

MAY 15, ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, CONFESSOR

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St. John Baptist de la Salle was canonized by Leo XIII, who also extended the observance of his feast to the Universal Church. His place in ecclesiastical history is chiefly important from the social point of view. Since at least two centuries before world changes rendered necessary the education of the masses, and before technical schools had gained for themselves the all-important place in the training of the young, which had up till then been held exclusively by classical teaching, God gave him an intuition of this need as though by a prophetic vision. St. John Baptist de la Salle, answering the divine call, resigned his honorable position as a canon of Rheims, and, overcoming much opposition and many difficulties, founded the Society of the Brothers of Christian Schools, which still is productive of so much good throughout the Church. He died at Rouen on Good Friday, April 7, 1719, at the age of 68.

INTROIT Psalms 36: 30, 31

Os justi meditabitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur júdicium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius. Allelúja, allelúja. (Ps. 36: 1) Noli æmulári in malignántibus: neque zeláveris faciéntes iniquitátem. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Os justi meditabitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur júdicium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius. Allelúja, allelúja.

COLLECT

Deus, qui, ad cristiánam páuperum eruditiónem et ad juvéntam in via veritátis firmándam, sanctum Joánnem Baptístam Confessórem excitásti, et novam per eum in Ecclésia familiam collegisti: concéde propítius; ut ejus intercessióne et exémplo, stúdio glóriæ tuæ in animárum salúte fervéntes, ejus in coelis coronæ partícipes fieri valeámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spirítus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

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 víta sua. Qui probátus est in illo, et perfectus est, erit illi glória æténa: qui pótuit tránsgridi, et non est tránsgréssus: fácere mala, et non fecit: ideo stabilita sunt bona illius in Dómino, et eleemósynas illius enarrábit omnis ecclésia sanctórum.

GREATER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. Beátus vir, qui suffert tentationem: quóniam cum probátus fúerit, accípiet coronam vitæ. Allelúja. Amávit eum Dóminus, et ornávit eum: stolam glóriæ induit eum. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Matthew 18: 1-5

In illo témpore: Accessérunt discipuli ad Jesum, dicéntes: Quis, putas, major est in regno cælórum? Et ádvocans Jesus párvulum, státuit eum in médio eórum et dixit: Amen, dico vobis, nisi convérsi fuéritis et efficiámini sicut párvuli, non intrábitis in regnum coelórum. Quicumque ergo humiliáverit se sicut párvulus iste, hic est major in regno cælórum. Et qui suscéperit unum párvulum talem in nómine meo, me súscipit.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 25

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

SECRET

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

PREFACE OF EASTER SEASON

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, Te quidem, Dómine, omni témpore, sed in hoc potíssimum, gloriósius prædicáre, cum Pascha nostrum immolátus est Christus. Ipse enim verus est Agnus, qui ábstulit peccáta mundi. Qui mortem nostram moriéndo destrúxit, et vitam resurgéndo reparávit. Et ideo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dóminatió nibus, cumque omni milítia cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus sine fine dicéntes:

COMMUNION Matthew 24: 46-47

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

POSTCOMMUNION

Refécti cibo, pótuque cælésti, Deus noster, te súpplices exorámus: ut, in cujus hæc commémoratióne percépipimus, ejus muniámur et précibus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spirítus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

The mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment: the law of his God is in his heart. Alleluia, alleluia. (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. Alleluia, alleluia.

O God, Who, for the Christian strengthening of the poor, and the strengthening of the young in the way of truth, didst raise up St. John Baptist, the confessor, and, through him, didst gather a new family within Thy Church, mercifully grant that, by his intercession and example, fervent in zeal for Thy glory and the salvation of souls, we may be enabled to become sharers of his crown in heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

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.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation for when he hath been proved, he shall receive the crown of life. Alleluia. The Lord loved him and adorned him: He clothed him with a robe of glory. Alleluia.

At that time, the disciples came to Jesus saying: Who, thinkest Thou, is the greater in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus calling unto Him a little child, set him in the midst of them and said: Amen I say to you, unless you be converted and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, he is the greater in the kingdom of heaven. And he that shall receive one such little child in My name receiveth Me.

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

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.

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:

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. Alleluia.

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.