

AUGUST 8, ST. JOHN MARY VIANNEY, CONFESSOR

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St. John Mary Vianney was born at Dardilly, France, in 1786. He was a farmhand until his nineteenth year, when he began his studies for the priesthood. His talents were poor, and his progress slow. He was ordained at Grenoble in 1815; he became parish priest of Ars in 1818. That little town was the scene of his marvelous labors until his holy death, August 4, 1859. He was canonized May 31, 1925, by Pope Pius XI. For forty years his food and sleep were insufficient to sustain human life; during the last ten years of his life he spent from sixteen to eighteen hours a day in the confessional. Enlightened by God, he could read hearts and soften the most hardened sinner. He healed the sick and cast out devils; like his Master he was openly persecuted, calumniated and hated by wicked men. His little parish attracted thousands of people. Towards the end of his life 158,000 people visited Ars in a single year. He founded an orphanage for girls, trusting its support to Divine Providence. He had the gift of prophecy, and told many souls what the future held in store for them. He is in a special manner the model for all parish priests.

Commemoration of Sts. Cyriacus, Largus, and Smaragdus, Martyrs:

St. Cyriacus was a holy deacon of Rome under Pope Marcellinus and Marcellus. With Largus, Smaragdus, and about twenty others he was crowned with martyrdom in 303, in the persecution of Diocletian. The occasion of the translation of their remains many years later to a church dedicated to them led to the institution of a festival in their memory. St. Cyriacus is invoked for diseases of the eye, and against diabolical possessions.

INTROIT Psalms 36: 30, 31

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam, et lingua ejus loquetur iudicium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius. (Ps. 36: 1) Noli æmulari in malignantibus: neque zelaveris facientes iniquitatem. Glória Patri et Filio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Os justi meditabitur sapientiam, et lingua ejus loquetur iudicium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius.

COLLECT

Omnípotens et misericors Deus, qui sanctum Joánnem Mariam pastoráli stúdio et jugi orationis ac poenitentiæ ardóre mirabilem effecisti: da, quæsumus; ut, ejus exémplo et intercessióne, ánimas fratrum lucrári Christo, et cum eis ætérnam glóriam cónsequi valeámus. 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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Deus, qui nos annua sanctorum Mátyrum tuorum Cyriaci, Largi et Smaragdi solemnitate lætificas: concède propitius: ut, quorum natalitia colimus, virtutem quoque passionis imitemur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Ecclesiasticus 31: 8-11

Beátus vir, qui inventus est sine macula, et qui post aurum non ábit, nec sperávit in pecúnia et thesauris. Quis est hic, et laudábimus eum? fecit enim mirabilia in vita sua. Qui probatus est in illo, et perfectus est, erit illi glória ætérna: qui potuit transgredi, et non est transgressus: fácere mala, et non fecit: ídeo stabilita sunt bona illius in Dómino, et elemósynas illius enarrábit omnis ecclésia sanctorum.

GRADUAL Psalms 91: 13, 14

Justus ut palma florébit: sicut cedrus Libani multiplicátur in domo Dómini. Ad annuntiandum mane misericórdiam tuam, et veritatem tuam per noctem.

LESSER ALLELUIA James 1: 12

Allelúja, allelúja. Beátus vir, qui suffert tentationem. quóniam cum probatus fuerit, accípiet corónam vitæ. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Luke 12: 35-40

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis: Sint lumbi vestri præcincti et lucernæ ardentes in manibus vestris. Et vos similes hominibus expectantibus dóminum suum quando revertátur a nuptiis ut cum vénerit et pulsáverit conféstim apériant ei. Beáti servi illi quos cum vénerit dóminus invenerit vigilantes. Amen dico vobis quod præcinget se et faciét illos discumbere et transiens ministrábit illis. Et si vénerit in secúnda vigília et si in tertia vigília vénerit et ita invenerit beáti sunt servi illi. Hoc autem scitote, quóniam si sciret paterfamilias qua hora fur véniret vigiláret útique et non síneret pérfodi domum suam. Et vos estote paráti quia qua hora non putátis Filius hóminis véniret.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 25

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

SECRET

Laudis tibi, Dómine, hostias immolámus in tuorum commemoratióne sanctorum: quibus nos et præsentibus exui malis confidimus, et futúris. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

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Accépta sit in conspectu tuo, Domine, nostra devotio: et eorum nobis fiat supplicatio salutaris, pro quorum solemnitate defertur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Matthew 24: 46-47

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

POSTCOMMUNION

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

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Refécti participatióne muneris sacri, quæsumus, Dómine Deus noster: ut, cujus exséquimur cultum, intercedéntibus sanctis Mátyribus tuis Cyriáco, Largo et Smaragdo, sentiámus efféctum. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus 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. (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.

Almighty and merciful God, Who by pastoral zeal, the yoke of prayer, and the ardor of penance hast made glorious St. John Mary; grant, we beseech Thee, that by his example and intercession we may be enabled to gain for Christ the souls of our brethren and with them attain to everlasting 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.

O God, Who dost gladden us with the solemn yearly festival of Thy holy Martyrs, Cyriacus, Largus, and Smaragdus, mercifully grant that we may imitate the virtue of their martyrdom whose feast day we now 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.

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.

The just shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow up like the cedar of Lebanon in the house of the Lord. To show forth Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth in the night.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he hath been proved, he shall receive the crown of life. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, Let your loins be girt, 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 ye then also ready: for at what hour you think not, the Son of man will come.

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

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.

May our offering, O Lord, be acceptable in Thy sight, and be for us a help to salvation through the prayers of those whose festival it is offered. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

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.

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.

Refreshed by partaking of Thy sacred gift, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our God, that, by the intercession of Thy holy Martyrs, Cyriacus, Largus, and Smaragdus, we may experience the effect of that to which we pay our worship. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.