FEBRUARY 12, SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE ORDER OF SERVANTS
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These holy men, canonized by Pope Leo XIII, were Florentine merchants, who lived in the Thirteenth Century. They established the Order of the Religious Servants of the Holy Virgin, commonly called the Servites, which aimed to increase the devotion of Our Lady's Seven Sorrows. Their work was rewarded by the conversion of many sinners. They were called Servites by little children whose innocent lips were miraculously opened on one of the public squares of Florence to utter the praises of these seven holy men.

INTROIT Wisdom 10: 20-21

Justi decantavérunt, Dómine, nomen sanctum tuum, et victrícem manum tuam laudavérunt páriter: quóniam sapiéntia apéruit os mutum et linguas infántium fecit disértas. (Ps. 8: 2) Dómine, Dóminus noster, quam admirábile est nomen tuum in univérsa terra! Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Justi decantavérunt, Dómine, nomen sanctum tuum, et victrícem manum tuam laudavérunt páriter: quóniam sapiéntia apéruit os mutum et linguas infántium fecit disértas.

COLLECT

Dómine Jesu Christe, qui, ad recoléndam memóriam dolórum sanctíssimæ Genetrícis tuæ, per septem beátos Patres nova Servorum ejus família Ecclésiam tuam foecundásti: concéde propítius; ita nos eórum consociári flétibus, ut perfruámur et gáudiis: Qui vivis et regnas, cum Deo Patre in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

LESSON Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-15

Laudémus viros gloriósos et paréntes nostros in generatióne sua. Multam glóriam fecit Dóminus magnificéntia sua a século. Dominántes in potestátibus suis, hómines magni virtúte et prudéntia sua præditi, nuntiántes in prophétis dignitátem prophetárum, et imperántes in præsénti pópulo, et virtúte prudéntiæ pópulis sanctíssima verba. In perítia sua requiréntes modos músicos, et narrántes cármina scripturárum. Hómines dívites in virtúte, pulchritúdinis stúdium habéntes: pacificántes in dómibus suis. Omnes isti in generatiónibus gentis suæ glóriam adépti sunt, et in diébus suis habéntur in láudibus. Qui de illis nati sunt, reliquérunt nomen narrándi laudes eórum. Et sunt, quorum non est memória: periérunt, quasi qui non fúerint: et nati sunt, quasi non nati, et fílii ipsórum cum ipsis. Sed illi viri misericórdiæ sunt, quorum pietátes non defuérunt: cum sémine eórum pérmanent bona, heréditas sancta nepótes eórum, et in testaméntis stetit semen eórum: et fílii eórum propter illos usque in ætérnum manent: semen eórum et glória eórum non derelinquétur. Córpora ipsórum in pace sepúlta sunt, et nomen eórum vivit in generatiónem et generatiónem. Sapiéntiam ipsórum narrent pópuli, et laudem eórum núntiet Ecclésia.

The just sang to Thy holy name, O Lord, they praised with one accord Thy victorious hand. For wisdom opened the mouth of the dumb, and made the tongues of infants eloquent. (Ps. 8: 2) O Lord, our Lord, how admirable is Thy name in the whole earth. 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 just sang to Thy holy name, O Lord, they praised with one accord Thy victorious hand. For wisdom opened the mouth of the dumb, and made the tongues of infants eloquent.

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, in order to renew the memory of the sorrows of Thy most holy Mother, hast through the seven blessed fathers enriched Thy Church with the new Order of Servites; mercifully grant that we may be so united in their sorrows as to share in their joys. Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Let us now praise men of renown, and our fathers in their generation. The Lord hath wrought great glory through His magnificence from the beginning. Such as have borne rule in their dominions, men of great power and endued with their wisdom, showing forth in the prophets the dignity of prophets, and ruling over the present people, and by the strength of wisdom instructing the people in most holy words. Such as by their skill sought out musical tunes, and published canticles of the Scriptures. Rich men in virtues, lovers of beauty living at peace in their houses. All these have gained glory in their generations, and were praised in their days. They that were born of them have left a name behind them, that their praises might be related. And there are some of whom there is no memorial; who are perished, as if they had never been, and are born as if they had never been born, and their children with them. But these were men of mercy, whose godly deeds have not failed. Good things continue with their seed. Their posterity are a holy inheritance, and their seed hath stood in the covenants. And their children for their sakes remain for ever; their seed and their glory shall not be forsaken. Their bodies are buried in peace, and their name liveth unto generation and generation. Let the people show forth their wisdom, and the Church declare their praise.

GRADUAL Isaiah 65: 23

Electi mei non laborábunt frustra, neque germinábunt in conturbatióne: quia semen benedictórum Dómini est, et nepótes eórum cum eis. (Ecclus. 44: 14) Córpora ipsorum in pace sepúlta sunt, et nomen eórum vivit in generatiónem et generatiónem.

(From Septuagesima until Easter, the Alleluia is replaced by the Tract.)

LESSER ALLELUIA Ecclesiasticus 44: 15

Allelúja, allelúja. Sapiéntiam ipsorum narrent pópuli, et laudem eórum núntiet Ecclésia. Allelúja.

TRACT Psalms 125: 5-6

Qui séminant in lácrimis, in exsultatióne metent. Eúntes ibant et fiébant, mitténtes sémina sua. Veniéntes autem vénient cum exsultatióne, portántes manípulos suos.

GOSPEL Matthew 19: 27-29

In illo témpore: Dixit Petrus ad Jesum: Ecce, nos relíquimus ómnia, et secúti sumus te: quid ergo erit nobis? Jesus autem dixit illis: Amen, dico vobis, quod vos, qui secúti estis me, in regeneratióne, cum séderit Fílius hóminis in sede majestátis suæ, sedébitis et vos super sedes duódecim, judicántes duódecim tribus Israël. Et omnis, qui relíquerit domum, vel fratres, aut soróres, aut patrem, aut matrem, aut uxórem, aut fílios, aut agros, propter nomen meum, céntuplum accípiet, et vitam ætérnam possidébit.

My elect shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth in trouble for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their posterity with them. V. (Ecclus. 44: 14) Their bodies are buried in peace, and their name liveth unto generation and generation.

Alleluia, alleluia. Let the people show forth their wisdom, and the church declare their praise. Alleluia.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Going they went and wept, casting their seeds. But coming they shall come with joyfulness, carrying their sheaves.

At that time, Peter said to Jesus: Behold we have left all things and have followed Thee: what therefore shall we have? And Jesus said to them: Amen I say to you, that you, who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit on the seat of His majesty, you also shall sit on twelve seats, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold and shall possess life everlasting.

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OFFERTORY Isaiah 56: 7 Addúcam eos in montem sanctum meum, et lætificábo eos in domo oratiónis meæ: holocáusta eórum et víctimæ eórum placébunt mihi super altáre meum.	I will bring them into My holy mount, and I will make them joyful in My house of prayer; their holocausts and their victims shall please Me upon My altar.
SECRET Accipe, quésumus, Dómine, hóstias quas tibi offérimus: et præsta; ut, intercedéntibus Sanctis tuis, libera tibi mente serviámus, et perdoléntis Vírginis Genetrícis Fílii tui amóre inflammémur. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sécula sæculórum.	Graciously receive, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the sacrifice we offer up to Thee, and do Thou grant that, through the prayers of Thy Saints, being inflamed with love for the sorrowing Virgin, Mother of Thy Son, we may serve Thee with a free mind. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
COMMUNION John 15: 16 Ego vos elégi de mundo, ut eátis et fructum afferátis: et fructus vester máneat.	I have chosen you from the world that you should go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit should remain.
POSTCOMMUNION Cæléstibus refécti mystériis te, Dómine, deprecámur: ut, quorum festa percólimus imitántes exémpla; juxta Crucem Jesu cum María Matre ejus fidéliter astémus, et ejúsdem redemptiónis fructum percípere mereámur. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.	Quickened anew by the heavenly mysteries, we beseech Thee O Lord, that following the example of the saints whose feast we are keeping, we may steadfastly abide at the foot of the cross of Jesus with Mary His mother, and merit to partake in the fruits of His redemption. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.