

OCTOBER 20, ST. JOHN CANTIUS, CONFESSOR

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St. John was born at Kenty in the diocese of Cracow. He was a parish priest and missionary, but, above all, he is remarkable for having fulfilled during many years the duties of a professor at the University of Cracow. There may be many who hold that the position of a teacher at a university, who is apt to be enamored of his own learning, is scarcely suited to the practice of Christian perfection. John of Kenty has dispelled this illusion, and has proved that the example of a holy life lends authority to a master's teaching far more than would self sufficiency.

He was marked during his lifetime by a great generosity towards the poor, and, after his death, God distinguished him by a number of miracles. He died on Christmas Eve, 1473, and was canonized by Pope Clement XIII in 1767. He is invoked in cases of ulcers, fever, and consumption; he is one of the patrons of Poland.

INTROIT Ecclesiasticus 18: 12-13

Miserátio hóminis circa próximum: misericórdia autem Dei super omnem carnem. Qui misericórdiam habet, docet et érudit quasi pastor gregem suum. (Ps. 1: 1) Beátus vir, qui non ábiit in consílio impiórum, et in via peccatórum non stetit, et in cáthedra pestiléntiæ non sedit. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Miserátio hóminis circa próximum: misericórdia autem Dei super omnem carnem. Qui misericórdiam habet, docet et érudit quasi pastor gregem suum.

COLLECT

Da, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut, sancti Joánnis Confessóris exémplo in scientia Sanctórum proficiéntes atque áliis misericórdiam exhibéntes; ejus méritis, indulgéntiam apud te consequámur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE James 2: 12-17

Sic loquímuni, et sic fácite sicut per legem libertátis incipiéntes judicári. Judícium enim sine misericórdia illi, qui non fecit misericórdiam: superexáltat autem misericórdia judícium. Quid próderit, fratres mei, si fidem quis dicat se habére, ópera autem non hábeat? Numquid poterit fides salváre eum? Si autem frater et soror nudi sint, et indígeant victu quotidiáno, dicat autem áliquis ex vobis illis: Ite in pace, calefacimini et saturámini: non dedéritis autem eis, quæ necessária sunt córpori, quid próderit? Sic et fides, si non hábeat ópera, mórtua est in semetípisa.

GRADUAL Psalms 106: 8-9

Confíteántur Dómino misericórdiæ ejus: et mirabilia ejus filiis hóminum. Quia satiávit ánimam inánem: et ánimam esuriéntem satiavit bonis.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Proverbs 31: 20

Allelúja, allelúja. Manum suam apéruit ínopi: et palmas suas exténdit ad páuperem. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Luke 12: 35-40

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discíplis suis: Sint lumbi vestri præcincti, et lucérnæ ardéntes in mánibus vestris, et vos símiles homínibus exspectántibus dóminum suum, quando revertátur a núptiis: ut, cum vénerit et pulsáverit, conféstim apériant ei. Beáti servi illi, quos, cum vénerit dóminus, invénerit vigilántes: amen, dico vobis, quod præcinget se, et fáciat illos discumbere, et tránsiens ministrábit illis. Et si vénerit in secúnda vigília, et si in tértia vigília vénerit, et ita invénerit, beáti sunt servi illi. Hoc autem scitóte, quóniam, si sciret paterfamilias, qua hora fur veníret, vigiláret útique, et non síneret pérfodi domum suam. Et vos estóte paráti, quia, qua hora non putátis. Filius hóminis véniet.

OFFERTORY Job 29: 14-16

Justítia indútus sum, et vestívi me, sicut vestiméto et diadémate, judício meo. Oculus fui cæco et pes claudó: pater eram páuperum.

SECRET

Has, quæsumus, Dómine, hóstias sancti Joánnis Confessóris tui méritis benignus assúme: et præsta; ut, te super ómnia et omnes propter te diligéntes, corde tibi et ópere placeámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Luke 6: 38

Date, et dábitur vobis: mensúram bonam et confértam et coagitám et supereffluéntem dabunt in sinum vestrum.

POSTCOMMUNION

Pretiósi Córporis et Sánguinis tui, Dómine, pasti delíciis, tuam súpplices deprecámur clementiam: ut, sancti Joánnis Confessóris tui méritis et exémpis, ejúsdem caritátis imitatóres effécti, consórtes simuset glóriæ: Qui vivis et regnas, cum Deo Patre in unitáte Spirítus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

The compassion of man is toward his neighbor; but the mercy of God is upon all flesh. He hath mercy, and teacheth and correcteth, as a shepherd doth his flock. (Ps. 1: 1) Blessed is the man who hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly nor stood in the way of sinners, nor sat in the chair of pestilence. 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 compassion of man is toward his neighbor; but the mercy of God is upon all flesh. He hath mercy, and teacheth and correcteth, as a shepherd doth his flock.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that, after the example of St. John, Thy confessor, making progress in the science of the saints and showing mercy to others, we may through his merits obtain forgiveness before 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.

So speak ye, and so do, as being to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment without mercy to him that hath not done mercy: and mercy exalteth itself above judgment. What shall it profit, my brethren, if a man say he have faith, but hath not works? Shall faith be able to save him? And if a brother or sister be naked, and want daily food, and one of you say to them, Go in peace, be you warmed and filled, and yet give them not those things that are necessary for the body; what shall it profit? So faith also, if it have not works, is dead in itself.

Let the mercies of the Lord give glory to Him: and His wonderful works to the children of men. For He hath satisfied the empty soul, and hath filled the hungry soul with good things.

Alleluia, alleluia. He hath opened His hand to the needy, and stretched out His hands to the poor. 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.

I was clad with justice and I clothed myself with my judgment, as with a robe and a diadem; I was an eye to the blind, and a foot to the lame; I was the father of the poor.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty Lord, that by the example of Thy holy confessor John, we may love Thee above all things and all things for Thy sake, we may in heart and in deed be 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.

Give and it shall be given to you: good measure, and pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall they give into your bosom.

Regaled with the delights, of Thy precious body and blood, we humbly pray Thy clemency, O Lord, that by the merits and example of St. John, Thy confessor, we may be made imitators of his charity and sharers of his glory. Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.