SATURDAY AFTER THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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Collect at St. Angelius "*in piscibus.*" Station at St. Nicholas in Carcere.

The gathering of the faithful today was near the fishmarket; the church was in existence before the Eighth Century. The seven martyred sons of St. Symphorosa repose here.

Over sixty churches were dedicated to St. Nicholas: this one stands near the ancient site of a public prison, and is built on the ruins of a pagan temple of Piaty.

This Saturday is called *sitientes* from the opening words of the Introit. Since the time of Pope Gelasius it has been a day for conferring Holy Orders, and was therefore once a day of great fast, extending through the night.

The Gospel teaches us that if the house of God on earth is not to be turned into a house of traffickers-still less can we purchase our entrance into heaven. We are to drink with joy from the fountains of grace which flow from the blessed Eucharist.

INTROIT Isaiah 55: 1

Sitiéntes, venite ad aquas, dicit Dóminus: et qui non habétis pretium, venite et bíbite cum lætítia. (Ps. 77: 1) Atténdite, pópule meus, legem meam: inclináte aurem vestram in verba oris mei. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Sitiéntes, venite ad aquas, dicit Dóminus: et qui non habétis pretium, venite et bíbite cum lætítia.

All you who thirst, come to the waters, says the Lord: and you who have no money, come and drink with joy. (Ps. 77: 1) Hearken, My people, to My law; incline your ears to the words of My mouth. 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. All you who thirst, come to the waters, says the Lord: and you who have no money, come and drink with joy.

COLLECT

Fiat, Dómine, quæsumus, per grátiam tuam fructuósus nostræ devotiónis affléctus: quia tunc nobis próderunt suscépta jejúnia, si tuæ sint plácita pietáti. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Make fruitful, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the zeal of our fervent devotion; for only if it pleases Thee shall the fasting we have undertaken be of benefit 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.

LESSON Isaiah 49: 8-15

Hæc dicit Dóminus: In témpore plácito exaudívi te, et in die salútis auxiliátus sum tui: et servávi te, et dedi te in fœdus pópuli, ut suscitáres terram, et possidéres hereditátes dissipátas: ut díceres his, qui vincti sunt: Exíte: et his, qui in ténebris: Revelámini. Super vias pascéntur, et in ómnibus planis páscua eórum. Non esúrient neque sítient, et non percútiet eos æstus et sol: quia miserátor eórum reget eos, et ad fontes aquárum potábit eos. Et ponam omnes montes meos in viam, et sémitæ meæ exaltabúntur. Ecce, isti de longe vénient, et ecce illi ab aquilóne et mari, et isti de terra austráli. Laudáte, cæli, et exsúlta, terra, jubiláte, montes, laudem: quia consolátus est Dóminus pópulum suum, et páuperum suórum miserébitur. Et dixit Sion: Derelíquit me Dóminus, et Dóminus oblítus est mei. Numquid oblívisci potest múlier infántem suum, ut non miseréatur fílio úteri sui? et si illa oblíta fúerit, ego tamen non oblíviscar tui, dicit Dóminus omnípotens.

Thus says the Lord: In a time of favor I answer you, on the day of salvation I help you, to restore the land and allot the desolate heritages, saying to the prisoners: Come out! to those in darkness: Show yourselves! Along the ways they shall find pasture, on every bare height shall their pastures be. They shall not hunger or thirst, nor shall the scorching wind or the sun strike them; for he who pities them leads them and guides them beside springs of water. I will cut a road through all My mountains, and make My highways level. See, some shall come from afar, others from the north and the west, and some from the land of Syene. Sing out, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth, break forth into song, you mountains. For the Lord comforts His people and shows mercy to His afflicted. But Sion said, The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me. Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you, says the Lord almighty.

GRADUAL Psalms 9: 14, 1-2

Tibi, Dómine, derelíctus est pauper: pupíllo tu eris adjútor. Ut quid, Dómine, recessísti longe, déspicis in opportunitátibus, in tribulatióne? dum superbit ímpius, incénditur pauper.

To Thee, O Lord, is the poor man left: Thou will be a help to the orphan. Why, O Lord, hast Thou retired afar off; why dost Thou slight us in our wants in time of trouble? While the wicked man is proud, the poor is set on fire.

GOSPEL John 8: 12-20

In illo témpore: Locútus est Jesus turbis Judæórum, dicens: Ego sum lux mundi: qui séquitur me, non ámbulat in ténebris, sed habébit lumen vitæ. Dixérunt ergo ei pharisæi: Tu de te ipso testimónium pérhibes: testimónium tuum non est verum. Respóndit Jesus et dixit eis: Et si ego testimónium pérhibeo de meipso, verum est testimónium meum: quia scio, unde veni et quo vado: vos autem nescítis, unde véniu aut quo vado. Vos secúndum carnem judicátis: ego non júdico quemquam: et si júdico ego, judícium meum verum est, quia solus non sum: sed ego et, qui misit me, Pater. Et in lege vestra scriptum est, quia dúorum hóminum testimónium verum est. Ego sum, qui testimónium pérhibeo de meipso: et testimónium pérhibet de me, qui misit me, Pater. Dicébant ergo ei: Ubi est Pater tuus? Respóndit Jesus: Neque me scitis neque Patrem meum: si me scirétis, fórsitan et Patrem meum scirétis. Hæc verba locútus est Jesus in gazophylácio, docens in templo: et nemo apprehéndit eum, quia necdum vénerat hora ejus.

At that time, Jesus spoke to the multitudes of the Jews, saying, I am the light of the world. He who follows Me does not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life. The Pharisees therefore said to Him, You bear witness to Yourself. Your witness is not true. Jesus answered and said to them: Even if I bear witness to Myself, My witness is true, because I know where I came from and where I go. But you do not know where I came from or where I go. You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. And even if I do judge, My judgment is true, because I am not alone, but with Me is He Who sent Me, the Father. And in your Law it is written that the witness of two persons is true. It is I Who bear witness to Myself, and He Who sent Me, the Father, bears witness to Me. They therefore said to Him, Where is your Father? Jesus answered, You know neither Me nor My Father. If you knew Me, you would then know My Father also. Jesus spoke these words in the treasury, while teaching in the temple. And no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come.

OFFERTORY Psalms 17: 3

Factus est Dóminus firmaméntum meum, et refúgium meum, et liberátor meus: et sperábo in eum.

The Lord is become my rock, my fortress, my deliverer; and in Him will I put my trust.

SECRET

Oblatiónibus nostris, quæsumus, Dómine, placáre suscéptis: et ad te nostras etiam rebéllium cupiditátis propítius voluntátes. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Graciously accept our offerings, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and mercifully direct our still rebellious wills 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.

PREFACE OF LENT

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubíque grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus: Qui corporáli jejúnio vítia cómprimis, mentem élevas, virtútem largíris et præmia: per Christum Dóminum nostrum. Per quem majestátem tuam laudant Ángeli, adórant Dominatiónes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælorúmque Vírtútes ac beáta Séraphim sócia exsultatióne concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces ut admíti júbeas, deprecámur, súpplici confessióne dicéntes:

It is truly fitting and just, proper and beneficial, that we should always and everywhere, give thanks unto Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God. Who by this bodily fast, dost curb our vices, dost lift up our minds and bestow on us strength and rewards; through Christ our Lord. Through Whom the Angels praise Thy majesty, the Dominations adore, the Powers tremble: the heavens and the hosts of heaven, and the blessed Seraphim, together celebrate in exultation. With whom, we pray Thee, command that our voices of supplication also be admitted in confessing Thee saying:

COMMUNION Psalms 22: 1-2

Dóminus regit me, et nihil mihi déerit: in loco páscuæ ibi me collocávit: super aquam refectiónis educávit me.

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures He gives me repose; beside restful waters He leads me.

POSTCOMMUNION

Tua nos, quæsumus, Dómine, sancta purificent: et operatióne sua tibi plácitos esse perfíciant. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

May Thy sacrament cleanse us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and may its power make us 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.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Humiliáte cápita vestra Deo.
Deus, qui sperántibus in te miseréri potius élegis quam irasci: da nobis digne flere mala, quæ fécimus; ut tuæ consolatiónis grátiam inveníre mereámur. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Bow your heads to God.
O God, Who would rather show mercy than anger toward those who hope in Thee, make us truly sorry for the evil we have done, that we may be worthy of Thy merciful consolation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.