

## AUGUST 31, ST. RAYMOND, CONFESSOR

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The mother of this heroic Spanish saint, did not live for him to know and love. He asked the Blessed Virgin to take him: as her special son. She revealed to him that he should devote himself to the ransoming of captives. He then founded the Order of Our Lady of Mercy for this purpose. He even gave himself up as a hostage to the Mohammedans for their sake. He was made a Cardinal after his rescue, in 1240, but died shortly after.

### INTROIT Psalms 36: 30, 31

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

### COLLECT

Deus, qui in liberandis fidelibus tuis ab impiorum captivitate beatum Raymundum Confessorem tuum mirabilem effecisti: ejus nobis intercessione concede; ut, a peccatorum vinculis absoluti, quæ tibi sunt placita, liberis mentibus exsequamur. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

### LESSON Ecclesiasticus 31: 8-11

Beatus vir, qui inventus est sine macula, et qui post aurum non abiit, nec speravit in pecunia et thesauris. Quis est hic, et laudabimus eum? fecit enim mirabilia in vita sua. Qui probatus est in illo, et perfectus est, erit illi gloria æterna: qui potuit transgredi, et non est transgressus: facere mala, et non fecit: ideo stabilita sunt bona illius in Domino, et eleemosynas illius enarrabit omnis ecclesia sanctorum.

### GRADUAL Psalms 91: 13, 14

Justus ut palma florabit: sicut cedrus Libani multiplicatur in domo Domini. Ad annuntiandum mane misericordiam tuam, et veritatem tuam per noctem.

### LESSER ALLELUIA James 1: 12

Allelúja, allelúja. Beatus vir, qui suffert tentationem. quoniam cum probatus fuerit, accipiet coronam vitæ. Allelúja.

### GOSPEL Luke 12: 35-40

In illo tempore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis: Sint lumbi vestri præcincti et lucernæ ardentes in manibus vestris. Et vos similes hominibus expectantibus dominum suum quando revertatur a nuptiis ut cum venerit et pulsaverit confestim aperiant ei. Beati servi illi quos cum venerit dominus invenerit vigilantes. Amen dico vobis quod præcinget se et faciet illos discumbere et transiens ministrabit illis. Et si venerit in secunda vigilia et si in tertia vigilia venerit et ita invenerit beati sunt servi illi. Hoc autem scitote, quoniam si sciret paterfamilias qua hora fur veniret vigilaret utique et non sineret perfodi domum suam. Et vos estote parati quia qua hora non putatis Filius hominis venit.

### OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 25

Veritas mea et misericordia mea cum ipso: et in nomine meo exaltabitur cornu ejus.

### SECRET

Laudis tibi, Domine, hostias immolamus in tuorum commemoratione sanctorum: quibus nos et presentibus exui malis confidimus, et futuris. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

### COMMUNION Matthew 24: 46-47

Beatus ille servus quem cum venerit dominus ejus invenerit sic facientem. Amen dico vobis quoniam super omnia bona sua constituet eum.

### POSTCOMMUNION

Refecti cibo, potuque cælesti, Deus noster, te supplices exoramus: ut, in cujus hæc commemoratio percipimus, ejus muniamur et precibus. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

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 envious 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.

O God, Who didst make blessed Raymond, Thy Confessor, wonderful in delivering Thy faithful from the captivity of the infidels: grant us, by his intercession, that being loosed from the bonds of our sins, we may with free minds perform what is pleasing to Thee. 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 you 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.

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.