

JUNE 4, ST. FRANCIS CARACCILO, CONFESSOR

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St. Francis Caracciolo, born in the kingdom of Naples; was one of the founders of the Order of Clerks Regular, who in turn watched in perpetual adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. His short life of forty years was profitable in the sight of God. He edified by his holy life, not only Naples and Rome, but also distant Spain. He died on June 4, 1608, and was canonized by Pope Pius VII.

INTROIT Psalms 21: 1, 5; 68: 10

Factum est cor meum tamquam cera liquescens in médio ventris mei: quóniam zelus domus tuæ comédit me. (Ps. 72: 1) Quam bonus Israël Deus: his, qui recto sunt corde. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Factum est cor meum tamquam cera liquescens in médio ventris mei: quóniam zelus domus tuæ comédit me.

COLLECT

Deus, qui beátum Francíscum, novi órdis institútorem, orándi stúdio et pœnitentiæ amóre decorásti: da fámulis tuis in ejus imitatióne ita proficere; ut, semper orántes et corpus in servitútem redigéntes, ad cæléstem glóriam pervenire mereántur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Wisdom 4: 7-14

Justus, si morte præoccupátus fúerit, in refrigerio erit. Senéctus enim venerábilis est non diutúrna, neque annórum número computáta: cani autem sunt sensus hóminis, et ætas senectútis vita immaculáta. Placens Deo factus est diléctus, et vivens inter peccatóres translátus est. Raptus est ne malítia mutáret intelléctum ejus, aut ne fictio decíperet ánimam illius. Fascinatio enim nugacitátis obscurat bona, et inconstántia concupiscéntiæ transvértit sensum sine malítia.

Consummátus in brevi explévit témpora multa, plácita enim erat Deo ánima illius: propter hoc properávit educere illum de médio iniquitátum.

GRADUAL Psalms 41: 2

Quemádmódum desíderat cervus ad fontes aquárum: ita desíderat ánima mea ad te, Deus. (Ps. 41: 3) Sitívit ánima mea ad Deum fortem vivum.

LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 72: 26

Allelúja, allelúja. Defécit caro mea et cor meum: Deus cordis mei, et pars mea Deus in ætérnum. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Luke 12: 35-40

In illo tempore: Dixit Jesus discípuulis suis: Sint lumbi vestri præcincti, et lucérnæ ardéntes in mánibus vestris, et vos símiles homínibus exspectántibus dóminum suum, quando revertátur a núptiis: ut, cum vénerit et pulsáverit, conféstim apériant ei. Beáti servi illi, quos, cum vénerit dóminus, invénerit vigilánte: amen, dico vobis, quod præcinget se, et fáciat illos discumbere, 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 scitóte, quóniam, si sciret paterfamílias, qua hora fur veníret, vigiláret útique, et non sineret pèrfodi domum suam. Et vos estóte parati: quia, qua hora non putátis, Fílius hóminis véniet.

OFFERTORY Psalms 91: 13

Justus ut palma florébit; sicut cedrus Libani multiplicábitur.

SECRET

Da nobis, clementíssime Jesu: ut præclára beáti Francísci mérita recoléntes, eódem nos, ac ille, caritátis igne succénsi, digne in circúitu sacræ hujus mensæ tuæ esse valeámus: Qui vivis et regnas, cum Deo Patre in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Psalms 30: 20

Quam magna multitúdo dulcédinis tuæ, Dómine, quam abscondísti tíméntibus te!

POSTCOMMUNION

Sacrosáncti sacrificii, quæsumus, Dómine, quod hódie in solemnitáte beáti Francísci tuæ obtúlimus majestáti, grata semper in méntibus nostris memória perseveret, et fructus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

My heart is become like wax melting in the midst of my bowels: for the zeal of Thy house hath eaten me up. (Ps. 72: 1) How good is God to Israël: to them that are of a right heart. 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. My heart is become like wax melting in the midst of my bowels: for the zeal of Thy house hath eaten me up.

O God, Who didst adorn blessed Francis, as the founder of a new order, with the spirit of prayer and the love of penance, grant Thy servants to make such progress in imitating him that, by prayer without ceasing, and by bringing the body into subjection, they may deserve to attain heavenly glory. 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 just man, if he be prevented with death, shall be in rest. For venerable age is not that of long time, nor counted by the number of years; but the understanding of a man is gray hairs. And a spotless life is old age. He pleased God and was beloved, and living among sinners he was translated. He was taken away lest wickedness should alter his understanding, or deceit beguile his soul. For the bewitching of vanity obscureth good things, and the wandering of concupiscence overturneth the innocent mind. Being made perfect in a short space, he fulfilled a long time. For his soul pleased God: therefore He hastened to bring him out of the midst of iniquities.

As the deer longs for the running waters, so my soul longs for Thee, O God. (Ps. 41: 3) My soul thirsts for the strong living God.

Alleluia, alleluia. My flesh and my heart waste away; God is the God of my heart and my portion forever. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, Let your loins be gird, 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.

The just man shall flourish like the palm tree, he shall grow up like the cedar of Libanus.

Grant us, O most merciful Jesus, that, while celebrating the noble virtues of blessed Francis, we, being enkindled with the same fire of charity that burned within him, may be able to stand worthily about Thy sacred table. Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

O how great is the multitude of Thy sweetness, O Lord, which Thou hast hidden from them that fear Thee!

Let the happy memory of the most holy sacrifice, which we have this day offered to Thy majesty on the solemn feast of blessed Francis, ever endure in our minds together with its fruits. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.