

JULY 18, ST. CAMILLUS OF LELLIS, CONFESSOR

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St. Camillus of Lellis was born in 1550 of a noble family. He tried twice to enter the Capuchin Order, but each time had to leave on account of a sore on his leg. He then spent his life in ministering to the sick in the hospitals of St. Giacomo degli Incurabili, and of the Santo Spirito. He instituted a congregation of regular Clerics, devoted to the care of the sick. St. Philip Neri, who at one time was his confessor, saw in a vision that the angels themselves inspired the religious instituted by him with the words best suited to comfort the dying. Leo XIII appointed him the celestial patron of those who are at the point of death; his name is in the Litany of the Dying. He died at Rome, July 14, 1614.

Commemoration of St. Symphorosa and Her Children: Symphorosa and her sons were martyred under Hadrian in the year 120. The mother was drowned on this day in the River Anio, whilst her sons had already won the crown of martyrdom on June 27; Crescens had been stabbed in the throat, Julian in the breast, Nemesius in the heart, Primitivus in the stomach; Justin had received his death-wound in the back, Stacteus in the side, and Eugenius had been actually cleft in two. The bodies of the Tiburtine martyrs were brought to Rome by Stephen III, and were placed in the deaconry church of St. Michael.

INTROIT John 15: 13

Majórem hac dilectiónem nemo habet, ut ánimam suam ponat quis pro amicis suis. (Ps 40: 2) Beátus, qui intéllegit super egénum et páuperem: in die mala liberábit eum Dóminus. Glória Patri et Filio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Majórem hac dilectiónem nemo habet, ut ánimam suam ponat quis pro amicis suis.

COLLECT

Deus, qui sanctum Camillum, ad animádum in extrémó agóne luctántium subsidium, singulári caritátis prærogatíva decorásti: ejus, quæsumus, méritis, spíritum nobis tuæ dilectiónis infúnde; ut in hora éxitus nostri hostem víncere, et ad cæléstem mereámur corónam pervenire. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

(Commemoration of St. Symphorosa & her Seven Sons, Martyrs)

Deus, qui nos concédís sanctórum Mártyrum tuórum Symphorósæ et filiórum ejus natalítia colére: da nobis in æténa beatitúdine de eórum societáte gaudére. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE 1 John 3: 13-18

Caríssimi: Nolíte mirári, si odit vos mundus. Nos scimus, quóniam translátí sumus de morte ad vitam, quóniam dilígimus fratres. Qui non diligit, manet in morte: omnis, qui odit fratrem suum, homicída est. Et scitis, quóniam omnis homicída non habet vitam ætérnam in semetípso manéntem. In hoc cognóvisus caritátem Dei, quóniam ille ánimam suam pro nobis pósuit: et nos debemus pro frátribus ánimas pónere. Qui habúerit substántiam hujus mundi, et víderit fratrem suum necessitátem habére, et cláuserit viscera sua ab eo: quómódo cáritas Dei manet in eo? Filíoli mei, non dilígámus verbo neque lingua, sed ópere et veritáte.

GRADUAL Psalms 36: 30-31

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

LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 111: 1

Allelúja, allelúja. Beátus vir, qui timet Dóminum: in mandátis ejus cupit nimis. Allelúja.

GOSPEL John 15: 12-16

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discíplis suis: Hoc est præcéptum meum, ut dilígátis ínvicem, sicut diléxi vos. Majórem hac dilectiónem nemo habet, ut ánimam suam ponat quis pro amicis suis. Vos amíci mei estis, si fecéritis quæ ego præcípio vobis. Jam non dicam vos servos: quia servus nescit, quid fáciat dóminus ejus. Vos autem dixi amícos: quia ómnia, quæcúmque audívi a Patre meo, nota feci vobis. Non vos me elegístis: sed ego elégi vos, et pósui vos, ut eátís, et fructum afferátis: et fructus vester máneat: ut, quodcúmque petiérítis Patrem in nómine meo, det vobis.

OFFERTORY Psalms 20: 2-3

In virtúte tua, Dómine, lætábitur justus, et super salutáre tuum exsultábit veheménter: desidérium ánimæ ejus tribuísti ei.

SECRET

Hóstia immaculáta, qua illud Dómini nostri Jesu Christi imménsæ caritátis opus renovámus, sit, Deus Pater omnipoténs, sancto Camillo intercedénate, contra omnes córporis et ánimæ infirmitátes salutáre remedium, et in extrémó agóne solátium et tutela. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

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Múnera tibi, Dómine, nostræ devotiónis offérimus: quæ et pro tuórum tibi grata sint honóre Justórum, et nobis salutária, te miseránte, reddántur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Matthew 25: 36, 40

Infírmus fui, et visitástis me. Amen, amen, dico vobis: Quámdiu fecístis uni ex his frátribus meis mínimis, mihi fecístis.

POSTCOMMUNION

Per hæc cæléstia aliménta, quæ, sancti Camilli Confessóris tui solémnia celebrátes, pia devotíone suscipítes: da, quæsumus, Dómine; ut, in hora mortis nostræ sacraméntis refécti et culpís ómnibus expiáti, in sinum misericórdiæ tuæ læti súscipi mereámur: Qui vivis et regnas, cum Deo Patre in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

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Præsta nobis, quæsumus, Dómine: intercedéntibus sanctis Martýribus tuis Symphorósa et filiis ejus; ut, quod ore contíngimus, pura mente capiámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (Ps. 40: 2) Blessed is he that understandeth concerning the needy and poor: the Lord will deliver him in the evil day. 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. Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

O God, Who didst adorn blessed Camillus with a special gift of charity for the help of souls struggling in their last agony, pour upon us, we beseech Thee, by his merits, the spirit of Thy love, that in the hour of our death we may be worthy to overcome the enemy and attain the heavenly crown. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

O God, Who permits us to celebrate the anniversary of the death of Thy holy Martyrs, Symphorosa and her sons, grant us to rejoice in their companionship in everlasting happiness. 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, Wonder not if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not, abideth in death. Whomever hateth his brother is a murderer: and you know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in himself. In this we have known the charity of God, because He hath laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. He that hath the substance of this world, and shall see his brother in need, and shut up his bowel from him, how doth the charity of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word nor in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

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. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, he delights exceedingly in His commandments. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples:

This is My commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends, if you do the things that I command you. I will not now call you servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doth. But I have called you friends; because all things whatsoever I have heard of My Father, I have made known to you. You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you; and have appointed you that you should go, and should bring forth fruit; and your fruit should remain: that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you.

In thy strength, O Lord, the just shall exult and in Thy salvation he shall rejoice exceedingly: Thou hast given him his heart's desire.

May this unspotted victim, with which we renew the great work of Our Lord Jesus Christ's infinite charity, be, through the intercession of blessed Camillus, our saving remedy against all infirmities of body and soul, and, in the last agony, our solace and protection. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

We offer Thee, O Lord, the gifts of our homage; may they be pleasing to Thee in honor of Thy just ones, and by Thy mercy, may they become profitable for our salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

I was sick and you visited Me: Amen, amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these My least brethren, you did it to Me.

Through this heavenly nourishment which we have received with pious devotion, in celebrating the solemnity of blessed Camillus, Thy confessor, grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that in the hour of our death, refreshed by Thy sacraments, and all our sins forgiven, we may deserve to be taken up, rejoicing, into the bosom of Thy mercy. Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the intercession of Thy holy Martyrs, Symphorosa and her sons, that what we taste with our lips we may consume with pure heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.