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ
cánimus sine fine dicéntes:

propterea unxit te Deus, Deus
óleo lætitiæ præ consórtibus t

POSTCOMMUNION
 Satiétati, Dómine, familiam tuam.

solémnia celebráms

nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum,
qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate
Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia
sæcula sæculórum.

humbled me: pierce Thou my flesh with Thy fear, I am afraid of Thy judgments. Alleluia, alleluia (Ps. 118: 1) Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord. 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 know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are equity, and in Thy truth Thou hast humbled me: pierce Thou my flesh with Thy fear, I am afraid of Thy judgments. Alleluia, alleluia.

O God, the consoler of them that mourn and the health of them that hope in Thee. Who didst show Thine

Augustine, grant us, by the intercession of them both, to deplore our sins and find the mercy of Thy grace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Dear! beloved: Honor widows, that are
 widows indeed. But if any widow have
 children, or grandchildren, let her learn
 first to govern her own house, and to
 make a return of duty to her parents:
 for this is acceptable before God. But
 she that is a widow indeed and
 desolate, let her trust in God, and
 continue in prayers and supplications
 night and day. For she that liveth in
 pleasures, is dead while she is living.
 And this give in charge, that they may
 be blameless. But if any man have not
 care of his own, and especially of those
 of his house, he hath denied the faith,
 and is worse than an infidel. Let a
 widow be chosen of no less than
 threescore years of age, who hath
 been the wife of one husband, having
 testimony for her good works, if she
 have brought up children, if she have
 received to harbor, if she have washed
 the saints' feet, if she have ministered
 to them that suffer tribulation, if she
 have diligently followed every good
 work.

Alleluia, alleluia. With thy comeliness,
 and thy beauty, set out, proceed
 prosperously, and reign. Alleluia.

Because of truth, and meekness, and justice: and thy right hand shall conduct thee wonderfully, Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus went into a city called Naim: and there went with Him

the city, behold a dead man was carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a great multitude of the city were with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said to her: Weep not. And He came near and touched the bier. And they that carried it stood still. And He said: Young man, I say to thee, Arise. And he that was dead, sat up, and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on them all: and they glorified God, saying: A great prophet is risen up among us, and God has visited His people.

Grace is poured abroad in thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever and for ages of ages. Alleluia.

May the offerings of thy holy people
accepted by Thee, O Lord, in honor
Thy saints, through whose merits th
know that they have received aid in

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, certainly at all times to proclaim Thee, O Lord, but above all in this time more gloriously, when Christ

our Pasch was sacrificed. For He is the true Lamb Who hath taken away the sins of the world: Who by dying hath destroyed our death: and by rising again hath restored us to life. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:

Thou hast loved justice and hated iniquity: therefore God thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. Alleluia.

the saint whose festival we celebrate.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy
Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever
and ever.