

SEPTEMBER 18, ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO, CONFESSOR

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St. Joseph of Cupertino, a Franciscan friar in Italy, was born June 17, 1603. The feast of this glorious Son of the Seraph of Assisi was made universal throughout the Church by a Pope of the same Order, Clement XIV. He is famous for his evangelical simplicity and for his ecstasies. The whole of the Mass assigned to him brings out the mystical side of his sanctity. He worked many miracles, and died a happy death at Orsino on September 18, 1663.

INTROIT Ecclesiasticus 1: 14-15

Diléctio Dei honorábilis sapiéntia: quibus autem apparúerit in visu, díligunt eam in visióne et in agnitíone magnálium suórum. (Ps. 83: 2) Quam dilécta tabernácula tua, Dómine virtútum! concupiscit, et déficit ánima mea in átria Dómini. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Diléctio Dei honorábilis sapiéntia: quibus autem apparúerit in visu, díligunt eam in visióne et in agnitíone magnálium suórum.

COLLECT

Deus, qui ad unigénitum Fílium tuum exaltátum a terra ómnia tráhere disposuísti: pèrfice propítius; ut, méritis et exémplo seráphici Confessóris tui Joséphi, supra terréna omnes cupiditátes eleváti, ad eum pervenire mereámur: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 13: 1-8

Fratres: Si linguis hóminum loquar et Angelos sum velut æs sonans aut cýmbalum tínniens. Et si habúero prophetiam, et nóverim mystéria ómnia et omnem sciéntiam: et si habúero omnem fidem, ita ut montes tránsferam, caritátem autem non habúero, nihil sum. Et si distribúero in cibos páuperum omnes facultátes meas, et si tradídero corpus meum, ita ut árdeam, caritátem autem non habúero, nihil mihi prodest. Caritas pátiens est, benígna est: caritas non æmulátur, non agit pèrperam, non inflátur, non est ambiitíosa, non quærit quæ sua sunt, non irritátur, non cógitat malum, non gaudet super iniquitáte, congáudet autem veritáti: ómnia suffert, ómnia credit, ómnia sperat, ómnia sústinet. Caritas numquam éxcidit: sive prophétia evacuabúntur, sive linguæ cessábunt, sive sciéntia destruétur.

GRADUAL Psalms 20: 4-5

Dómine, prævenísti eum in benedictiónibus dulcédinis: posuísti in cápite ejus corónam de lápide pretiósio. Vitam pétiit a te, et tribuísti ei longitudinem dierum in sæculum, et in sæculum sæculi.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Ecclesiasticus 11: 13

Allelúja, allelúja. Oculus Dei respéxit illum in bono, et eréxit eum ab humilitáte ipsíus, et exaltávit caput ejus. Allelúja.

GOSPEL Matthew 22: 1-14

In illo témpore: Loquebátur Jesus princípibus sacerdotum et pharisæis in parábolis, dicens: Símile factum est regnum coelórum hómini regi, qui fecit núptias filio suo. Et misit servos suos vocáre invitátos ad núptias, et nolébant veníre. Iterum misit álios servos, dicens: Dícite invitátis: Ecce, prándium meum paravi, tauri mei et altíllia occísa sunt, et ómnia paráta: veníte ad núptias. Illi autem neglexérunt: et abiérunt, álius in villam suam, álius vero ad negotiatiónem suam: réliqui vero tenuérunt servos ejus, et contuméliis afféctos occidérunt. Rex autem cum audisset, irátus est: et, missis exercitibus suis, pèrdidit homicidas illos et civitátem illórum succéndit. Tunc ait servis suis: Núptia quidem parátæ sunt, sed, qui invitáti erant, non fuérunt digni. Ite ergo ad éxitus viárum et, quoscúmque invenéritis, vocáte ad núptias. Et egressi servi ejus in vias, congregavérunt omnes, quos invenérunt, malos et bonos: et implétæ sunt núptiæ discumbéntium. Intrávit autem rex, ut vidéret discumbéntes, et vidit ibi hóminem non vestítum veste nuptiáli. Et ait illi: Amice, quómodo huc intrásti non habens vestem nuptiálem? At ille obmútuit. Tunc dixit rex ministris: Ligátis mánibus et pédibus ejus, mittite eum in ténebras exterióres: ibi erit fletus et stridor déntium. Multi enim sunt vocati, pauci vero elécti.

OFFERTORY Psalms 34: 13

Ego autem, cum mihi molésti essent, índuēbar cilício. Humiliábam in jejúnio ánimam meam: et orátio mea in sinu meo convertétur.

SECRET

Laudis tibi, Dómine, hóstias immolámus in tuórum commemoriatióne Sanctórum: quibus nos et præsentibus éxui malis confidimus et futúris. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

COMMUNION Psalms 68: 30-31

Ego sum pauper et dolens: salus tua, Deus, suscépit me. Laudábo nomen Dei cum cantico: et magnificábo eum in laude.

POSTCOMMUNION

Refécti cibo potúque coelésti, Deus noster, te súpplices exorámus: ut, in cujus hæc commemoratióne percépius, per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

The love of God is honorable wisdom: and they to whom she shall show herself, love her by the sight, and by the knowledge of her great works. (Ps. 83: 2) How lovely are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts my soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord. 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 love of God is honorable wisdom: and they to whom she shall show herself, love her by the sight, and by the knowledge of her great works.

O God, Who didst purpose to draw all things unto Thy only-begotten Son when He was lifted up from the earth, mercifully grant that we, by the merits and example of Thy seraphic confessor Joseph, being lifted above all earthly desires, may be worthy to come unto Him. Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Brethren: If I speak with tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am becoming as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And if I should have prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I should have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And if I should distribute all my goods to feed the poor, and if I should deliver my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity is patient, is kind: charity envieth not; dealeth not perversely; is not puffed up; is not ambitious; seeketh not her own; is not provoked to anger; thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never falleth away: whether prophecies shall be made void, or tongues shall cease, or knowledge shall be destroyed.

O Lord, Thou hast prevented him with blessings of sweetness: Thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones. He asked life of Thee, and Thou hast given him length of days forever, and for ages of ages.

Alleluia, alleluia. The eye of God hath looked upon him for good, and hath lifted him up from his low estate, and hath exalted his head. Alleluia.

At that time, Jesus spoke to the chief priests and the Pharisees in parables, saying: The kingdom of Heaven is likened to a king, who made a marriage for his son; and he sent his servants, to call them that were invited to the marriage, and they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying: "Tell them that were invited: Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come ye to the marriage." But they neglected and went their way, one to his farm, and another to his merchandise; and the rest laid their hands on his servants, and having treated them abusively, put them to death. But when the king heard of it, he was angry and sending his armies, he destroyed those murderers, and burnt their city. Then he saith to his servants: "The marriage indeed is ready, but they that were invited were not worthy, Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as you shall find, call to the marriage." And his servants going forth into the ways, gathered together all that they found, both bad and good and the marriage was filled with guests. And the king went in to see the guests, and he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment: and he saith to him: "Friend, how came thou in hither, not having on a wedding garment?" But he was silent. Then the king said to the waiters: "Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the exterior darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen."

But as for me, when they were troublesome to me, I was clothed with haircloth. I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer shall be turned into my bosom.

We offer Thee sacrifices of praise, O Lord, in commemoration of Thy saints, by whom we trust to be delivered both from present and from future evils. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

I am poor and sorrowful: Thy salvation, O God, hath set me up. I will praise the name of God with a canticle: and I will magnify Him with praise.

Refreshed with celestial food and drink, O our God, we humbly beseech Thee that we may be defended by the prayers of the saint whose we have commemorate, and of whom we have received these blessings. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.