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CONGREGATION OF OUR LADY OF
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MASSES AND LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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2. For the psalms: Translation from the Hebrew by the Grail, published by Collins in Fontana Books, London, 1963.
3. For the writings of St. John Eudes: *The Selected Works in English* —
 - *The Life and the Kingdom of Jesus in Christian Souls*, tr. by a Trappist Father; P.J. Kenedy and Sons, New York, 1946.
 - *The Sacred Heart of Jesus*, tr. by Dom. R. Flower, O.S.B.; P.J. Kenedy and Sons, New York, 1946.
 - *The Priest: His Dignity and Obligations*, tr. by W.L. Murphy; P.J. Kenedy and Sons, New York, 1947.
 - *The Admirable Heart of Mary*, tr. by C. Di Targiani and R. Hauser; P.J. Kenedy and Sons, New York, 1948.
4. For the Mass of St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier: *English Translation of the Mass of Saint Mary Euphrasia*; Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, Rome, 1972.
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C A L E N D A R

The perpetual calendar for the use of the members of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (C.J.M.), the Order of Our Lady of Charity (O.L.C.), and the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd (G.S.), includes:

1. Each and every feast of the universal Church, which will be observed on the same day and according to the same rite in the aforesaid Congregations as in the universal Church.
2. Some proper feasts, namely:

FEBRUARY

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| 8 | THE IMMACULATE HEART OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
Titular | C.J.M., : Solemnity
O.L.C., : Solemnity
G.S., : Solemnity |
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APRIL

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| 24 | ST. MARY EUPHRASIA
PELLETIER, Virgin | C.J.M., : Memorial
O.L.C., : Memorial
G.S., : Solemnity |
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JUNE

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| 7 | BLESSED MARIE THÉRÈSE
DE SOUBIRAN, Virgin | O.L.C., : Opt. Mem. |
| 8 | BLESSED MARIA DROSTE
ZU VISCHERING, Virgin | G.S., : Memorial |

Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost:

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| | THE MOST SACRED HEART OF
JESUS, Titular | C.J.M., : Solemnity
O.L.C., : Solemnity
G.S., : Solemnity |
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AUGUST

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| 19 | ST. JOHN EUDES | C.J.M., : Solemnity
O.L.C., : Solemnity
G.S., : Solemnity |
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SEPTEMBER

2 BLESSED FRANCIS LOUIS
HÉBERT AND COMPANIONS

C.J.M.,: *Memorial*
O.L.C., : *Opt. Mem.*

M A S S E S

FEBRUARY 8
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
TITULAR
Solemnity

ENTRANCE SONG

Let us all rejoice in the Lord as we celebrate this festival in honour of the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin Mary: a festival which rejoices the angels as they glorify the Son of God.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you willed that your only-begotten Son should live and reign in the Heart of the Virgin Mother. Grant us, we pray, that, following the example of Jesus and Mary, we may constantly accomplish your will in all things, and so merit to have but one heart with them and among ourselves. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ.. .

READING I

Is 61, 10 — 62, 4

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I rejoice heartily in the Lord,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
For he has clothed me with a robe of salvation,
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
Like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
So will the Lord God make justice and praise
spring up before all nations.
For Zion's sake I will not be silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
Until her vindication shines forth like the dawn
and her victory like a burning torch.

you inwardly through the working of his Spirit. May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, and may charity be the root and foundation of your life. Thus you will be able to grasp fully, with all the holy ones, the breadth and length and height and depth of Christ's love, and experience this love which surpasses all knowledge, so that you may attain to the fullness of God himself.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

PS 56, 8

R/ Alleluia. V/ My heart is ready,
O God, my heart is ready.
I will sing,
I will sing your praise.
R/ Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Lk 2, 15-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Now when the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another: "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this event which the Lord has made known to us." They went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger; once they saw, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. All who heard of it were astonished at the report given them by the shepherds. Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

CREED

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, we pray you, purify our hearts by this offering so that, after the example of the Heart of the Virgin Mary, they may be forever immolated to you in the flames of eternal charity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

PREFACE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY I: "...as we celebrate the solemnity of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary ...," **or II.**

COMMUNION SONG

LK 2. 19

Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, you willed that the marvelous mystery of your Son be preserved and pondered in the Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grant us, we pray, that, as we have received our living bread at the altar, we may constantly bear in our hearts the image of Christ. Who lives...

APRIL 24
ST. MARY EUPHRASIA PELLETIER, VIRGIN

C.J.M. and O.L.C.: **Memorial**

G.S.: **Solemnity**

ENTRANCE SONG

Ps 84, 9

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people and his friends and those who turn to him in their hearts.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who granted that Mary Euphrasia walk in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd, graciously grant that we, who follow her example on earth, may attain the heavenly reward held out to the merciful. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.. .

READING I

Rv 19, 1. 5-9a

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I heard what sounded like the loud song of a great assembly in heaven. They were singing: "Alleluia! Salvation, glory and might belong to our God." Then a voice coming from the throne cried out: "Praise our God, all you his servants, the small and the great, who revere him!" Then I heard what sounded like the shouts of a great crowd, or the roaring of the deep, or mighty peals of thunder, as they cried: "Alleluia! The Lord is king, our God, the Almighty! Let us rejoice and be glad, and give him glory! For this is the wedding day of the Lamb; his bride has prepared herself for the wedding. She has been given a dress to wear made of finest linen, brilliant white." The linen dress is the virtuous deeds of God's saints. The angel then said to me: "Write this down: Happy are they who have been invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb."

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 26, 1.4.5.8b-10 (R/: 1a)

R/ The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R/**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **R/**

For there he keeps me safe in his tent
in the day of evil.
He hides me in the shelter of his tent,
on a rock he sets me safe. **R/**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **R/**

Do not abandon or forsake me,
O God my help!
Though father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will receive me. **R/**

READING II

1 Jn 3, 14-18

A reading from the first letter of John the apostle.

That we have passed from death to life we know
because we love the brothers.
The man who does not love is among the living dead.
Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer,
and you know that eternal life
abides in no murderer's heart.
The way we came to understand love

was that he laid down his life for us;
we too must lay down our lives for our brothers.
I ask you, how can God's love survive in a man
who has enough of this world's goods
yet closes his heart to his brother
when he sees him in need?
Little children,
let us love in deed and in truth
and not merely talk about it.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Jn 15, 13

R/ Alleluia. V/ There is no greater love than this:
to lay down one's life for one's
friends.
R/ Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Lk 15, 1-7

A reading from the holy Gospel according to luke.

At that time, the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus, at which the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then he addressed this parable to them: "Who among you, if he has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wasteland and follow the lost one until he finds it? And when he finds it, he puts it on his shoulders in jubilation. Once arrived home, he invites friends and neighbors in and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, there will likewise be more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to repent."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord God, we ask you to accept the gift of our service. Grant that we, who commemorate your Son's deed of immense love, may be strengthened in our love for you and our neighbor by the example of Mary Euphrasia, rough our Lord Jesus Christ.. .

COMMUNION SONG

Jn 8, 12

No follower of mine shall ever walk in darkness; no, he shall possess the light of life, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Refreshed by your gift on this happy occasion, we ask, O Lord, that we may grow in true love on earth, and be found among your flock in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

June 7

BLESSED MARIE THÉRÈSE DE SOUBIRAN, Virgin

O.L.C.: **Optional Memorial**

ENTRANCE SONG

Mt 25, 34a. 35-36

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord our God,
Blessed Marie Thérèse de Soubiran, virgin,
persevered in prayer
in a life hidden with you in Christ.

Give to us who celebrate her memory
a share in your abundant grace.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Choice of first Reading from the two following:

From the book of Job 31, 16-20. 24-25. 31-32.

Have I been insensible to poor men's needs,
or let a widow's eyes grow dim?
or taken my share of bread alone,
not giving a share to the orphan?
I, whom God has fostered father-like, from childhood,
and guided since I left my mother's womb.
Have I ever seen a wretch in need of clothing,
or a beggar going naked,
without his having cause to bless me from his heart,
as he felt the warmth of the fleece from my lambs?
Have I put all my trust in gold,
from finest gold sought my security?
Have I ever gloated over my great wealth,
or the riches that my hands have won?
The people of my tent, did they not say,
'Is there a man he has not filled with meat'?
No stranger ever had to sleep outside,
my door was always open to the traveller.

This is the word of the Lord.

or

From the Epistle of St Paul to the Colossians 3, 12-15

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you,
and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete

them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71, 12-14. 17. 19

R/ The Lord will have pity on the poor and feeble.

He will free the poor man who calls to him,
and those who need help,
he will have pity on the poor and feeble,
and save the lives of those in need;
he will redeem their lives from exploitation and outrage,
their lives will be precious in his sight. **R/**

Blessed be his Name for ever,
enduring as long as the sun!
May every race in the world be blessed in him,
and all the nations call him blessed.
Blessed for ever be his glorious name,
May the whole world be filled with his glory! **R/**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5, 3

R/ Alleluia

V/ Blessed are the poor in spirit
because theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

R/ Alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All that time, Jesus said to his disciples: "There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you a kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also". This is the Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord,
Look with favour on the gifts we bring you.
By this perfect sacrifice
Help us to follow the example of Blessed Marie Therese,
who forgave those they wronged and injured her. We ask
this through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION SONG

Mt 11, 28

"Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest," says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of mercy,
we rejoice that on this feast of Blessed Marie Thérèse
you give us the bread of heaven.
May it bring us pardon for our sins,
health of body,
your grace in this life,
and glory in heaven.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

JUNE 8
BLESSED MARIA DROSTE ZU VISCHERING
G.S.: Memorial

(From the common of Virgins)

PRAYER

God, our Father,
you inflamed the heart of Blessed Maria Droste zu
Vischering with a burning love for You and for her
brothers and sisters.
Inspire us by her example
to come to know the inexhaustible treasures
in the heart of Jesus, your Son.
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord...

FRIDAY AFTER THE SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
TITULAR

Solemnity

ENTRANCE SONG

Let us all rejoice in the Lord as we celebrate this day in honour of the most loving Heart of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. The angels praise his love with a single voice: his reign is everlasting!

OPENING PRAYER

God, Father of mercies, with ineffable goodness you gave us the loving Heart of your Son. Grant, we pray, that our hearts be united as one with the Heart of Jesus to love you perfectly. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

READING I

Ez 36, 23-27

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

I will prove the holiness of my great name. Thus the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when in their sight I prove my holiness through you. For I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back to your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. And I will put my spirit within you.

This is the word of the Lord.

R/ My heart is ready, O God.
My heart is ready, O God,
my heart is ready.
I will sing, I will sing your praise. R/

Awake, my soul,
awake lyre and harp,
I will awake the dawn. R/

I will thank you Lord among the peoples,
praise you among the nations;
for your love reaches to the heavens
and your truth to the skies. R/

O God, arise above the heavens;
may your glory shine on earth! R/

READING II

Rom 5, 5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul the apostle to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

The love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless men. It is rare that anyone should lay down his life for a just man, though it is barely possible that for a good man someone may have the courage to die. It is precisely in this that God proves his love for us: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Now that we have been justified by his blood, it is all the more certain that we shall be saved by him from God's wrath. For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him by the death of his Son, it is all the more certain that we who have been reconciled will be saved by his

life. Not only that; we go so far as to make God our toast through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Eph 5, 1-2

R/ Alleluia. V/ Be imitators of God as his dear children.
Follow the way of love, even as Christ loved you.

R/ Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Jn 15, 9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

At that time Jesus said to his followers:

As the Father has loved me,

so I have loved you.

Live on in my love.

You will live in my love

if you keep my commandments,

even as I have kept my Father's commandments,

and live in his love.

All this I tell you

that my joy may be yours

and your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another

as I have loved you.

There is no greater love than this:

to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends

if you do what I command you.

I no longer speak of you as slaves,

for a slave does not know what his master is about.

Instead, I call you friends,
since I have made known to you all
that I heard from my Father.
It was not you who chose me,
it was I who chose you
to go forth and bear fruit.
Your fruit must endure,
so that all you ask the Father in my name
he will give you.
The command I give you is this,
that you love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

CREED

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

We humbly ask, Father, since we offer you the same victim as your Son, that we may also offer ourselves with one and the same love. Through Christ.. .

PREFACE OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

COMMUNION SONG

Jn 15, 9

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, may the sacrament of your love fill the depths of our hearts, and make us share abundantly in that same love. Through Christ...

AUGUST 19

SAINT JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

Solemnity

ENTRANCE SONG

Is 58, 11

The Lord will fill your soul with splendor and give strength to your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring whose waters never run dry.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God, you marvelously selected the priest, John Eudes, to proclaim the unfathomable riches of Christ. Grant, we pray, that we may be guided by his word and action, grow in your knowledge, and faithfully live the Gospel. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

READING I

Ez 34, 11-16

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I will lead them out from among the peoples and gather them from the foreign lands; I will bring them back to their own country and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel, in the land's ravines and all its inhabited places. In good pastures will I pasture them, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing ground. There they shall lie down on good grazing ground, and in rich pastures shall they be pastured on the mountains of Israel. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed

I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, shepherding them rightly.

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22 (R/: 1)

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R/**
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R/**
You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R/**
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R/**

READING II

1 Jn 4, 7-11

A reading from the first letter of John the apostle.

Beloved,
let us love one another
because love is of God;
everyone who loves is begotten of God

and has knowledge of God.
The man without love has known nothing of God, for
God is love.
God's love was revealed in our midst in this way:
he sent his only Son to the world
that we might have life through him.
Love, then, consists in this:
not that we have loved God
but that he has loved us
and has sent his Son as an offering for our sins.
Beloved,
if God has loved us so,
we must have the same love for one another.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Gal 2, 20

R/ Alleluia. V/ The life I live now is not my own;
Christ is living in me.
R/ Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Lk 10, 1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

After this, the Lord appointed a further seventy-two and sent them in pairs before him to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them: "The harvest is rich but the workers are few; therefore ask the harvest-master to send workers to his harvest. Be on your way, and remember: I am sending you as lambs in the midst of wolves. Do not carry a walking staff or traveling bag; wear no sandals and greet no one along the way. On entering any house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If there is a peaceable man there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the one house eating and drinking what they have, for the laborer is worth his wage. Do not move from house to house. Into whatever

city you go, after they welcome you, eat what they set before you, and cure the sick there. Say to them, 'The reign of God is at hand.' "

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

CREED

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Here are the offerings, Lord, which we present in honour of your priest, John Eudes. May they be for us now a sign of your goodness, and so foster in us the hope of eternal glory. Through Christ...

COMMUNION SONG

Jn 15, 4-5

Live on in me, as I do in you. He who lives in me and I in him, will produce abundantly, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, grant to us who have enjoyed spiritual food to pursue the action of John Eudes in making your love in our hearts real and active, so that we may be found faithful in working for your glory and the salvation of people. Through Christ...

SEPTEMBER 2

BLESSED FRANCIS LOUIS HEBERT AND
COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

C.J.M.: Memorial

O.L.C.: Optional Memorial

(FROM THE COMMON OF MARTYRS I)

OPENING PRAYER

As we remember your blessed martyrs, Francis and his companions, whom you strengthened by your Spirit in their defense unto death of the rights of your Church, grant us, Lord, always to love her with the affection of sons and daughters. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy Father, kindly receive the gifts that we offer in memory of your blessed martyrs. And grant that we, your servants, may remain firm in professing our faith in you. Through Christ...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, you have wonderfully illustrated the mystery of the cross in your martyrs. Mercifully grant us, who have been strengthened by this sacrifice, faithfully to cling to Christ and work in the Church for the salvation of all. Through Christ...

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

FEBRUARY 8
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TITULAR

Solemnity

Evening prayer I

HYMN

O Jesus, Glory of Mary, our hearts
intone majestic praises of her virginal
heart; hearken to our chant.

Her chaste womb bore the incarnate God
but for a few months; but long before,
more perfectly she bore Him in her Heart.

What more holy than this Ark?

Treasure of the universe, guarding the
sacred mysteries given to us by God.

Hail, admirable Heart, burning with love
for Christ! May all who honour thee
most royally experience thy love.

Thou art our portion and our hope,
the glory of our company;
may perpetual love unite our hearts in
praise of thee.

Thrice-hallowed Trinity sublime, eternal
life of souls, grant that the holiness of
Mary's heart may reign forever in all
hearts. Amen.

PSALMODY

**(Psalms and Song from the Common of the Blessed Virgin
Mary.)**

Ant. 1. O admirable Heart of the Virgin Mary, in which
God the Father has established his kingdom
alleluia.

Ant. 2. The only Son of the Father chose Mary from all eternity and predestined her in order to prepare in her a fit dwelling for Himself, alleluia.

Ant. 3. Blessed is your Heart, Virgin Mary, sanctuary of the Holy Spirit; you have singularly pleased the Lord, alleluia.

WORD OF GOD

Eph 1, 3-4

Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavens! God chose us in him before the world began, to be holy and blameless in his sight, to be full of love.

SHORT RESPONSE

R/ My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready. My heart is ready, O God.

V/ I will sing, I will sing your praise.

R/ My heart is ready, O God.

V/ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

R/ My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready.

SONG OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Ant. O amiable Mother, all generations will call you blessed, for God has looked upon the lowliness of your Heart, alleluia.

PRAYERS

Let us pray to the Lord Jesus living and reigning in the Heart of Mary, saying:

R/ Hear us, Jesus.

Lord Jesus, you willed to live in the Heart of Mary;
— come and live in your servants with the fullness of your mystery. **R/**

Lord Jesus, you are one heart and one soul with Mary;
— bring our community to oneness, that we may be led to the Father. **R/**

Lord Jesus, without you the Heart of Mary is nothing;
— teach us to live fully your life with Mary. **R/**

Lord Jesus, you gave John Eudes a profound love for the Heart of Mary;

— grant the same love to his sons and daughters. **R/**

Lord Jesus, as we thank you for having given us Mary as mother,

— grant that we may find our peace and joy in that conviction. **R/**

Lord Jesus, deliver our departed brothers and sisters,

— that they may live eternally with you and Mary, our mother. **R/**

Our Father...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O God, you willed that your only-begotten Son should live and reign in the Heart of the Virgin Mother. Grant us, we pray, that, following the example of Jesus and Mary, we may constantly accomplish your will in all things, and so merit to have but one heart with them and among ourselves. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.. .

Invitatory

Ant. Come, let us adore Jesus reigning in the Heart of Mary.

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HYMN

O Heart that patterns sanctity, thou
rule of every faithful heart, thou temple
worthy of thy God, and flower-strewn couch
of Christ!

It is the miracle of love, the triumph
of the Holy Ghost, the vision pleasing
unto God, the joyous hope of sinners.

O shining star of those who love thee,
be thou our sun, the guidance of our
minds; furnace of glowing charity,
enkindle all our hearts with flames.

Grant that the hearts of those whom
Christ redeemed may live for Him alone;
spurning the follies of the world, yielding
completely to his love.

Thrice-hallowed Trinity sublime,
eternal life of souls,
grant that the holiness of Mary's heart
may reign forever in all hearts. Amen.

PSALMODY

(Psalms from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary.)

Ant. 1. Mary offered her Heart to watch early for the
Lord who made her.

Ant. 2. The Almighty has sanctified his dwelling. God is
within her, she shall never fall.

Ant. 3. The Heart of the Virgin was strengthened: in it
the divine mysteries were wrought at the message
of the angel.

V/ The Lord hears the requests of the lowly.

R/ He listens to the desires of their hearts.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I rejoice heartily in the Lord,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
For he has clothed me with a robe of salvation,
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
Like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up.
So will the Lord God make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not be silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
Until her vindication shines forth like the dawn
and her victory like a burning torch.
Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all kings your glory;
You shall be called by a new name
pronounced by the mouth of the Lord.
You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the Lord,
a royal diadem held by your God.
No more shall men call you "Forsaken",
or your land "Desolate",
But you shall be called "My Delight",
and your land "Espoused",
For the Lord delights in you.
Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her,
all you who love her;
Exult, exult with her!
Oh, that you may suck fully
of the milk of her comfort,
That you may nurse with delight
at her abundant breasts!
For thus says the Lord:
Lo, I will spread prosperity over her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing
torrent.

As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms,
and fondled in her lap;
As a mother comforts her son,
so will I comfort you;
in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort.
When you see this, your heart shall rejoice.

RESPONSE

GAL 4, 19; Lk 1, 42

- R/ Happy are you, holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise: because, by faith and love, you formed Christ in your heart.
- V/ Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
- R/ Because, by faith and love, you formed Christ in your heart.

READING II

From a work by St. John Eudes: *The Admirable Heart of Mary*, II, 4-5
(*Oeuvres Completes*, VI, 148, 182; VIII, 431).

Although at times "heart" stands for the whole interior life of man, it especially signifies love. Therefore when we honour the Heart of Mary, we have in mind not merely a given mystery, action or quality, nor even the most worthy person of the Virgin, but the source and origin of the value and holiness of these things, namely her love and charity. This love sanctified all her actions, all the faculties of her soul, all her virtues and perfections, indeed her whole life, interior and exterior; it made her worthy to be the mother of Jesus and of all the members of Jesus, and finally, an abundant source of gifts for us.

All you who are thirsty, come to the source! Hurry! Why do you hesitate? Are you afraid that if you go to the Heart of Mary, you diminish in some way the kindness of your redeemer? Are you not aware that Mary is noth-

ing, possesses nothing, and can do nothing except in, through and by Jesus; that Jesus is everything in her, that he can do everything and in fact does all things in her? Are you not aware that Jesus not only dwells unceasingly in the Heart of Mary, but is himself the very heart of her Heart? Consequently, whoever comes to the Heart of Mary comes to Jesus; whoever honours the Heart of Mary honours Jesus; whoever prays to the Heart of Mary prays to Jesus.

This admirable Heart is the exemplar and model of our hearts; and perfection consists in our hearts becoming living images of the Heart of Mary. Moreover, as the eternal Father gave Mary the power to conceive his Son, first in her Heart and then in her virginal womb, he has also given her the power to form him in the hearts of the children of Adam. Hence Mary participates in the work of our salvation, using this power with an unbelievable love. And just as she has borne and will eternally bear her Son Jesus in her Heart, she also bore and will always bear in her Heart the members of Jesus, as children of hers that she loves and continually offers to God as fruit of her maternal Heart.

RESPONSE

Ps 33, 4; 72, 26; 46, 2

R/ Glorify the Lord with me,
Together let us praise his name.
God is my possession for ever.

V/ All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!

R/ God is my possession for ever.

SONG OF PRAISE

PRAYER

O God, you willed that your only-begotten Son should live and reign in the Heart of the Virgin Mother. Grant us, we pray, that, following the example of Jesus and Mary, we may constantly accomplish your will in all

things, and so merit to have but one heart with them and among ourselves. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Morning prayer

HYMN

So let us honour the royal greatness
of the truly admirable Heart
of the immaculate Virgin.
What heart is there sublime as hers?
Abyss of grace most deep, triumphal
chariot of fire, exalted throne of Christ
the king of glory.
Treasury of the gifts of God the Holy Spirit,
thy radiance doth dim the stars;
the glory, the bright sun and joy of heaven,
nay, the high heaven loftier than heaven.
O Mother, look upon us prostrate at thy feet;
in thy maternal bosom keep our hearts,
making them yearn to love thy Son,
and glow with love of thee, his Mother.
Thrice-hallowed Trinity sublime,
eternal life of souls,
grant that the holiness of Mary's heart
may reign forever in all hearts. Amen.

PSALMODY

(Psalms and Song of Sunday I.)

- Ant. 1.** Happy are you, Mary, who loved God with your whole heart, and fulfilled all his wishes with a generous heart and resolute will, alleluia.
- Ant. 2.** Happy is your heart, Mary, brilliant image of the life and death of Christ, alleluia.
- Ant. 3.** Let us sing the glory of Christ with heart and soul on this feast of the most holy Heart of Mary, his exalted Mother, alleluia.

I rejoice heartily in the Lord,
 in my God is the joy of my soul;
 For he has clothed me with a robe of salvation,
 and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
 Like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
 like a bride bedecked with her jewels.

SHORT RESPONSE

- R/** The Lord hears the requests of the lowly. The Lord hears.
V/ He listens to the desires of their hearts.
R/ The Lord hears.
V/ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
R/ The Lord hears the requests of the lowly.

SONG OF ZECHARIAH

Ant. Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart.

PRAYERS

Let us consider this morning the wonderful work of God in the Heart of Mary, saying:

R/ We give you thanks.

Father, you granted the Virgin Mary to receive and keep your Word in her Heart;

— teach us to recognize your will in all things. **R/**

Father, you made Mary a human wonder and the wonder of humans;

— grant that the whole world willingly render thanks for her. **R/**

Father, you looked upon your lowly handmaid;

— exalt the hungry, the lowly and the poor. **R/**

Father, you associated the Heart of Mary with the suffering of Christ;

— have mercy on the suffering and afflicted. **R/**

Father, you willed that Mary share in the glory of your Son;
— grant us also to share with her in the glory of eternal life.
Our Father.. .

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O God, you willed that your only-begotten Son should live and reign in the Heart of the Virgin Mother. Grant us, we pray, that, following the example of Jesus and Mary, we may constantly accomplish your will in all things, and so merit to have but one heart with them and among ourselves. Through our Lord Jesus Christ..

Midday prayer

(Psalms of Sunday I)

Terce

Ant. God found Mary to be a woman after his own heart,
for she always did what pleased him.

WORD OF GOD

Is 62, 2-4

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all kings your glory;

You shall be called by a new name
pronounced by the mouth of the Lord.

You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the Lord,
a royal diadem held by your God.

No more shall men call you "Forsaken",
or your land "Desolate",
But you shall be called "My Delight",
and your land "Espoused".
For the Lord delights in you.

V/ My heart rejoices.

R/ In God my saviour.

Sext

Ant. Happy are you, Mary, who bore the creator of the world; but happier still because, before you carried him in your body, you bore him in your Heart.

WORD OF GOD

Zec 2, 10-11 (or 2, 14-15)

Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! See, I am coming to dwell among you, says the Lord. Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord on that day, and they shall be his people, and he will dwell among you.

V/ Let me sing to the Lord for his goodness to me.

R/ Singing psalms to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

None

Ant. She kept guard over her Heart; she found delight in the Lord, and he granted her Heart's desire.

WORD OF GOD

Zep 3, 14 and 17

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!
sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and
exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord,
your God, is in your midst,
a mighty saviour;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
and renew you in his love.

He will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals. V/ Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words. R/ For the king has desired your beauty.

Evening prayer II

HYMN

O Jesus, glory of Mary, our hearts
intone majestic praises of her virginal
heart; hearken to our chant.
Her chaste womb bore the incarnate God
but for a few months; but long before,
more perfectly she bore Him in her Heart.
What more holy than this Ark?
Treasure of the universe, guarding the
sacred mysteries given to us by God.
Hail, admirable Heart, burning with love
for Christ! May all who honour thee
most royally experience thy love.
Thou art our portion and our hope,
the glory of our company;
may perpetual love unite our hearts in
praise of thee.
Thrice-hallowed Trinity sublime, eternal
life of souls, grant that the holiness of
Mary's heart may reign forever in all
hearts. Amen.

PSALMODY

(Psalms and Song from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary.)

Ant. 1 Happy Heart of the Virgin Mary, holy dwelling, furnace of love, alleluia.

Ant. 2. God found Mary to be a woman after his own heart, for she always did what pleased him, alleluia.

Ant. 3. Let us joyfully sing the praises of the Heart of Mary, that she may plead for us to our Lord Jesus Christ, alleluia.

WORD OF GOD

Col 3, 12-14

Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect.

SHORT RESPONSE

R/ Let me sing to the Lord for his goodness to me. Let me sing to the Lord.

V/ Singing psalms to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

R/ For his goodness to me.

V/ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

R/ Let me sing to the Lord for his goodness to me.

SONG OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Ant. My heart rejoices in God my Saviour, for the Almighty has done great things for me, alleluia.

PRAYERS

Let us pray to the Lord Jesus living and reigning in the Heart of Mary, saying:

R/ Hear us, Jesus,

Lord Jesus, you willed to live in the Heart of Mary;
— come and live in your servants with the fullness of your mystery. **R/**

Lord Jesus, you are one heart and one soul with Mary;
— bring our community to oneness, that we may be led to the Father **R/**

Lord Jesus, without you the Heart of Mary is nothing;
— teach us to live fully your life with Mary. **R/**

Lord Jesus, you gave John Eudes a profound love for the Heart of Mary;

— grant the same love to his sons and daughters. **R/**

Lord Jesus, as we thank you for having given us Mary as mother,

—grant that we may find our peace and joy in that conviction. **R/**

Lord Jesus, deliver our departed brothers and sisters,
—that they may live eternally with you and Mary, our mother. **R/**

Our Father.. .

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O God, you willed that your only-begotten Son should live and reign in the Heart of the Virgin Mother. Grant us, we pray, that, following the example of Jesus and Mary, we may constantly accomplish your will in all things, and so merit to have but one heart with them and among ourselves. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

APRIL 24

SAINT MARY EUPHRASIA PELLETIER, virgin

C.J.M., O.L.C.: **Memorial**
G.S.: **Solemnity**

Mary Euphrasia Pelletier (1796-1868), a religious of the Order of Our Lady of Charity, wanted the whole world to benefit from the saving work initiated by Saint John Eudes. For this reason, she founded the Congregation of the Good Shepherd of Angers. She was truly an image of the merciful love of the Good Shepherd. Her teachings, collected by her sisters under the title *Entretiens*, bear witness to her apostolic spirit.

From the Common of Virgins.

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READING II

From the discourses of Saint Mary Euphrasia Pelletier
(*Entretiens*, pp. 39-41).

Jesus the Good Shepherd is the real model we must try to emulate in order to fulfill our calling. We must endeavour to shape ourselves in the image of our master and live his very life, since he permitted us to share in his work, and allowed us to exercise his function in the fold, into which he has brought so many lost sheep. You will do no good, my daughters, you will not grasp the meaning of our calling, until you become imbued with the thoughts, feelings and affections of the Good Shepherd, whose living reflection you should be. Indeed, what did Jesus say of himself? — "I have come to save what was lost." And what did he do? — He sought out sinners with the anxiety of a father; he bore every hardship to bring them back to the Father. Remember the warm goodness with which he received Magdalen. Also see him seated by Jacob's well: weary, he rests awhile; he waits

for the Samaritan woman; he wants to draw her to the Father. Look at him after his resurrection, always the good shepherd, seeking the two sad and discouraged ones, who fled Jerusalem, the city of peace, to go to Emmaus, the castle of confusion. As they talked, he came up and joined the two disciples, who were troubled and wavering in faith. He walked with them — their pace was his —, sharing in their conversation and failure, bringing light to their darkness.

This is the path you must follow, my daughters, for you are all called to be so many good shepherds, and you must pursue the selflessness, the love, and the energetic persistence of Jesus himself. Like him, you will go to Emmaus in search of the stray sheep and, working hard as a good shepherd does, you will bring them back to the fold. Real labour is your lot; but it is, in the vision of faith, truly great and God-like work — so obstacles are meant to be hurdled! Now and then God himself sets them in our path to test our zeal, lest we tend to become negligent. The goal of our thoughts, desires, words, and actions, should be the welfare of the flock, following the pattern of Jesus, whose thoughts, desires, initiative and work had no other purpose. Moreover, the wonderful transformation he so often works in them clearly shows how much he wants their salvation. Be energetically diligent, then, for the welfare of those entrusted to your loving care. Make it the sole project of your life. Let this thought pursue you at prayer to make you more intent, at the Eucharist to make you more affectionate, at your work to make you ever more eager in love and zeal. Remember this: to work effectively for the Kingdom of God, you must be single-minded, selfless, and belong entirely to the Lord. Jesus selected you; he let you share in his work among the peoples of the earth, that you might bear fruit. But what fruit? The fruits of conversion and salvation. This is the work that will bring you the gifts of God's goodness. Try to live up to your calling, like the good shepherd Jesus, with energetic and loving persistence.

RESPONSE

Phil 2, 2-4; 1 Thes 5, 14-15

- R/ Be united in your love, always considering the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first, but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead.
- V/ Support the weak; be patient toward all; always seek one another's good and, for that matter, the good of all.
- R/ So that nobody thinks of his own interests first, but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead.

PRAYER

O God, who granted that Mary Euphrasia walk in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd, graciously grant that we, who follow her example on earth, may attain the heavenly reward held out to the merciful. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

June 7

BLESSED MARIE THÉRÈSE DE SOUBIRAN, virgin

O.L.C.: Optional Memorial

Born in 1834 at Castelnaudary (Diocese of Carcassonne, France) Marie Thérèse de Soubiran founded the Congregation of Marie Auxiliatrice to welcome and house the young country girls coming to work in the city. Banned by the one who unlawfully took over as head of the Congregation she entered the monastery of Our lady of Charity of Refuge in Paris in 1874 and died there on June 7, 1889. She was beatified by Pius XII in 1946.

(From the common of Virgins)

OPENING PRAYER

Lord our God,
Blessed Marie Thérèse de Soubiran, virgin,
persevered in prayer
in a life hidden with you in Christ.
Give to us who celebrate her memory
a share in your abundant grace.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

June 8

BLESSED MARIA DROSTE ZU VISCHERING

G.S.: Memorial

Born in Darfeld, near Minister, in Westphalia (West Germany) September 8, 1863, of a family of high nobility, Maria Droste zu Vischering was even more noble by the generous apostolic service rendered in the Congregation of the Good Shepherd, particularly as Superior of the Porto House (Portugal). In 1899 she asked Pope Leon XIII to consecrate the world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which was done June 11. She had died three days earlier, after a painful illness, leaving a testimony of total dedication of herself to the Lord and to others.

(From the common of Virgins)

PRAYER

God, our Father,
you inflamed the heart of Blessed Maria Droste zu
Vischering with a burning love for You and for her
brothers and sisters.

Inspire us by her example
to come to know the inexhaustible treasures
in the heart of Jesus, your Son.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our
Lord...

FRIDAY AFTER THE SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

TITULAR

Solemnity

Evening prayer I

HYMN

Thy mysteries let all men sing,
The greatness of Thy wondrous ways.
In prostrate worship may we bring
With humble hearts unending praise.
Hail! Victim of all woes enthroned
Upon the Cross, the Martyrs' King!
Make Thou the Cross a joy entoned,
The crown and glory that we sing.
O Heart, transfixed with wounds of love,
Pierce every heart with love for Thee.
Refresh our thirst from high above
With nectar sweet and heavenly.
The host of love divine art Thou,
Salvation for all mortals here,
The way of grace lies open now,
For all redemption is brought near.
Draw nigh, all peoples, hasten near,
And in God's gentle heart confide.
He loves each one with love so dear,
It burns like flames spread far and wide.
O Love, of mercy sweet the Sire,
O Love, Redeemer of all men,
O Love, of God the grace and fire,
Forever and forever reign! Amen.

PSALMODY

Ant. 1. On coming into the world, Jesus said: In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. Alleluia.

Psalm 112

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!
High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?
From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.
To the childless wife he gives a home
and gladdens her heart with children.

Ant. 1. On coming into the world, Jesus said: In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. Alleluia.

Ant. 2. Come to me, little children, for I have loved you with an everlasting love; so I have drawn you to my Heart, the source of all good. Alleluia.

Psalm 145

My soul, give praise to the Lord;
I will praise the Lord all my days,
make music to my God while I live.

Put no trust in princes,
in mortal men in whom there is no help.
Take their breath, they return to clay
and their plans that day come to nothing.

He is happy who is helped by Jacob's God,
whose hope is in the Lord his God,
who alone made heaven and earth,
the seas and all they contain.

It is he who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free,
the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Sion's God, from age to age.

Ant. 2. Come to me, little children, for I have loved you
with an everlasting love; so I have drawn you to my
Heart, the source of all good. Alleluia.

Ant. 3. Those who prove victorious I will allow to share my
throne; and I will inscribe on them my new name.
Alleluia

(WHEN SUNG, THE FOLLOWING SONG IS EXECUTED WITH AN ALLELUIA, AS NOTED BELOW: WHEN RECITED, IT SUFFICES THAT THE ALLELUIA BE SAID BEFORE AND AFTER EACH VERSE.)

Alleluia!
Salvation and glory and power
belong to our God!

(R/ Alleluia!)

His judgments are true
and just.

R/ Alleluia! (alleluia!)

Alleluia!
Praise our God,
all you his servants.

(R/ Alleluia!)

You who fear him,
small and great.

R/ Alleluia! (alleluia!)

Alleluia!

The Lord our God,
the Almighty, reigns.

(R/ Alleluia!)

Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory.

R/ Alleluia! (alleluia!)

Alleluia!
The marriage of the Lamb
has come.

(R/ Alleluia!)

And his bride
has made herself ready.

R/ Alleluia! (alleluia!)

Ant. 3. Those who prove victorious I will allow to share my throne; and I will inscribe on them my new name.
Alleluia.

WORD OF GOD

Be imitators of God as his dear children. Follow the way of love, even as Christ loved you. He gave himself for us as an offering to God, a gift of pleasing fragrance.

SHORT RESPONSE

R/ God so loved the world. God so loved the world.

V/ That he gave his only Son.

R/ God so loved the world.

V/ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy spirit.

R/ God so loved the world.

SONG OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Ant. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Live on in my love.

PRAYERS

Considering the love shown to us in the Heart of Jesus Christ, and filled with joy at being loved so much, let us say to Jesus:

R/ Lord Jesus, possess our hearts forever.

Jesus, beloved son of the Father, your heart lives only for him;

— kindle our hearts with your filial love. **R/**

Jesus, you so loved the world that you wanted to die for us;

— grant that for your love's sake we may lay down our lives for others. **R/**

Jesus, you are the Heart of the Father;

— be the heart of our hearts, the spirit of our spirits, the life of our lives. **R/**

Lord, you are the life of the world, and nothing escapes the warmth of your love;

— let all reality sing for us the power of your love. **R/**
Jesus, you will that we remain in you and you in us, as you are in the Father and the Father in you;

— grant that we may fulfill our communion with you in eternity. **R/**

Jesus, you are the hope of those who die in you;

— grant that our departed brothers and sisters live forever with you. **R/**

Our Father...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God, Father of mercies, with ineffable goodness you gave us the loving Heart of your Son. Grant, we pray, that our hearts be united as one with the Heart of Jesus to love you perfectly. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. ..

Invitatory

Ant. Come, let us adore the loving Heart of Jesus.

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HYMN

O Word made flesh, of hearts the King,
Let all, who see the wonders great
Of Thy vast Heart, with one voice sing;
The grandeur of Thy Heart relate.

All hail, O Heart of wondrous line,
Of Son and Father twain but one,
O source of Holy Spirit, Thine
To bind together earth and sun.

What mysteries great Thou dost enfold,
O boundless treasure from above,
O royal ark of love foretold,

The Church's holy place of love.
Thou art our portion, hope and weal,
The glory of our multitude;
Our source and end, our heart and zeal,
Our leader and our plenitude.
O Heart of flame, we long for Thee
To burn forevermore within;
That Thou the source of graces free
Should overwhelm the whole world's sin.
O Love, of mercy sweet the Sire,
O Love, Redeemer of all men,
O Love, of God the grace and fire,
Forever and forever reign. Amen.

PSALMODY

Ant. 1. He rejoiced like a champion to run his course, and nothing can escape the warmth of his love.

Psalm 18 A

The heavens proclaim the glory of God
and the firmament shows forth the work of his hands.
Day unto day takes up the story
and night unto night makes known the message.
No speech, no word, no voice is heard
yet their span goes forth through all the earth,
their words to the utmost bounds of the world.
There he has placed a tent for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom coming from his tent,
rejoices like a champion to run its course.
At the end of the sky is the rising of the sun;
to the furthest end of the sky is its course.
There is nothing concealed from its burning heat.

Ant. 1. He rejoiced like a champion to run his course, and nothing can escape the warmth of his love.

Ant. 2. May the Father remember all your offerings and give you your heart's desire.

Psalm 19

May the Lord answer in time of trial;
may the name of Jacob's God protect you.

May he send you help from his shrine
and give you support from Sion.

May he remember all your offerings
and receive your sacrifice with favour.

May he give you your heart's desire
and fulfill every one of your plans.

May we ring out our joy at your victory
and rejoice in the name of our God.

May the Lord grant all your prayers.

I am sure now that the Lord
will give victory to his anointed,
will reply from his holy heaven
with the mighty victory of his hand.

Some trust in chariots or horses,
but we in the name of the Lord.

They will collapse and fall,
but we shall hold and stand firm.

Give victory to the king, O Lord,
give answer on the day we call.

Ant. 2. May the Father remember all your offerings and give you your heart's desire.

Ant. 3. The Father has granted my heart's desire.

Psalm 20, 2-8, 14

O Lord, your strength gives joy to the king;
how your saving help makes him glad!
You have granted him his heart's desire;
you have not refused the prayer of his lips.

You came to meet him with the blessings of success,

you have set on his head a crown of pure gold.

He asked you for life and this you have given, days that will last from age to age.

Your saving help has given him glory,

You have laid upon him majesty and splendour,

you have granted your blessings to him for ever.

You have made him rejoice with the joy of your presence.

The king has put his trust in the Lord:

through the mercy of the Most High he shall stand firm.

O Lord, arise in your strength;

we shall sing and praise your power.

Ant. 3. The Father has granted my heart's desire. V/ He rejoiced like a champion to run his course. R/ And nothing can escape the warmth of his love.

READING I **Ez 34, 11-16, 23-27, 30; 36, 23-27**

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I will lead them out from among the peoples and gather them from the foreign lands; I will bring them back to their own country and pasture them upon the mountains of Israel, in the land's ravines and all its inhabited places. In good pastures will I pasture them, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing ground. There they shall lie down on good grazing ground, and in rich pastures shall they be pastured on the mountains of Israel. I myself will

pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, shepherding them rightly.

I will appoint one shepherd over them to pasture them, my servant David; he shall pasture them and be their shepherd. I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I, the Lord, have spoken. I will make a covenant of peace with them, and rid the country of ravenous beasts, that they may dwell securely in the desert and sleep in the forests. I will place them about my hill, sending rain in due season, rains that shall be a blessing to them. The trees of the field shall bear their fruits, and the land its crops, and they shall dwell securely on their own soil. Thus they shall know that I am the Lord when I break the bonds of their yoke and free them from the power of those who enslaved them. Thus they shall know that I, the Lord, am their God, and they are my people, the house of Israel, says the Lord God.

I will prove the holiness of my great name. Thus the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when in their sight I prove my holiness through you. For I will take you away from among the nations, gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back to your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you to cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. And I will put my spirit within you

RESPONSE 2 Cor 1,3; cf. Dn 3,61; Jn 3,16; Rom 8,32

R/ Father of mercies and God of all consolation, may all your angels praise you. For you so loved us that you gave your only Son and all things with him.

V/ So that, having but one heart with him, we may love you perfectly.

R/ For you so loved us that you gave your only Son and all things with him.

READING II

From a work by St. John Eudes: *The Admirable Heart of Mary*, XII (*Oeuvres Completes*, VIII, 344-347).

We have three Hearts to adore in our Saviour which, nevertheless, are but one single Heart by their intimate union. The first is his divine Heart, which is God, for God is love; it is also the eternal love of the Word in the bosom of the Father which, with the love of the Father, is the source of the Spirit. The second is his spiritual Heart, which is the higher function of his soul, where the Holy Spirit wonderfully lives and reigns, and concentrates the treasures of the wisdom and knowledge of God; it is also his human will, whose work is love, love to the extent of laying down his life for us in obedience to the Father. Finally, the third is the organ of the body, hypostatically united to the Word, shaped by the Holy Spirit from the blood of his loving mother and pierced by a lance on the cross.

The most lovable Heart of Jesus is a furnace of love. He loves the Father eternally, immensely, and infinitely. He loves his Mother without measure or limit, which is abundantly proven by the inconceivable graces he has granted her. He also loves the Church — triumphant, suffering and militant —, whose sacraments, especially the Eucharist, which is a summary of all the wonders of God's goodness, are so many inexhaustible sources of grace and holiness flowing, as from an ocean, from the Sacred Heart of our Saviour. Finally, he loves each and

every one of us as he is loved by the Father. That is why he did everything and suffered everything to withdraw us from the abyss of evil in which we have been thrown by our sinfulness, and made us children of God, members of Christ, heirs of God with Christ, having the same kingdom that the Father gave his Son.

Our duty to this most loving Heart consists in this: that we adore him, praise him, bless him, glorify him, give him thanks and ask his forgiveness for all that he suffered because of our sins; also, that we offer him, in atonement, all the joy given him by those who love and all the affliction endured by us for the sake of his love; and finally, that we love him fervently. We must also make use of this Heart, because it is ours: the eternal Father, the Holy Spirit, Mary, and Jesus himself have given it to us, to be our refuge in need, our revelation in doubt, and our treasure in difficulty. Moreover, they gave it to us not only to be the model and norm of our life, but also to be our very own Heart, so that we might, through this wonderful Heart, fulfill our duty to God and neighbour.

RESPONSE

Mt 11, 27; Jn 3,16; Prv 23, 26

R/ Everything has been given over to me by my Father, and the Father so loved the world that he gave his only Son. Therefore everything is yours.

V/ So give me your heart, my little children, and I will give you mine.

R/ Therefore everything is yours.

SONG OF PRAISE PRAYER

God, Father of mercies, with ineffable goodness you gave us the loving Heart of your Son. Grant, we pray, that our hearts be united as one with the Heart of Jesus to love you perfectly. Through our Lord Jesus Christ..

Morning prayer

HYMN

O Jesus, height of charity,
Look down with countenance benign,
And see our minds' depravity
Redeemed by Thine own Blood divine.
Alas! how multiplied the toll
Of wounds mankind Thy Heart has cost!
Thy gifts for every sinful soul
Must not by us be vainly lost.
All hearts' most loving captor Thou!
Our prayer we offer through Thy Heart.
To God of all creation now
Uplift our souls, uphold our part.
O Father of all those who live,
Enliven us with love of Thee.
Within Thy breast, through Thee, O give
Us depth of life eternally.
O Love, of mercy sweet the Sire,
O Love, Redeemer of all men.
O Love, of God the grace and fire,
Forever and forever reign! Amen.

PSALMODY

(Psalms and Song of Sunday I.)

- Ant. 1.** God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.
Ant. 2. Blessed be your Heart, good Jesus. Reposing
upon it, the beloved disciple drank the water of
your gospel of love to pour it on us.
Ant. 3. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts. And I will put my spirit within you.

SHORT RESPONSE

R/ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

V/ Live on in my love. **R/** So I have loved you.

V/ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

R/ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

SONG OF ZECHARIAH

Ant. You will live in my love if you keep my commandments.

PRAYERS

Rejoicing in the Lord, let us celebrate in honour of the loving Heart of Jesus our Saviour, saying:

R/ In your love gather us, O Lord.

Jesus, when you came into the world you said: I come to do your will, O God;

— grant that your Church may live the will of the Father with a generous heart and resolute will. **R/**

Lord, you wish to associate us with your prayer, that we may see the glory of the Father;

— give us your Heart, and come pray to the Father in us **R/**

Christ Jesus, for love of us you emptied yourself even to accepting death;

— teach us to love you with a heart that is truly poor. **R/**

Jesus, you willed to bring everything together in your Heart and give it to the Father;

— grant us that, living in the world, we may live in you **R/**
Lord, you are the bond of those who receive your love;

— make our community one heart and one soul in you.

R/

Our Father...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God, Father of mercies, with ineffable goodness you gave us the loving Heart of your Son. Grant, we pray, that our hearts be united as one with the Heart of Jesus to love you perfectly. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Midday prayer

(Psalms of Sunday I)

Terce

Ant. He gave us his flesh as food and his blood as drink, ransom and bath, because of his great love for us.

WORD OF GOD

Rom 8, 31b-35a

If God is for us, who can be against us? Is it possible that he who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for the sake of us all will not grant us all things besides? Who shall bring a charge against God's chosen ones? God, who justifies? Who shall condemn them? Christ Jesus, who died or rather was raised up, who is it the right hand of God and who intercedes for us? Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

V/ My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready.

R/ I will sing, I will sing your praise.

Sext

Ant. Do not be afraid, little children — even if a mother could forget her child, I would never forget you.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
 who took them in my arms;
I drew them with human cords,
 with bands of love; I
fostered them like one
 who raises an infant to his cheeks;
Yet, though I stooped to feed my child,
 they did not know that I was their healer.

V/ He rejoiced like a champion to run his course.

R/ And nothing can escape the warmth of his love.

None

Father, I want those you have given me to be with
me where I am, that they may be one in us.

For I will take you away from among the nations,
gather you from all the foreign lands, and bring you back
to your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you to
cleanse you from all your impurities, and from all your
idols I will cleanse you.

V/ May he give you your heart's desire.

R/ And fulfill every one of your plans.

Evening prayer II

HYMN

We sing the praise of Jesus' Heart
With fire of ardent love aflame:
With joy we tell the boundless part
His love and gifts so rightly claim.
We marvel at His wondrous grace!
His Heart He gives with total love,
From bondage frees the human race
And pays our debts to heaven above.
Hail, priest of hearts and victim, hail!
Alone Thou equal art to God,
Most worthy Temple, holy Grail,
And altar, holiest to laud.
An altar flaming, all afire,
And always set for victims there;
Receive our hearts as victims, fire
And burn them in Thy heav'nly flame.
O Love, of mercy sweet the Sire,
O Love, Redeemer of all men;
O Love, of God the grace and fire,
Forever and forever reign! Amen.

PSALMODY

Ant 1. O admirable Heart of Jesus, which the Father made
the dwelling of his love and glory, alleluia.

Psalm 109, 1-5,7

The Lord's revelation to my Master:
"Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet."
The Lord will send from Sion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.
A prince from the day of your birth

on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I begot you.
The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
"You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedeck of old."
The Master standing at your right hand
will shatter kings in the day of his great wrath.
He shall drink from the stream by the wayside
and therefore he shall lift up his head.

Ant. 1. O admirable Heart of Jesus, which the Father made the dwelling of his love and glory, alleluia.

Ant. 2. O incomparable love — while we were still sinners, he loved us and washed away our sins with his blood, alleluia.

Psalm 110

I will thank the Lord with all my heart
in the meeting of the just and their assembly.
Great are the works of the Lord;
to be pondered by all who love them.
Majestic and glorious his work,
his justice stands firm for ever.
He makes us remember his wonders.
The Lord is compassion and love.
He gives food to those who fear him;
keeps his covenant ever in mind.
He has shown his might to his people
by giving them the lands of the nations.
His works are justice and truth:
his precepts are all of them sure,
standing firm for ever and ever:
they are made in uprightness and truth.
He has sent deliverance to his people
and established his covenant for ever.
Holy his name, to be feared.
To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

all who do so prove themselves wise. His praise shall last for ever!

Ant 2. O incomparable love — while we were still sinners, he loved us and washed away our sins with his blood, alleluia.

Ant 3. Little children, make my joy complete by doing everything in the love of my Heart, alleluia.

SONG

Eph 1, 3-10

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end;

that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

Ant 3. Little children, make my joy complete by doing everything in the love of my Heart, alleluia.

God is love. And God's love was revealed in our midst in this way: he sent his only Son to the world that we might have life through him. Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God but that he has loved us and has sent his Son as an offering for our sins.

SHORT RESPONSE

R/ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

V/ Live on in my love. **R/** So I have loved you.

V/ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

R/ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

SONG OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Ant. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

PRAYERS

Considering the love shown to us in the Heart of Jesus Christ, and filled with joy at being loved so much, let us say to Jesus:

R/ Lord Jesus, possess our hearts forever.

Jesus, beloved son of the Father, your heart lives only for him;

— kindle our hearts with your filial love. **R/**

Jesus, you so loved the world that you wanted to die for us;

— grant that for your love's sake we may lay down our lives for others. **R/**

Jesus, you are the Heart of the Father;

— be the heart of our hearts, the spirit of our spirits, the life of our lives. **R/**

Lord, you are the life of the world, and nothing escapes the warmth of your love;

— let all reality sing for us the power of your love. **R/**

Jesus, you will that we remain in you and you in us, as you are in the Father and the Father in you;

— grant that we may fulfill our communion with you in eternity. **R/**

Jesus, you are the hope of those who die in you;

— grant that our departed brothers and sisters live forever with you. **R/**

Our Father...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God, Father of mercies, with ineffable goodness you gave us the loving Heart of your Son. Grant, we pray, that our hearts be united as one with the Heart of Jesus to love you perfectly. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

AUGUST 19

SAINT JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

Solemnity

Saint John Eudes (1601-1680) is especially known as the "father, doctor, and apostle of the liturgical cult of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary". His apostolic life flowed from his deep faith in the love of God, contemplated in the Heart of Jesus. He was a tireless missionary. He founded the following societies: the Order of Our Lady of Charity, the Third Order of the Heart of Mary, and the Congregation of Jesus and Mary. He is the author of numerous works dealing with Christian life. He devoted the greater part of his life to priests, founding seminaries to serve them and candidates for the ministry, constantly reminding them of the meaning of their calling, and preaching priestly holiness.

Evening prayer I

HYMN

Hail, wonderful priest:
On this your joyful day
We offer the homage of song
To your steadfastness in grace.
The will of heaven's king
Was the pillar of your soul;
And the cross, anchor of salvation,
The pursuit of your heart.
The names of Jesus and Mary,
That give joy to our hearts,
Were a source of comfort
All the days of your life.
With ardent spirit and unceasingly

You honoured the Hearts of both, Devising feast, providing worship, Bearing fruit in the names. We bring our prayerful pleas, Kneeling at your altar; May they be a help to our minds, And seed of lasting life. May the true life of our hearts, Christ the king, in heaven, Grant that, following your example, We may glorify the Father. Amen.

PSALMODY

(Psalms and Song from the Common of Pastors.)

- Ant. 1.** Come, children, I will show you the right way,
the way of wisdom and life.
- Ant. 2.** Learn from Jesus, for he is affectionate, gentle and
humble of heart,
- Ant. 3.** Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by
the peace that binds you together.

WORD OF GOD

I Jn 4, 7-8

Beloved, let us love one another because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten of God and has knowledge of God. The man without love has known nothing of God, for God is love.

SHORT RESPONSE

- R/** The Lord sent him to bring good news to the poor.
The Lord sent him to bring good news to the poor.
- V/** And to heal the brokenhearted.
- V/** The Lord sent him.
- V/** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
- R/** The Lord sent him to bring good news to the poor.

SONG OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Ant. The Lord found him to be a man after his own heart:
for he always did what pleased the Lord with a
generous heart and resolute will.

PRAYERS

At day's end, let us pray to our High Priest Jesus, saying:

R/ Lord, keep us in your ways.

Great Shepherd, you always watch over your flock;
— to your Church give leaders who will enlighten her
way. **R/**

Lord, you gave us your words to be our light;
— grant that your ministers proclaim them totally, teach
them persistently, and live by them fully. **R/**

Lord, you wanted to be the father of the poor;
— grant that the pastors chosen by you may protect their
brothers and sisters against all who oppress them. **R/**
Prince of pastors, you promised glory to your faithful
servants;

— receive in your dwelling those priests who lovingly
served you on earth by word, prayer and work. **R/**

Our Father. ..

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord God, you marvelously selected the priest, John
Eudes, to proclaim the unfathomable riches of Christ.
Grant, we pray, that we may be guided by his word and
action, grow in your knowledge, and faithfully live the
Gospel. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Invitatory

Ant. Come, let us adore Christ, the prince of pastors.

Office of readings

HYMN

Hail, wonderful priest:
On this your joyful day
We offer the homage of song
To your steadfastness in grace.
The will of heaven's king
Was the pillar of your soul;
And the cross, anchor of salvation,
The pursuit of your heart.
The names of Jesus and Mary,
That give joy to our hearts,
Were a source of comfort
All the days of your life.
With ardent spirit and unceasingly
You honoured the Hearts of both,
Devising feast, providing worship,
Bearing fruit in their names.
We bring our prayerful pleas,
Kneeling at your altar;
May they be a help to our minds,
And seed of lasting life.
May the true life of our hearts,
Christ the king, in heaven,
Grant that, following your example,
We may glorify the Father. Amen.

PSALMODY

(Psalms from the Common of Pastors.)

- Ant. 1.** Life to me, of course, is Christ; but then death
would bring me something more.
- Ant 2.** The world is crucified to me, and I to the World.
- Ant. 3.** The life I live now is not my own; Christ is living
in me.
- V/** The Lord leads the virtuous one along straight paths.
- R/** And shows him the kingdom of God.

From the letter of Paul the apostle to the Romans.

Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Through baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.

If we have been united with him through likeness to his death, so shall we be through a like resurrection. This we know: our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed and we might be slaves to sin no longer. A man who is dead has been freed from sin.

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with him. We know that Christ, once raised from the dead, will never die again; death has no more power over him. His death was death to sin, once for all; his life is life for God. In the same way, you must consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus. Do not, therefore, let sin rule your mortal body and make you obey its lusts.

If Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, while the spirit lives because of justice. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will bring your mortal bodies to life also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

We are debtors, then, my brothers — but not to the flesh, so that we should live according to the flesh. If you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the spirit you put to death the evil deeds of the body, you will live. All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

R/ Since you have been raised up in company with Christ, set your heart on what pertains to higher

realms where Christ is seated at God's right hand. Be intent on things above rather than on things of earth.

V/ After all, you have died! Your life is hidden now with Christ in God.

R/ Be intent on things above rather than on things of earth.

READING II

From a work by St. John Eudes: *A Memorial of the Ecclesiastical Life*, V, 10 (*Oeuvres Completes*, III, 187-189).

A priest is truly another Christ living and walking on earth. He takes Christ's place, represents His person, acts in His name and exercises His authority. Speaking to all priests in the person of His apostles, our Blessed Lord said: "As the Father has sent me, I also send you" (Jn 20, 21). By these words He meant that He sends His priests to dispel the darkness of hell which overspreads the face of the earth, and in its place to illumine the world with heavenly light. He sends them to work for the destruction of the tyranny of sin and the establishment of the kingdom of His heavenly Father in this world. He sends them to perpetuate on earth the life He led and the virtues He practised. He sends them to continue His own office of mediator, judge and saviour.

The three last-mentioned functions are the principal qualities with which Christ has endowed His priests.

First of all, priests are mediators between God and men, making known His divine will. Theirs is the duty of drawing men to God and of reconciling them with the Creator; theirs is the obligation of rendering to Him the homage, adoration, praise and satisfaction due to Him. They, too, must deal with those important relations between God and man which have to do with His glory, the salvation of the world, and the application of the fruits of Christ's Passion to men's souls.

Secondly, priests are, with the Son of God, judges of the world, not in temporal things, which are merely transitory, but in things heavenly and eternal.

Thirdly, with Christ priests are saviours of the world, favored with that very name in Sacred Scripture, "Saviours shall come up into Mount Sion" (Ob 21). The Son of God shares with His priests the heavenly prerogative of Saviour, desiring that they should be associated with Himself in the salvation of souls. "We are God's coadjutors" (1 Cor 3,9). He desired that they should discharge the office of saviours and be employed in the continuation on earth of the greatest and most divine of all His works, the redemption of the world. "As the Father has sent me, I also send you" (Jn 20, 21). Towards this one end, every duty and office of the priestly life is primarily directed.

In the work of saving souls Christ expended Himself completely, employing therein every moment of His time, His thoughts, words and actions, His works, sweat, tears, blood and His very life. Thus, too, priests must give to this work their heart, their thoughts and affections, their strength and their all, that truly they may say with St. Paul, "I most gladly will spend and be spent myself for your souls" (2 Cor 12, 15). It follows, then, that, if souls are lost through the priest's negligence, the wounds of Christ, His sufferings and His blood will cry vengeance against him at the hour of death. "I will require his blood at thy hand" (Ez 3, 18).

Truly the priest is another Christ living and walking on earth. Consequently, his life should be a perfect image of that of the Saviour, or rather a continuation of Our Lord's life. The priest is obliged, then, to study what the Master said while He was on earth, what He did, the virtues He practised, His horror for sin and His perfect detachment from the things of the world. The priest must imitate Christ's purity, sobriety, humility, modesty and all His other virtues that his own life may reflect them in practice

RESPONSE

Lk 10,2; Jn 4, 35

- R/** The harvest is rich but the workers are few. So ask the harvest-master to send workers to his harvest.
- V/** Open your eyes and see! The fields are shining for harvest!
- R/** So ask the harvest-master to send workers to his harvest.

SONG OF PRAISE

PRAYER

Lord God, you marvelously selected the priest, John Eudes, to proclaim the unfathomable riches of Christ. Grant, we pray, that we may be guided by his word and action, grow in your knowledge, and faithfully live the Gospel. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. ..

Morning prayer

HYMN

May the songs and prayers
Which we offer you, John,
Contribute to your honour
And foster our salvation.

God selected you,
A messenger to the world,
To proclaim the divine gift
Of filial adoption.

The burning love of the Heart of Christ
And of his virgin Mother,
You understood, you celebrated,
You preached to all.

Filled with holy energy,
You moved your brothers and sisters
To heal wounded hearts,
And teach Jesus' way of life.

Your writings, preaching and action
Make you a model for all,
Especially priests, who learn from you
The meaning of their call.

May the true life of our hearts,
Christ the King, in heaven,
Grant that, following your example.
We may glorify the Father. Amen.

PSALMODY

Psalms and Song of Sunday I.

Ant. 1 He prepared his heart for the Lord, and loved him alone with his whole mind and a perfect heart.

Ant. 2. The Lord tested him in the flames and accepted him like the victim of a holocaust.

Ant. 3. He did right not only in the sight of God but also in the sight of men, and in the Church of God he was a lamp alight and burning.

WORD OF GOD

2 Cor 6, 1. 3-7b

As your fellow workers we beg you not to receive the grace of God in vain. We avoid giving anyone offense, so that our ministry may not be blamed. On the contrary, in all that we do we strive to present ourselves as ministers of God, acting with patient endurance amid trials, difficulties, distresses, beatings, imprisonments, and riots; as men familiar with hard work, sleepless nights, and fastings; conducting ourselves with innocence, knowledge, and patience, in the Holy Spirit, in sincere love, as men with the message of truth and the power of God.

SHORT RESPONSE

R/ The Lord sent him to bring good news to the poor.
The Lord sent him to bring good news to the poor.

V/ And to heal the brokenhearted.

R/ The Lord sent him.

V/ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

R/ The Lord sent him to bring good news to the poor.

SONG OF ZECHARIAH

Ant. So ask the harvest-master to send workers to his harvest.

PRAYERS

As we give thanks on this feast of our father, John Eudes, let us turn to the Lord, saying ;

R/ We adore you, Lord Jesus.

Lord, you were obedient even to accepting death for us;

— teach us always to obey the will of the Father. **R/**

Lord, you have given us your Heart;

— grant us always to resemble it. **R/**

Lord, you marvelously moved John Eudes to make known the love of your Heart and that of your Mother,

— grant that we may make it known to others by our love. **R/**

Lord Jesus, you selected St. John to lead people on the path of salvation;

— make us share in his zeal for your glory. **R/**

Our Father...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord God, you marvelously selected the priest, John Eudes, to proclaim the unfathomable riches of Christ. Grant, we pray, that we may be guided by his word and action, grow in your knowledge, and faithfully live the Gospel. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.. .

Midday prayer

(Psalms from the Common of Pastors.)

Terce

Ant. He pleased the Lord during his life and, in time of wrath, he was an instrument of reconciliation.

WORD OF GOD

1 Cor 9, 22b-24

I have made myself all things to all men in order to save at least some of them. In fact, I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings. You know that while all the runners in the stadium take part in the race, the award goes to one man. In that case, run so as to win! V/ He loved the beauty of the Lord's house. R/ The place where the Lord makes his home.

Sext

Ant. His message was not human argumentation, but the convincing power of the Spirit.

WORD OF GOD

1 Tm 4, 6-9

If you put these instructions before the brotherhood you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, reared in the words of faith and the sound doctrine you have faithfully followed. Have nothing to do with profane myths or old wives' tales. Train yourself for the life of piety, for while

physical training is to some extent valuable, the discipline of religion is incalculably more so, with its promise of life here and hereafter. You can depend on this as worthy of complete acceptance.

V/ I shall give you shepherds after my own heart.

R/ And they shall feed you on knowledge and understanding.

None

Ant. He made himself all things to all men in order to save at least some of them.

WORD OF GOD

2 Tm 4, 5.7-8

As for you, be steady and self-possessed; put up with hardship, perform your work as an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. As for me, I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on a merited crown awaits me; on that Day the Lord, just judge that he is, will award it to me — and not only to me, but to all who have looked for his appearing with eager longing.

V/ The Lord leads the virtuous one along straight paths.

R/ And shows him the kingdom of God.

Evening prayer II

HYMN

Hail, wonderful priest:
On this your joyful day
We offer the homage of song
To your steadfastness in grace.
The will of heaven's king
Was the pillar of your soul;
And the cross, anchor of salvation,

The pursuit of your heart.
The names of Jesus and Mary,
That give joy to our hearts,
Were a source of comfort
All the days of your life.
With ardent spirit and unceasingly
You honoured the Hearts of both,
Devising feast, providing worship,
Bearing fruit in their names.
We bring our prayerful pleas,
Kneeling at your altar;
May they be a help to our minds,
And seed of lasting life.
May the true life of our hearts,
Christ the king, in heaven,
Grant that, following your example,
We may glorify the Father. Amen.

PSALMODY

(Psalms and Song from the Common of Pastors.)

- Ant. 1.** Come, children, I will show you the right way,
the way of wisdom and life.
- Ant. 2.** Learn from Jesus, for he is affectionate, gentle
and humble of heart.
- Ant. 3.** Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit
by the peace that binds you together.

WORD OF GOD

1 Pt 5, 1-4

To the elders among you I, a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and sharer in the glory that is to be revealed, make this appeal. God's flock is in your midst; give it a shepherd's care. Watch over it willingly as God would have you do, not under constraint; and not for shameful profit either, but generously. Be examples to the

flock, not lording it over those assigned to you, so that when the chief Shepherd appears you will win for yourselves the unfading crown of glory.

SHORT RESPONSE

R/ The Lord sent him to bring good news to the poor.

The Lord sent him to bring good news to the poor.

V/ And to heal the brokenhearted.

R/ The Lord sent him.

V/ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

R/ The Lord sent him to bring good news to the poor.

SONG OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Ant. On this day, renowned for his life and teaching, Saint John died in the Lord; on this day, he went home to the Father, to reign forever with Jesus and Mary.

PRAYERS

At day's end, let us pray to our High Priest Jesus, saying:

R/ Lord, keep us in your ways.

Great Shepherd, you always watch over your flock;
— to your Church give leaders who will enlighten her way. R/

Lord, you gave us your words to be our light;
— grant that your ministers proclaim them totally, teach them persistently, and live by them fully. R/

Lord, you wanted to be the father of the poor; ;
— grant that the pastors chosen by you may protect their brothers and sisters against all who oppress them. R/

Prince of pastors, you promised glory to your faithful servants;

— receive in your dwelling those priests who lovingly served you on earth by word, prayer and work. R/

Our Father...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord God, you marvelously selected the priest, John Eudes, to proclaim the unfathomable riches of Christ. Grant, we pray, that we may be guided by his word and action, grow in your knowledge, and faithfully live the Gospel. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

SEPTEMBER 2

BLESSED FRANCIS LOUIS HEBERT AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

C.J.M.: Memorial

O.L.C.: Optional Memorial

François Louis Hebert (1735-1792), François Lefranc (1739-1792), and Pierre Claude Pottier (1743-1792), priests of the Eudist family, worked throughout their lives in seminaries entrusted to their Congregation. During the French Revolution, they were imprisoned in the convents of the Carmelites and Saint Firmin. They were among the priests massacred on September 2 and 3, 1792, and beatified by the Church in 1926. Faithful to the teaching of their founder, they died for Jesus Christ and in defense of his Church. *

(From the *Common of Martyrs*.)

Office of readings

READING II

From a work by Saint John Eudes: *The Life and Kingdom of Jesus in Christian Souls*, II, 44 (*Oeuvres Completes*, I, 284-290).

The culmination and perfection of Christian life is holy martyrdom. The grace of martyrdom is the most powerful miracle that God can possibly work in Christian souls, and to suffer martyrdom for His sake is the greatest and most magnificent thing a Christian can achieve for God.

This immeasurable favor, conferred by Jesus Christ on chosen souls by perfecting their resemblance to Him not only in life but in their very death, and making them worthy to die for Him even as He died for His Father and for them, is the most excellent favor He can grant to those whom He loves with the most special love. Nowhere is the astounding power of His divine love more evident than in the lives of the holy martyrs. Among all the saints, the blessed martyrs command the greatest admiration in the presence of God. They are Christ's own saints. He Himself calls them that, speaking through the oracle of His Church, "My saints". Although each and every one of the saints belongs to Jesus, the holy martyrs belong to Him in an entirely unique and special manner, because they lived and died for Him. For that reason, He shows them extraordinary love and promises them the greatest and most beneficent rewards.

How blessed are they who are loved by Jesus and who love Him in return! How blessed are they who bear, in themselves, a perfect image of His holy life and of His most loving death! How blessed are they who are called to the wedding feast of the Lamb! How blessed are they who wash their robes in the blood of the Lamb! How blessed are they who want no life on earth, except to spend it all for the glory, and sacrifice it for the love of this most sweet Lamb, so worthy to be loved! And all the more so, because, to borrow the words of the Holy Spirit, this is the end of all fulfilment and perfection, the final and perfect consummation of all sanctity; because man can do nothing greater for his God than to sacrifice to Him what he holds most dear, that is, his blood and his life, and to die for Him.

* It was by mistake that the Latin edition of the new Proper maintained reference to a fourth Eudist martyr, Charles Beraud du Perou. Recent research has indeed established that this priest was not a member of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary.

There are, however, various kinds of martyrs and martyrdoms. Those who are truly disposed and willing to die for our Saviour are martyrs before God in a certain sense, even though they may not actually die for Him. Saint Cyprian affirms that those who are ready to die rather than offend Almighty God are also martyrs in a certain sense. Saint Isidore says, furthermore, that to mortify the flesh and the passions, to resist unruly appetites and to persevere to the end in self-abandonment for love of Our Lord is likewise a kind of martyrdom. And, according to Saint Gregory the Great, if, for pure and sacrificing love of Christ, one patiently suffers the privations and miseries of poverty, starvation, deformity or any other sore affliction; or else meekly endures insults, calumny and persecution, not returning evil for evil, but blessing those who harm him by hurtful words, and loving those who hate him, this also is a species of martyrdom.

But true martyrdom consists not only in suffering, but in loss of life. Consequently, death belongs to the essence and nature of full and perfect martyrdom. This means that it is necessary to die, and to die for Jesus Christ, if one is to be a real martyr, in the sense in which the word "martyr" is taken by Holy Church. If one is to be a true martyr, he must die, and die for Our Lord Himself, or for the honour of His mysteries and sacraments, in defense of the Church, or in support of an article of Faith or a point of morals, or to avoid yielding to sin because it offends Him, or by the fact of loving Him so ardently that the sacred violence of His divine love actually causes death.

RESPONSE

Cf. Eph 4, 4-5

R/ These holy men shed their blood for the Lord; they loved Christ in life and followed him in death. And so they were given the crown of glory.

V/ They were of one spirit and one faith.

R/ And so they were given the crown of glory.

As we remember your blessed martyrs, Francis and his companions, whom you strengthened by your Spirit in their defense unto death of the rights of your Church, grant us, Lord, always to love her with the affection of sons and daughters. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

APPENDIX

THE LATIN HYMNS

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

EVENING PRAYER I

Iesu, Mariae gloria,
praeclara Cordis Virginis
cor intonat prasconia:
nostris adesto canticis.

Quern sacra, paucis mensibus,
portavit alvus parvulum,
hunc Cor, prius, sacratius,
semperque gestat maximum.

Arca quid ista sanctius?
Thesaurus orbis, omnia
collata nobis caelitus
servans Dei mysteria.

Ave, Cor admirabile,
amore Iesu flammeum,
te sentiant amabile
qui te colunt, rex cordium.

Pars nostra, spes et gaudium,
coetusque nostri gloria,
amor perennis omnium

iungat tibi pnedrdia.

O sacrosancta Trinitas,
aeterna vita cordium,
Cordis Mariae sanctitas,
in corde regnes omnium. Amen.

OFFICE OF READINGS

Cor, sanctitatis, formula,
cordis fidelis regula,
dignum Dei sacrarium.
cubfle Iesu fldridum.

Amoris est miraculum,
triumphus almi Spiritus,
dignum Deo spectaculum,
spes laeta peccatoribus.

Sidus micans amantium,
sol esto duxque mentibus;
fornax amdris, omnium
accende flammis cordibus.

Redempta Christi gratia
fac corda Christo vivere,
calcare mundi somnia,
se tota Iesu tradere.

O sacrosancta Trinitas,
aeterna vita cordium,
Cordis Mariae sanctitas,
in corde regnes omnium. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

Intaminatae Virginis
Cordisque tarn mirabilis
colamus omnes regia
concorditer magnalia.

Hoc Corde quid sublimius?

Abyssus alta gratiae,
currus triimphans igneus,
throniisque Regis gloriae.

Thesaurus est charismatum,
astri iubar fulgentius,
caeli decus, sol, gaudium,
caeliimque caelis altius.

Eia, Parens, cor siipplicum
intra pium serva sinum;
amore Nati langueat,
amore Matris ferveat.

O sacrosancta Trinitas,
aeterna vita cordium,
Cordis Mariae sanctitas,
in corde regnes omnium. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER II

Iesu, Mariae gloria,
praeclara Cordis Virginis
cor intonat praeconia:
nostris adesto canticis.

Quem sacra, paucis mensibus,
portavit alvus parvulum,
hunc Cor, prius, sacratius,
semperque gestat maximum.

Arca quid ista sanctius?
Thesaurus orbis, omnia
collata nobis caelitus
servans Dei mysteria.

Ave, Cor admirabile,
amore Iesu flammeum,
te sentiant amabile
qui te colunt, rex cordium.

Pars nostra, spes et gaudium,
coetusque nostri gloria,

amor perennis omnium
iungat tibi praecordia.

O sacrosancta Trinitas,
aeterna vita cordium,
Cordis Mariae sanctitas,
in corde regnes omnium. Amen.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

EVENING PRAYER I

Iesu Cordis mirabilis
omnes canant mysteria;
Cordisque tam laudabilis
proni colant magnalia.

Ave, dolorum Victima,
centrum Crucis, Rex martyrum:
fac nostra sit Crux gloria,
amor, corona, gaudium.

O Cor, amore saucium,
amore corda saucia:
vitale nectar caelitem,
amore nos inebria.

Tu caritatis hostia,
mortalium salvatio,
aperta cunctis gratia,
et omnium redemptio.

Venite, gentes, ciirrite
ad Cor nihil quo mitius:
omnes amat, conffidite,
amoris est incendium.

Amor, Pater clementiae,
amor, Redemptor omnium,
amor, Deus, fons gratiae,
regnes in omne saeculum. Amen.

OFFICE OF READINGS

Verbum caro, rex cordium,
Cordis tui miracula
linguis canantur omnium
miraculorum maxima.

Ave, Patris mirabilis
et Unici Cor unicum:
origo sacri Flaminis,
terrae polique vinculum.

Quam magna fers mysteria,
immensa gaza caelitum:
amoris area regia,
Ecclesiae sacrarium!

Pars nostra, spes et gaudium,
coetiisque nostri gloria:
Cor, vita, lex, oraculum,
origo, finis, omnia.

Te quaerimus, Cor flammeum,
tu semper intus ardeas:
fons omnium charismatum,
totum per orbem diffluas.

Amor, Pater clementiae,
amor, Redemptor omnium,
amor, Deus, fons gratiae,
regnes in omne saeculum. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

O summa Iesu caritas,
vultu benigno respice
mentes draconi subditas,
tuo redemptas sanguine.

Heu! quanta pro mortalibus
tu corde passus viilnera!
Non vana peccatoribus

sint tanta Cordis munera.

Amande raptor cordium,
per Cor tuum fac omnia
ad te, creator omnium,
sursum rapi praecordia.

O Cor, parens viventium,
amore fac nos vivere:
fac in tuum, pro te, sinum
amore vitam fundere.

Amor, Pater clementiae,
amor, Redemptor omnium,
amor, Deus, fons gratiae,
regnes in omne saeculum. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER II

Flammata Iesu pectora
amoris igne psallimus:
immensa laeti munera
Cordis benigni pangimus.

Quam mira Iesu gratia!
Nos corde toto diligit:
solvamus ut nos debita,
nobis suum Cor tradidit.

Ave, sacerdos cordium,
ave, Deo par victima,
templum Deo dignissimum
et ara sacratissima.

O semper ara flammea,
cunctis parata victimis,
tu corda tollas omnia,
flammis litanda caelicis.

Amor, Pater clementiae,
amor, Redemptor omnium,
amor, Deus, fons gratiae,
regnes in omne saeculum. Amen.

SAINT JOHN EUDES

EVENING PRAYER I

Salve, sacerdos indite:
die tua laeti'ssima
fidelitati gratiae
hymni tributum solvimus.

Regis voluntas caelici
tuis adhaesit intimis,
semperque amasti sedulus
crucem, saliitis anchoram.

Iesu et Mariae nomina,
quae mentibus dant gaudia,
tempus per omne dulcia
tuo fuere pectori.

Hinc utriusque cordibus
cor dedicasti fervidum,
cultumque dans impensius
fructus tulisti nobiles.

Quae *xota* ovantes fundimus
tuas ad aras cemui,
levamen exstent spiritus
vitaeque semen perpetis.

Rex, vera vita cordium,
det Christus in caelestibus,
tuum sequentes tramitem,
Patri canamus gloriam. Amen.

OFFICE OF READINGS

Salve, sacerdos indite:
die tua laetissima
fidelitati gratiae
hymni tributum solvimus.

Regis voluntas caelici
tuis adhaesit intimis,
semperque amasti sedulus

crucem, salu'tis anchoram.

Iesu et Maris nomina,
quae mentibus dant gaudia,
tempus per omne dulcia
tuo fuere pectori.

Hinc utriusque cordibus
cor dedicasti fervidum,
cultumque dans impensius
fructus tulisti nobiles.

Quae vota ovantes fundimus
tuas ad aras cernui,
levamen exstent spiritus
vitaeque semen perpetis.

Rex, vera vita cordium,
det Christus in caelestibus,
tuum sequentes tramitem,
Patri canamus gloriam. Amen

MORNING PRAYER

Quae nunc, Ioannes, cantica
precesque Iste primumus,
tibi, in decorem personent,
nos ad salutem provehant.

Divina te dilectio
elegit orbi nuntium,
qui dona celsa diceret
adoptionis mystics.

In Corde Christi caritas
quae flagret atque Virginis,
tu concipis, tu percolis
cunctisque sollers praedicas.
Sanctis adactus aestibus,
fratres, sorores excitas,
qui corda curent saucia
rectosque mores instruant.

Scriptis, loquelis, actibus
es forma factus omnium,
Dei ministros maxime
docens superna quaerere.

Rex, vera vita cordium,
det Christus in caelestibus,
tuum sequentes tramitem,
Patri canamus gloriam. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER II

Salve, sacerdos inclite:
die tua Iustissima
fidelitati gratis
hymni tributum solvimus.

Regis voluntas caelici
tuis adhaesit intimis,
semperque amasti sedulus
crucem, salutis anchoram.

Iesu et Maris nomina,
quae mentibus dant gaudia,
tempus per omne dulcia
tuo fuere pectori.

Hinc utriusque cordibus
cor dedicasti fervidum,
cultumque dans impensius
fructus tulisti nobiles.

Quae vota ovantes fundimus
tuas ad aras cernui,
levamen exstent spiritus
vitaeeque semen perpetis.

Rex, vera vita cordium,
det Christus in caelestibus,
tuum sequentes tramitem,
Patri canamus gloriam. Amen.

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