

OCTOBER 23, ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET, CONFESSOR & BISHOP

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Anthony Mary Claret was a Spanish archbishop and missionary, and was confessor of Isabella II of Spain. He founded the congregation of Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, commonly called the Claretians.

Anthony was appointed to head the much-neglected archdiocese of Santiago in Cuba. He began its reform by almost ceaseless preaching and hearing of confessions, and suffered bitter opposition mainly for opposing concubinage and giving instruction to black slaves. A hired assassin—whose release from prison Anthony had obtained—slashed open his face and wrist. Anthony succeeded in getting the would-be assassin's death sentence commuted to a prison term. Called "the spiritual father of Cuba," he was canonized by Pius XII in 1950.

INTROIT Psalms 131: 9-10

Sacerdotes tui, Domine, induant iustitiam, et sancti tui exultent: propter David servum tuum, non avertas faciem Christi tui. (Ps. 131: 1) Meménto, Domine, David: et omnis mansuetudinis ejus. Glória Patri et Filio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen.

Sacerdotes tui, Domine, induant iustitiam, et sancti tui exultent: propter David servum tuum, non avertas faciem Christi tui.

COLLECT

Deus, qui beátum Antónium Mariám Confessórem tuum atque Pontíficem, apostólicis virtútibus sublimásti, et per eum novas in Ecclesia clericórum ac virginum famílias collegísti: concéde, quæsumus; ut, ejus dirigéntibus mónitis ac suffragántibus méntis, animárum salutem quærere júgiter studeámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE Hebrews 7: 23-27

Fratres: Plures facti sunt sacerdotes, idcirco quod morte prohiberéntur permanere: Jesus autem, eo quod maneat in ætérnum, sempitérnum habet sacerdotium. Unde et salvare in perpétuum potest accedentes per semetipsum ad Deum: semper vivens ad interpellándum pro nobis. Talis enim decébat, ut nobis esset póntifex, sanctus, innocens, impollútus, segregátus a peccatóribus, et excelsior cælis factus: qui non habet necessitátem cotidie, quemádmódum sacerdotes, prius pro suis delictis hóstias offerre, deinde pro pópuli: hoc enim fecit semel, seipsum offerendo, Jesus Christus, Dóminus noster.

GRADUAL Psalms 131: 16-17

Sacerdotes ejus induam salutári: et sancti ejus exultatióne exultábunt. Illuc producam cornu David: parávi lucérnam Christo meo.

LESSER ALLELUIA Psalms 109: 4

Allelúja, allelúja. Jurávit Dóminus, et non poenitébit eum: Tu es sacerdos in ætérnum, secúndum órđinem Melchisedech. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Matthew 24: 42-47

In illo témpore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis: Vigilate, quia nescítis, qua hora Dóminus vester ventúrus sit. Illud autem scitote, quóniam, si sciret paterfamilias, qua hora fur ventúrus esset, vigiláret útique, et non síneret pérfodi domum suam. Ideo et vos estote parati: quia qua nescítis hora Filius hóminis ventúrus est. Quis, putas, est fidélis servus et prudens, quem constítuit dóminus suus super familiam suam, ut det illis cibum in témpore? Beátus ille servus, quem, cum vénerit dóminus ejus, invénerit sic faciéntem. Amen, dico vobis, quóniam super ómnia bona sua constítuet eum.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 25

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

SECRET

Sancti Antónii. Confessóris tui atque Pontíficis, quæsumus, Domine, ánnua sollémnitas pietáti tuæ nos reddat accéptos: ut, per hæc piæ placatiónis officia, et illum beáta retribútio comitétur, et nobis grátia tuæ dona concíliet. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Matthew 24: 46-47

Beátus servus, quem, cum vénerit dóminus, invénerit vigilántem: amen, dico vobis, super ómnia bona sua constítuet eum.

POSTCOMMUNION

Deus, fidélium remunerátor animárum: præsta; ut beáti Antónii Confessóris tui atque Pontíficis, cujus venerándam celebrámus festivitátem, précibus indulgéntiam consequámur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Let Thy priests, O Lord, be clothed with justice, and let Thy Saints rejoice: for Thy servant David's sake, turn not away the face of Thine Anointed. (Ps. 131: 1) O Lord, remember David, and all his meekness. 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. Let Thy priests, O Lord, be clothed with justice, and let Thy Saints rejoice: for Thy servant David's sake, turn not away the face of Thine Anointed.

O God, with the virtues of an apostle Thou didst exalt blessed Anthony Mary, and through him build in Thy Church new religious congregations of men and women: grant, we pray, that led by his counsels and helped by his prayers, we may unremittingly work for the salvation of souls. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Brethren, there were made many priests, because by reason of death they were not suffered to continue: by Jesus, for that He continueth forever, hath an everlasting priest hood. Whereby He is able to also to save for ever them that come to God by Him: always living to make intercession for us. For it was fitting that we should have such a High Priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens: Who needeth not daily, as the other priests, to offer sacrifices, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this He did once in offering Himself, Jesus Christ our Lord.

I will clothe her priest with salvation: and her saints shall rejoice with exceeding great joy. There will bring forth a horn to David: I have prepared a lamp for Mine Anointed.

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord hath sworn, and He will not repent: Thou art a priest for ever according of the order of Melchisedech. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: Watch ye therefore, because ye know not what hour your Lord will come. But know this ye, that if the head man of the house knew at what hour the thief would come, he would certainly watch, and would not suffer his house to be broken open. Wherefore be you also ready, because at what hour you know not the Son of man will come. Who, thinkest thou, is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath appointed over his family, to give them meat in season. 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.

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

May the annual feast of Saint Anthony, Thy Confessor and Bishop, make us in Thy kindness acceptable to Thee, O Lord: and may this present rite duly appease Thee, bring recompense to him, and assure gifts of Thy grace to us. 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.

O God, the rewarder of faithful souls, grant that by the prayers of blessed Anthony, Thy Confessor and Bishop, whose venerable feast we celebrate we may obtain pardon. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.