

## JULY 14, ST. BONAVENTURE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

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Born in Tuscany in 1221, Giovanni Fidenza, in consequence of a miraculous cure, entered the Franciscan Order. While still young, he became minister general; guided by his wise and prudent spirit, the Franciscan Order was saved from the schism which was about to divide the rigorous from the mild. He was closely united to St. Thomas Aquinas; both taught at the University of Paris at the same time. St. Bonaventure was created Cardinal and Bishop of Albano in 1273 by Gregory X; he died on July 15 in the following year at Lyons while the Ecumenical Council was being held in that city. The Pope and the entire Council took part in his funeral; every priest in the world said Mass for his soul.

St. Bonaventure is a true example of the ascetic Franciscan school, which has spread among the people a fervent devotion to the most sacred human nature of the Redeemer. When he writes on the Passion of Our Lord or speaks in praise of the Blessed Virgin, his language grows eloquent and a seraphic ardor glows in his words. Sixtus IV, when he canonized St. Bonaventure in 1482, ordered that the celebration of his feast in the Basilica of the Holy Apostles should be considered as a solemnity of the sacred Apostolic Palace. In later years a church and a monastery were dedicated to this saint on the Palatine.

### INTROIT Ecclesiasticus 15: 5

In médio Ecclésiæ aperuit os ejus: et implévit eum Dóminus spírítu sapiéntiæ et intelléctus: stolam glóriæ índuit eum. (Ps. 91: 2) Bonum est confitéri Dómino: et psállere nómini tuo Altíssime. Glória Patri et Filio et Spírítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. In médio Ecclésiæ aperuit os ejus: et implévit eum Dóminus spírítu sapiéntiæ et intelléctus: stolam glóriæ índuit eum.

### COLLECT

Deus, qui pópulo tuo ætérnæ salútis beátum Bonaventúram mínístrum tribuísti: præsta, quæsumus; ut quem Doctórem vitæ habúimus in terris, intercessórem habére mereámur in cælis. Per Dóminum nostrum, Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spírítus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

### EPISTLE 2 Timothy 4: 1-8

Caríssime: Testíficor coram Deo, et Jesu Christo, qui judicatúrus est vivos et mórtuos, per advéntum ipsíus, et regnum ejus: prædica verbum, insta oportúne, importúne: árgue, óbseca, íncrepa in omni patiéntia, et doctrína. Erit enim témpus, cum sanam doctrínam non sustinébunt, sed ad sua desidéria coacervábunt sibi magístros, pruriéntes áuribus, et a verítate quidem audítum avértent, ad fábulas autem converténtur. Tu vero vígila, in ómnibus labóra, opus fac evangelístæ, ministérium tuum imple. Sóbrius esto. Ego enim iam delíbor, et témpus resolutiónis meæ instat. Bonum certámen certávi, cursum consummávi, fidem servávi. In réliquo repósita est mihi coróna justítiæ, quam reddet mihi Dóminus in illa die, justus judex: non solum autem mihi, sed et iis, qui díligunt advéntum ejus.

### GRADUAL Psalms 36: 30, 31

Os justí meditábitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur júdicium. Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsíus: non supplantabúntur gressus ejus.

### LESSER ALLELUIA Ps 109: 4

Allelúja, allelúja. Jurávit Dóminus, et non poenitébit eum: Tu es sacérdos in ætérnum, secúndum órđinem Melchisedech. Allelúja.

### GOSPEL Matthew 5: 13-19

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discíplis suis: Vos estis sal terræ. Quod si sal evanúerit, in quo saliétur? Ad níhilum valet ultra, nisi ut mittátur foras, et conculcétur ab homínibus. Vos estis lux mundi. Non potest civitas abscondi supra montem pósita. Neque accéndunt lucérnam, et ponunt eam sub módio, sed super candelábrum, ut líceat ómnibus qui in domo sunt. Sic líceat lux vestra coram homínibus: ut vídeant ópera vestra bona, et gloríficent Patrem vestrum, qui in cælis est. Nolíte putáre quóniam veni sólvete legem aut prophétas: non veni sólvete, sed adimplére. Amen quippe dico vobis, donec tránseat cælum et terra, iota unum aut unus apex non præteríbit a lege donec ómnia fiant. Qui ergo sólverit unum de mandátis istis mínimis, et docúerit sic hómines, mínimus vocábitur in regno cælórum: qui autem fecérít et docúerit, hic magnus vocábitur in regno cælórum.

### OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 25

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

### SECRET

Sancti Bonaventúráe Confessóris tui atque Pontíficis, quæsumus, Dómine, ánnua solémnitas pietáti tuæ nos reddat accéptos: ut, per hæc piæ placatiónis officia, et illum beáta retribúto comitétur, et nobis grátiaæ tuæ dona concíliet. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spírítus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

### COMMUNION Luke 12: 42

Fidélis servus et prudens, quem constítuit dóminus super familiam suam: ut det illis in témpore trítici mensúram.

### POSTCOMMUNION

Deus, fidélium remunerátor animárum: præsta; ut beáti Bonaventúráe Confessóris tui, atque Pontíficis, cuius venerándam celebrámus festivitátem, précibus indulgéntiam consequámur. Per Dóminum nostrum, Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spírítus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth: and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding. He clothed him with a robe of glory. (Ps. 91: 2) It is good to give praise to the Lord: and to sing to Thy Name, O Most High. 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. In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth: and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding. He clothed him with a robe of glory.

O God, who didst give blessed Bonaventure as a minister of eternal salvation to Thy people: grant, we beseech Thee, that we, who have had him for our teacher on earth, may deserve to have him for our advocate 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.

Dearly beloved, I charge thee, before God and Jesus Christ, who shall judge the living and the dead, by His coming, and His kingdom: preach the word: be instant in season, out of season: reprove, entreat, rebuke in all patience and doctrine. For there shall be a time when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires they will heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears: and will indeed turn away their hearing from the truth, but will be turned unto fables. But be thou vigilant, labour in all things, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill thy ministry. Be sober. For I am even now ready to be sacrificed: and the time of my dissolution is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. As to the rest, there is laid up for me a crown of justice, which the Lord, the just Judge, will render to me in that day: and not only to me, but to them also that love his coming.

The mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgment. The law of his God is in his heart: and his steps shall not be supplanted.

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord hath sworn, and He will not repent: Thou art a priest forever, according to the order of Melchisedech. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt lose its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is good for nothing any more but to be cast out, and to be trodden on by men. You are the light of the world. A city seated on a mountain cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but upon a candlestick, that it may shine to all that are in the house. So let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Do not think that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For amen I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot, or one tittle shall not pass of the law, till all be fulfilled. He therefore that shall break one of these least commandments, and shall so teach men, shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. But he that shall do and teach, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

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

May the annual feast of Saint Bonaventure, Thy Confessor and Bishop, we beseech Thee, O Lord, render us acceptable in Thy loving kindness, that through these offices of pious atonement, both a blessed reward may attend him and also he may win for us the the gifts 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.

The faithful and wise servant, whom his lord setteth over his family: to give them their measure of wheat in due season.

O God, the rewarder of faithful souls, grant that by the prayers of blessed Bonaventure Thy Confessor and Bishop, whose venerable feast we celebrate, we may obtain pardon. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.