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SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO



To give your people comfort in their trials

2010

Saint John of Capistrano

Patron of Jurists

St. John was born at Capistrano, Italy in 1385, the son of a former German knight in that city. He studied law at the University of Perugia and practiced as a lawyer in the courts of Naples. King Ladislas of Naples appointed him governor of Perugia. During a war with a neighboring town he was betraved and imprisoned. Upon his release he entered the Franciscan community at Perugia in 1416. He and St. James of the March were fellow students under St. Bernardine of Siena, who inspired him to institute the devotion to the holy Name of Jesus and His Mother. John began his brilliant preaching apostolate with a deacon in 1420. After his ordination he traveled throughout Italy, Germany, Bohemia, Austria, Hungary, Poland, and Russia preaching penance and establishing numerous communities of Franciscan renewal. When Mohammed II was threatening Vienna and Rome, St. John, at the age of seventy, was commissioned by Pope Callistus III to preach and lead a crusade against the invading Turks. Marching at the head of seventy thousand Christians, he gained victory in the great battle of Belgrade against the Turks in 1456. Three months later he died at Illok, Hungary.

Story of San Juan Capistrano's Mission Swallows

The miracle of the "Swallows" of Capistrano takes place each year at the Mission San Juan Capistrano, on March 19th, St. Joseph's Day.

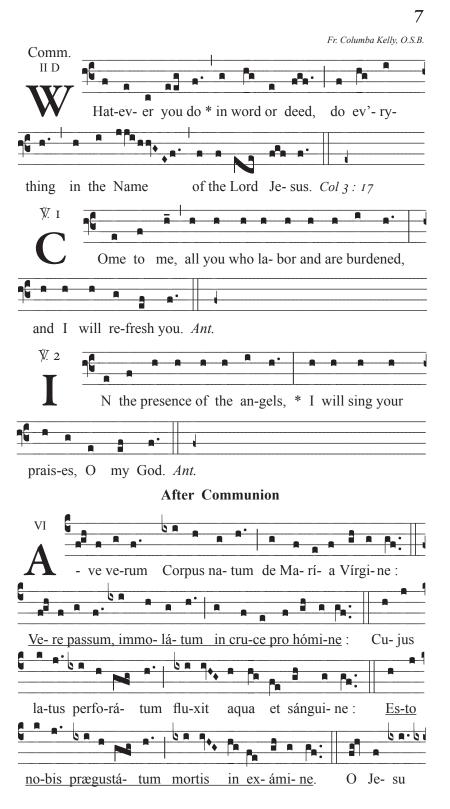
As the faithful little birds wing their way back to the most famous Mission in California, the village of San Juan Capistrano takes on a fiesta air and the visitors from all the parts of the world, and all walks of life, gather in great numbers to witness the "miracle" of the return of the swallows.

Each year the "Scout Swallows" precede the main flock by a few days and it seems to be their chief duty to clear the way for the main flock to arrive at the "Old Mission" of Capistrano.

With the arrival of early dawn on St. Joseph's Day, the little birds begin to arrive and begin rebuilding their mud nests, which are clinging to the ruins of the old stone church of San Juan Capistrano. The arches of the two story, high vaulted Chapel were left bare and exposed, as the roof collapsed during the earthquake of 1812.

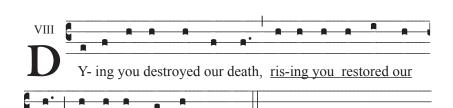
This Chapel, said to be the largest and most ornate in any of the missions, now has a more humble destiny — that of housing the birds that St. Francis loved so well.

After the summer spent within the sheltered walls of the Old Mission in San Juan Capistrano, the swallows take flight again, and on the Day of San Juan, October 23, they leave after circling the Mission bidding farewell to the "Jewel of the Missions".









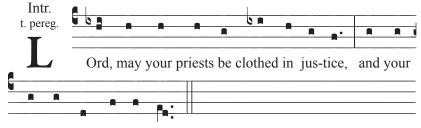
life: Lord Je-sus, come in glo-ry.



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O God, you raised up Saint John of Capistrano to give your people comfort in their trials

Sacerdotes tui, Domine, induant justitiam, et sancti tui exsultent.



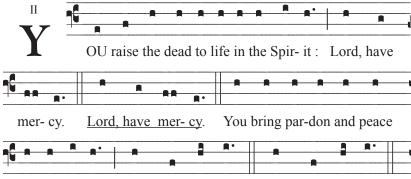
ho- ly ones leap for joy. Psalm 131: 16

Verses



- V. I. I will make a horn to sprout forth for David; * I will place a lamp for my anointed. Ant.
- \(\) 2. His enemies I will cloth with shame, *
 but upon him my crown shall shine. Ant.
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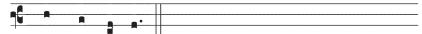
Kyrie



to the sin-ner: Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy.



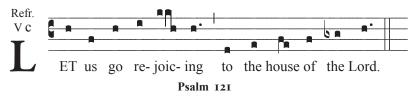
You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mer-cy.

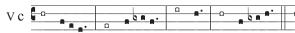


Lord, have mer- cy.

Saturday Week 29, Year II

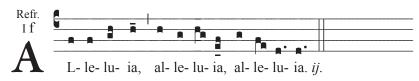
In domum Domini lætantes

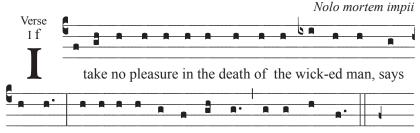




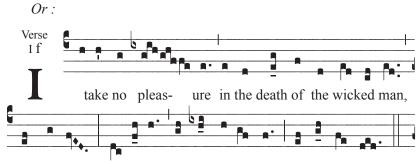
- (1) I rejoiced because they *said to* **me**, "We will go to the house *of the* **Lord**." And now we have set **foot** within your gates, *O Jeru*salem. (R?)
- (2) Jerusalem, built *as a* **city** with *compact* **u**nity.

 To it the tribes go **up**, the tribes *of the* **Lord**. (R?)
- (3) According to the de*cree for* **Is**rael, to give thanks to the Name *of the* **Lord**. In it are set up **judg**ment seats, seats for the *house of* **David**. (R')





the Lord, but rather in his con-ver-sion that he may live. Ez 33: 11



says the Lord, but rather in his conversion that he may live.

Ez 33: 11



pow-er and the wis-dom of God. I Cor I:23

Verses

Praised by 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.

He predestined us to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ, * such was his will and pleasure,

that all might praise the glorious **fav**or * he has bestowed on us in his *beloved*.

In him and through his Blood, / we have been redeemed, * and our sins forgiven,

so immeasurably **gen**erous * is God's favor *to* **us**.

God has given us the wisdom / to understand fully the mystery, *
the plan he was pleased to decree in Christ.

A plan to be carried out in Christ, / in the fullness of **time**, * to bring all things into one in him, / in the heavens and *on* **earth**.