

**SATURDAY 25 AUGUST**

Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz;  
Blessed Virgin Mary

**Prayer for the Morning**

*God gives to each a home:  
come, let us give thanks and praise!*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia!*

**HYMN**

**Metre: 75 75 D**

**Suggested tune: Adoro Te Devote**

**M**ary crowned with living light,  
Temple of the Lord,  
Place of peace and holiness,  
Shelter of the Word.  
Mystery of sinless life  
In our fallen race,  
Free from shadow, you reflect  
Plenitude of grace.

Virgin Mother of our God,  
Lift us when we fall,  
Who were named upon the Cross  
Mother of us all.  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Heaven sings your praise;  
Mary magnifies your name  
Through eternal days.

**CANTICLE**

**Ecclesiasticus 36:1, 5, 10-13**

The Jerusalem above, however, is free and is our mother. (Ga 4:26)

Tradition applies the image of God's city to Mary, the holy dwelling place built by God as a home and Mother first for Jesus Christ and then for all of us, adopted sons and daughters in Christ.

**S**ave us, God of all things,  
strike all the nations with terror;  
raise your hand against foreign nations,  
that they may see the greatness of your might.

Assemble all the tribes of Jacob,  
as when they first received their inheritance.  
Pity the poor people called by your name,  
pity Israel, chosen as your first-born.

Have compassion on the holy city,  
Jerusalem, the place of your rest.  
Let Zion ring with your praises,  
let your temple be filled with your glory.

Glory be to the Father....

### **Word of God**

**Zechariah 2:10-11**

**S**ING AND REJOICE, O daughter Zion! For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord. Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord on that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst.

*To the childless wife he gives a home  
and gladdens her heart with children. (Ps 112:9)*

### **CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH**

**(Text, back cover B)**

We are the children, not of the slave-girl, but of the free-born wife.  
(Ga 4:31)

### **INTERCESSIONS**

Trusting in the power of Mary's intercession, we pray:

**R** Mother of divine grace, pray for us!

For those who have no home or family:  
– through your prayer, bring them to dwell in the heavenly city. **R**

For those who are alone, abandoned, poor, and in want:  
– through your prayer, bring them to dwell in the heavenly city. **R**

For those who dwell in the cities of this world:  
– through your prayer, bring them to dwell in the heavenly city. **R**

**Personal intentions**

Our Father....

God our Father, your people wander in deserts of the spirit and wastelands of want. Through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, bring us all to dwell in peace in your presence, now and for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## MASS

### Saturday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

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SAINT JOSEPH CALASANZ

*Optional memorial*

● *Born in Aragon, Spain, in 1556, Joseph was ordained a priest and served with distinction, rising to the position of vicar general in his diocese. In 1592 he resigned his office and went to Rome, where he spent himself in the care of abandoned children. He founded the first free public school and an order, the Piarists, to educate the poor and the disadvantaged. Joseph was unjustly accused of criminal behaviour by those within his order, which led to the order's suppression. With total resignation, Joseph proclaimed: "The Lord gave*

*and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord” (Jb 1:21). Joseph died in 1648. The Piarists were reinstated in 1656. ●*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Mk 10:14

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

### COLLECT

O God, who adorned the Priest Saint Joseph Calasanz with such charity and patience that he laboured tirelessly to educate children and endow them with every virtue, grant, we pray, that we, who venerate him as a teacher of wisdom, may constantly imitate him, for he was a co-worker of your truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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● *The glory of the Lord arrived at the Temple.* ●

### A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

43:1-7ab

**T**HE ANGEL TOOK me to the gate, the one facing east. I saw the glory of the God of Israel approaching from the east. A sound came with it, like the sound of the ocean, and the earth shone with his glory. This vision was like the one I had seen when I had come for the destruction of the city, and like the one I had seen on the bank of the river Chebar. Then I prostrated myself.

The glory of the Lord arrived at the Temple by the east gate. The spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; I saw the glory of the Lord fill the Temple. And I heard someone speaking to me from the

Temple while the man stood beside me. The voice said, "Son of man, this is the dais of my throne, the step on which I rest my feet. I shall live here among the sons of Israel for ever."

*The word of the Lord.*

—• PSALM 84 •—

**R** (see 10b) The glory of the Lord  
will dwell in our land.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people and his friends.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. **R**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Bend my heart to your will, O Lord,  
and teach me your law. **Alleluia!**

• *They do not practise what they preach.* •

**A reading from**  
**the holy Gospel according to Matthew** 23:1-12

**A**DDRESSING THE PEOPLE  
and his disciples Jesus said,  
"The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of  
Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and

listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

“You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the oblation made by your consecrated people  
in commemoration of blessed Joseph Calasanz  
be acceptable to you, we pray, O Lord,  
and grant that by participation in this mystery  
we may reflect the pattern of your love.  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 18:3

Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven, says the Lord.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this holy meal give us strength, almighty God,  
so that, by the example of blessed Joseph Calasanz,  
we may show in our hearts and by our deeds

both fraternal charity and the light of truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

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*The Humble Exalted*

God gave me being in order that I should give it back to him. It is like one of those traps whereby the characters are tested in fairy stories and tales on initiation. If I accept this gift, it is bad and fatal; its virtue becomes apparent through my refusal of it. God allows me to exist outside himself. It is for me to refuse this authorisation.

Humility is the refusal to exist outside God. It is the queen of virtues.

The self is only the shadow which sin and error cast by stopping the light of God, and I take this shadow for a being.

Even if we could be like God, it would be better to be mud which obeys God.

To be what the pencil is for me when, blindfolded, I feel the table by means of its point—to be that for Christ. It is possible for us to be mediators between God and the part of creation which is confided to us. Our consent is necessary in order that he may perceive his own creation through us. With our consent he performs this marvel. If I knew how to withdraw from my own soul it would be enough to enable this table in front of me to have the incomparable good fortune of being seen by God. God can love in us only this consent to withdraw in order to make way for him, just as he himself, our Creator, withdrew in order that we might come into being. This double operation has no other meaning than love; it is like a father giving his child something which will enable the child to give a

present on his father's birthday. God who is no other thing but love has not created anything other than love.

SIMONE WEIL

*Simone Weil († 1943) was a French philosopher, author, and mystic.*

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## Prayer for the Evening

Vigil of the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Christ holds the words of eternal life:  
come, let us adore him!*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia!*

**HYMN**

**Metre: 10 10 10 10**  
**Suggested tune: Eventide**

**L**ord, I am thine, for thou hast died for me;  
Thy claim I own, and give myself to thee;  
Not with the price of gold, of gold made fine  
Hast thou redeemed my soul, and made me thine:

Thy blood was shed upon the awful tree;  
I marvel at the love there shown for me  
All loveless, and to sin and self a slave;  
Thy gifts enriched me, yet I nothing gave!

Now in its wonder would my soul arise,  
Shorn of all pride, but precious in thine eyes,  
Who for its life thy glory laidst aside,  
And wore its shame, and for its purchase died;

Lord, I am thine, thy love hath won my soul;  
Now shall my life obey such sweet control—  
No, not mine own, the purchase is complete,  
I bring my all to lay it at thy feet.

**PSALM 118**

33-40

Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.  
(Jn 6:68)

Like Joshua and his people, like Simon Peter and the disciples, we also must choose: whom will we follow? To whose word will we listen? To whom will we give our trust and our allegiance?

**T**each me the demands of your statutes  
and I will keep them to the end.  
Train me to observe your law,  
to keep it with my heart.

Guide me in the path of your commands;  
for there is my delight.  
Bend my heart to your will  
and not to love of gain.

Keep my eyes from what is false:  
by your word, give me life.  
Keep the promise you have made  
to the servant who fears you.

Keep me from the scorn I dread,  
for your decrees are good.  
See, I long for your precepts:  
then in your justice, give me life.

Glory be to the Father....

**Word of God**

**Deuteronomy 30:15-16**

**S**EE, TODAY I set before you  
life and prosperity, death  
and disaster. If you obey the commandments of the  
Lord your God that I enjoin on you today, if you love  
the Lord your God and follow his ways, if you keep his  
commandments, his laws, his customs, you will live and

increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you are entering to make your own.

*As for me and my House,  
we will serve the Lord.*

*(Jos 24:15)*

**CANTICLE OF MARY**

**(Text, back cover A)**

We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God. (Jos 24:18)

**INTERCESSIONS**

In faith, let us pray:

**R** By your word, give us life!

When we falter in our allegiance to you and to the Gospel: **R**

When we are tempted to abandon our discipleship under stress: **R**

When we forget the way to eternal life: **R**

**Personal intentions**

Our Father....

*May we be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.  
Amen. (cf. 2 Tm 2:1)*

**MARIAN ANTIPHON**

**(page 136 or 137)**

# SAINT WHO?

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## Saints Who Protect the Harvest

### Saint Odo of Cluny

Abbot († 942)

Feast: 18 November

Born in Tours, France, the son of a local lord, Odo was educated for the military. When he fell seriously ill at the age of nineteen, he looked to another path. A reading of Saint Benedict's *Rule* drew him to the monastic life, and he went to Baume-les-Messieurs, where he took the habit under Saint Berno.

Berno was soon called to Cluny, where he began a reform of the abbey. Odo followed him there as abbot. Unlike other monasteries of the day, Cluny was independent of the local lord; the monks reported directly to the pope. This lack of local interference permitted a genuine flourishing of religious life. Odo promoted it by his careful adherence to the *Rule*, both in letter and in spirit. Soon, the pope was asking him to reform other monasteries where discipline was lax. Some monks resented what Odo brought: a return to silence, obedience, and celibacy. At Fleury, they met Odo at the monastery door with swords and stones. Odo spoke to them gently and then quietly withdrew. Three days later he returned, riding on a donkey. His biographer tells us, "They received him like a father, and his escort had nothing to do but go away."

Odo is remembered for his love of music and the saints. On his deathbed he composed a hymn in honour of Martin of Tours. He is invoked in France for rain.

*All-merciful Father, through the intercession of  
Saint Odo of Cluny, grant us leaders  
who show the gentle authority of a father.*

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