

JANUARY 23, ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT, CONFESSOR

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St. Raymond was born in 1175 of a noble Spanish family. In middle life he entered the Order of St. Dominic. In 1250 he was called to Rome by Pope Gregory IX, who made him his confessor and grand penitentiary. He refused the position of archbishop and also that of general of his Order, and devoted himself to labors among infidels. He died in 1275.

Commemoration of St. Emerentiana, Virgin, Martyr: St. Emerentiana is said to have been stoned by the pagans, When, while still a catechumen, she was discovered praying at the tomb of St. Agnes, her foster-sister.

INTROIT Psalms 36: 30, 31

Os justi meditabitur sapiēntiam, et lingua ejus loquētur judicium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius, (Ps 36:1) Noli æmulāri in corde malignāntibus: neque zelāveris faciētes iniquitātem. Glōria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculōrum. Amen. Os justi meditabitur sapiēntiam, et lingua ejus loquētur judicium: lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius.

COLLECTS

Deus, qui beātum Raymūndum pœnitentiæ sacramēti insīgnem ministrum elegisti, et per maris undas mirabiliter traduxisti: concēde; ut ejus intercessiōne dignos pœnitentiæ fructus fācere, et ad æternæ salutis portum pervenire valeāmus. Per Dōminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fīlium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per ōmnia sæcula sæculōrum.

For St. Emerentiana

Indulgēntiam nobis, quæsumus, Dōmine, beāta Emerentiāna Virgo et Martyr implōret: quæ tibi grata semper exstitit, et merito castitatis, et tuæ professionē virtūtis. Per Dōminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fīlium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per ōmnia sæcula sæculōrum.

LESSON Ecclesiasticus 31: 8-11

Beātus vir, qui invēntus est sine macula, et qui post aurum non abiit, nec speravit in pecūnia et thesauris. Quis est hic, et laudābimus eum? fecit enim mirabilia in vita sua. Qui probātus est in illo, et perfēctus est, erit illi glōria æterna: qui pōtuit transgredi, et non est transgressus: fācere mala, et non fecit: ideo stabilīta sunt bona illius in Dōmino, et eleemōsynas illius enarrābit omnis ecclēsia sanctōrum.

GRADUAL Psalms 91: 13,14

Justus ut palma florēbit: sicut cedrus Libani multiplicātur in domo Dōmini. Ad annuntiāndum mane misericōrdiam tuam, et veritātem tuam per noctem.

LESSER ALLELUIA James 1: 12

Allelūja, allelūja. Beātus vir, qui suffert tentatiōnem. quōniam cum probātus fuerit, accīpiet corōnam vitæ. Allelūja.

GOSPEL Luke 12: 35-40

In illo tēpore: Dixit Jesus discipulis suis: Sint lumbi vestri præcīnti et lucernæ ardētes. Et vos similes homīnibus expectāntibus dōminum suum quando revertātur a nūptiis ut cum vēnerit et pulsāverit confēstim apēriant ei. Beāti servi illi quos cum vēnerit dōminus invēnerit vigilātes. Amen dico vobis quod præcinget se et faciēt illos discūmbere et trānsiens ministrābit illis. Et si vēnerit in secūnda vigīia et si in tertia vigīia vēnerit et ita invēnerit beāti sunt servi illi. Hoc autem scitōte quia si sciret pater familias qua hora fur vēniret vigilāret ūtique et non sīneret pērfodi domum suam et vos estōte parāti quia qua hora non putātis Fīlius hōminis venit.

OFFERTORY Psalms 88: 25

Vēritas mea et misericōrdia mea cum ipso: et in nōmine meo exaltābitur cornu ejus.

SECRETS

Laudis tibi, Dōmine, hostias immolāmus in tuōrum commemoratiōne sanctōrum: quibus nos et præsentibus exui malis confidimus, et futūris. Per Dōminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fīlium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per ōmnia sæcula sæculōrum.

For St. Emerentiana

Hōstias tibi, Dōmine, beātæ Emerentiānæ Virginis et Mārtiris tuæ dicātas mēritis, benīgnus assūme: et ad perpētuum nobis trībue provenire subsidium. Per Dōminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fīlium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per ōmnia sæcula sæculōrum.

COMMUNION Matthew 24: 46-47

Beātus ille servus quem cum vēnerit dōminus ejus invēnerit sic faciēntem. Amen dico vobis quōniam super ōmnia bona sua constituet eum.

POSTCOMMUNIONS

Refēcti cibo, pōtuque cælesti, Deus noster, te supplices exorāmus: ut, in cujus hæc commemoratiōne percēpimus, ejus muniāmur et præcibus. Per Dōminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fīlium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per ōmnia sæcula sæculōrum.

For St. Emerentiana

Divīni muneris largitate satiāti, quæsumus, Dōmine, Deus noster: ut, intercedēte beāta Emerentiāna Virgine et Mārtire tua, in ejus semper participatiōne vivāmus. Per Dōminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fīlium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per ōmnia sæcula sæculōrum.

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.

O God, Who didst elect blessed Raymond to be an eminent minister of the sacrament of penance, and didst miraculously guide him through the waves of the sea, grant that by his intercession, we may bring forth worthy fruits of penance, and reach the haven of eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

For St. Emerentiana

May blessed Emerentiana, Thy Virgin and Martyr, we beseech Thee, O Lord, obtain pardon for us: both by her chastity and by her confession of Thy power, she was ever 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.

For St. Emerentiana

Graciously receive, O Lord, the offerings consecrated to Thee by the merits of blessed Emerentiana, Thy Virgin and Martyr, and grant that they may ever bring us help. 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.

For St. Emerentiana

Filled with the Gifts of Thy divine bounty, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our God; that by the intercession of blessed Emerentiana, Thy Virgin and Martyr, we may partake thereof for evermore. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.