

AUGUST 16, ST. JOACHIM, FATHER OF BVM

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The excellence of a fruit is always a sign of the quality of the tree which bore it. In the case of St. Joachim, the Immaculate Conception of Mary reflects a splendid glory on the chaste union of her parents. The Gospels, speak of a sister of Our Lady who accompanied her even to the foot of the cross.

According to some authorities she too was a daughter of Anna and of Joachim. His feast was first introduced into the Breviary by Julius II, who fixed the date of March 20. Leo XIII (Joachim Pecci) raised it to a double of the second class. In the reform of the Breviary carried out by Pius X, August 16th was the date fixed.

The close relationship which existed between the Savior and St. Joachim confers on the latter a great dignity, raising him above other saints, so that the honor paid to him is reflected upon Christ Himself in a special manner and upon His Immaculate Mother.

INTROIT Psalms 111: 9

Dispérsit, dedit paupéribus: justítia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi: cornu ejus exaltábitur in glória. (Ps. 111: 1) Beátus vir, qui timet Dóminum: in mandátis ejus cupit nimis. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Dispérsit, dedit paupéribus: justítia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi: cornu ejus exaltábitur in glória.

COLLECT

Deus, qui præ ómnibus Sanctis tuis beátum Jóachim Genetrícis Fílii tui patrem esse voluísti: concéde, quæsumus; ut, cujus festa venerámur, ejus quoque perpétuo patrocínia sentiámus. Per eúndem 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 invéntus est sine macula, et qui post aurum non ábiit, nec sperávit in pecúnia et thesáuris. Quis est hic, et laudábimus eum? fecit enim mirabília in vita sua. Qui probátus est in illo, et perféctus est, erit illi glória ætérna: qui pótuit tránsgridi, et non est tránsgréssus: fácere mala, et non fecit: ídeo stabíllita sunt bona illíus in Dómino, et eleemósynas illíus enarrábit omnis eccléssia sanctórum.

GRADUAL Psalms 111: 9, 2

Dispérsit, dedit paupéribus: justítia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi. Potens in terra erit semen ejus: generátio rectórum benedicétur.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. O Jóachim, sanctæ conjux Annæ, pater almæ Vírginis, hic fámulis fertó salútis opem. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Matthew 1: 1-16

Liber generatiónis Jesu Christi, filii David, filii Abraham. Abraham genuit Isaac, Isaac autem genuit Jacob. Jacob autem genuit Judam et fratres ejus. Judas autem genuit Phares et Zaram de Thamar. Phares autem genuit Esron. Esron autem genuit Aram. Aram autem genuit Aminadab. Aminadab autem genuit Naásson. Naásson autem genuit Salmon. Salmon autem genuit Booz de Rahab. Booz autem genuit Obed ex Ruth. Obed autem genuit Jesse. Jesse autem genuit David regem. David autem rex genuit Salomónem ex ea, quæ fuit Uriæ. Sálomon autem genuit Róboam. Róboam autem genuit Abíam. Abías autem genuit Asa. Asa autem genuit Jósaphat. Jósaphat autem genuit Joram. Joram autem genuit Ozíam. Ozías autem genuit Jóatham. Jóatham autem genuit Achaz. Achaz autem genuit Ezechíam. Ezechias autem genuit Manássen. Manássen autem genuit Amen. Amon autem genuit Josíam. Josías autem genuit Jechoníam et fratres ejus in transmigratióne Babylónis. Et post transmigratióne Babylónis: Jeehonías genuit Saláthiel. Saláthiel autem genuit Zoróbabel. Zoróbabel autem genuit Abiud. Abiud autem genuit Eliacim. Eliacim autem genuit Azor. Azor autem genuit Sadoc. Sadoc autem genuit Achim. Achim autem genuit Eliud. Eliud autem genuit Eleázar. Eleázar autem genuit Mathan. Mathan autem genuit Jacob. Jacob autem genuit Joseph, virum Mariæ, de qua natus est Jesus, qui vocátur Christus.

OFFERTORY Psalms 8: 6-7

Glória et honóre coronásti eum: et constituísti eum super ópera mánuum tuárum, Dómine.

SECRET

Súscipe, clementíssime Deus, sacrificium in honórem sancti Patriarchæ Jóachim, patris Maríæ Vírginis, majestáti tuæ oblátum: ut, ipso cum cónjuge sua et beatíssima prole intercedénte, perféctam cónsequi mereámur remissionem peccatórum et glóriam sempitérnam. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Luke 12: 42

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

POSTCOMMUNION

Quæsumus, omnipotens Deus: ut per hæc sacraménta, quæ sumpsimus, beáti Jóachim patris Genetrícis dilécti Fílii tui, Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, tuæ grátiae in præsénti et ætérnæ glóriæ in futúro partícipes esse mereámur. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

He hath distributed, he hath given to the poor: his justice remaineth for ever and ever: his horn shall be exalted in glory. (Ps. 111: 1) Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: he delighteth exceedingly in His commandments. 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. He hath distributed, he hath given to the poor: his justice remaineth for ever and ever: his horn shall be exalted in glory.

O God, who of all Thy Saints didst will to choose the blessed Joachim to be father to the Mother of Thy Son: grant, we beseech Thee, that we who honor his festival, may evermore experience his patronage. 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.

Blessed is the man that is found without blemish, and that hath not gone after gold, nor put his trust in money nor in treasures. Who is he, and we will praise him? for he hath done wonderful things in his life. Who hath been tried thereby, and made perfect, he shall have glory everlasting: he that could have transgressed, and hath not transgressed: and could do evil things, and hath not done them: therefore are his goods established in the Lord, and all the Church of the Saints shall declare his alms.

He hath distributed, he hath given to the poor: his justice remaineth for ever and ever. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

Alleluia, alleluia. O holy Joachim,

spouse of Saint Anne, help now thy servants to save their souls. Alleluia.

The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham. Abraham begot Isaac; Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judas, and his brethren; and Judas begot Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begot Esron,; and Esron begot Aram; and Aram begot Aminadab; and Aminadab begot Naasson; and Naasson begot Salmon; and Salmon begot Booz of Rahab; and Booz begot Obed of Ruth; and Obed begot Jesse; and Jesse begot David the king. And David the king begot Solomon, of her who had been the wife of Urias; and Solomon begot Roboam; and Roboam begot Abia; and Abia begot Asa; and Asa begot Josaphat; and Josaphat begot Joram; and Joram begot Ozias; and Ozias begot Joatham; and Joatham begot Achaz; and Achaz begot Ezechias; and Ezechias begot Manasses; and Manasses begot Amon; and Amon begot Josias; and Josias begot Jechonias and his brethren in the transmigration of Babylon. And after the transmigration of Babylon, Jechonias begot Salthiel; Salthiel begot Zorobabel; and Zorobabel begot Abiud; and Abiud begot Eliacim; and Eliacim begot Azor; and Azor begot Sadoc; and Sadoc begot Achim; and Achim begot Eliud; and Eliud begot Eleazar; and Eleazar begot Mathan; and Mathan begot Jacob; and Jacob begot Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus Who is called Christ.

Thou hast crowned him with glory and honor: and hast set him over the works of Thy hands, O Lord.

Receive, O most merciful God, the Sacrifice which we offer up to Thy majesty in honor of the holy Patriarch Joachim, the father of the Virgin Mary; that through his intercession, with that of his spouse and of his most blessed child, we may become worthy to obtain the perfect pardon of our sins, and to win eternal 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.

A faithful and wise steward, whom his lord set over his family; to give them their measure of wheat in due season.

We beseech Thee, O almighty God, that through these Mysteries which we have received and by the merits and prayers of blessed Joachim, father of the Mother of Thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, which plead for us, we may become worthy to receive Thy grace in this present life and eternal glory in the life to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.