

Second Postcommunion

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REPLĒTI cibo spirituális alimóniæ, súpplīces te, Dómine, deprecámur: ut hujus participatióne mystérii, dóceas nos terréna despícere et amáre cœléstia. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum: Qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǎcula sǎculórum.

Meditation

From the Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent

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they went their way, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: What went you out into the desert to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went you out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold they that are clothed in soft garments are in the houses of kings. But what went you out to see? A prophet? Yea I tell you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written: Behold I send My angel before Thy face, who shall prepare Thy way before Thee.

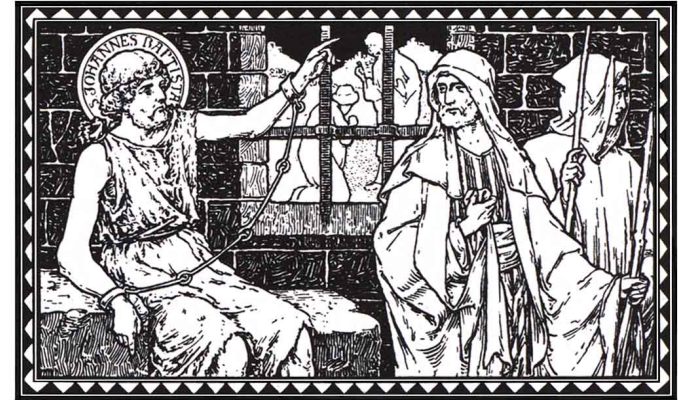
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Proper Prayers of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form

ADDENDUM FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8:

Commemoration of the Second Sunday of Advent



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Second Collect

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Second Secret

BE APPEASED, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the prayers and sacrifices of our humility: and where merits of ours to plead for us are lacking, do Thou by Thine aid assist us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

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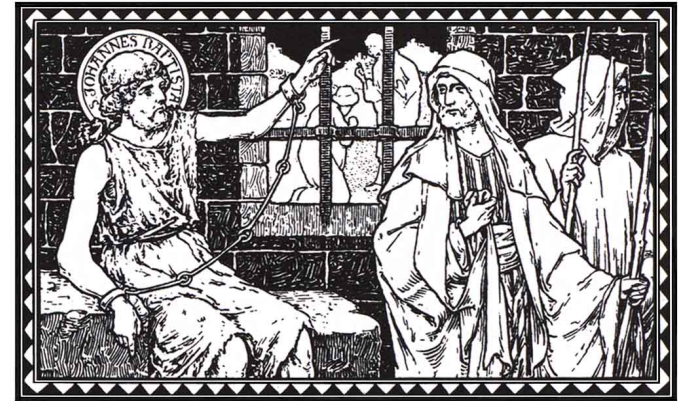
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