

October 24

**SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET
Bishop and Founder of the Congregation**

Solemnity

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Is 61: 1

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives.

OPENING PRAYER

O God,
you endowed your bishop, Anthony Mary Claret,
with outstanding love and endurance to preach the Gospel to the poor,
and you called him to be the father of new apostolic families in the Church.
Grant us, through his intercession, the grace to seek your will in all things,
and to work tirelessly to gain new brothers and sisters for Christ.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Or:

Lord our God,
you chose Saint Anthony Mary Claret to be the founder of our Congregation.
You set him afire with your love, so that he welcomed work,
patiently accepted slander and happily embraced sufferings.
In your mercy grant that, holding firm to his teaching and example,
we may proclaim your glory to the whole world,
and seek with zealous care the salvation of all peoples.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, we offer you these gifts,
and we ask that your Holy Spirit fill our hearts
with the same apostolic zeal that moved Saint Anthony Mary Claret
to sacrifice himself for you and his people.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE

V/. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

V/. Lift up your hearts.

R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

V/. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R/. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and living God,
it is our duty and salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

To continue the work of salvation in the Church,
you gave us Saint Anthony Mary Claret, a pastor and missionary impelled by love,
and made him founder of new apostolic families
who are driven by the same spirit to follow and imitate Christ,
and to work incessantly and solely for your greater glory and the salvation of all.

We join the angels and saints as we sing their unending hymn of praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy...

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Gal 2: 20

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; who loved me and gave himself for me.

Or:

My desire is to depart and be with Christ.

Phil 1: 23

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord our God,
may the sacraments we have received
increase in us the faith which the Apostles preached
and which Saint Anthony Mary Claret earnestly spread.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Or:

Lord,
strengthened by your sacraments and supported by your grace,
in imitation of our father founder, Saint Anthony Mary Claret,
may we be witnesses to your saving Word in all the world.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING

May God, the fountain of all holiness,
on this solemn feast of Saint Anthony Mary Claret,
grant you grace to live joyfully the vocation to which you have been called.

R/. Amen

May God who enriched you with the Word, and the life of Saint Anthony Mary Claret,
help you to remain faithful in God's service and in the service of others.

R/. Amen

May God who called you to participate in this Eucharist
enrich you with the gifts of faith and charity,
and call you one day to be reunited with your brothers and sisters already in heavenly joy.

R/. Amen

May the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you always.