



January 29: Feast of Saint Francis de Sales *Proprium Sanctorum pro aliquibus locis*

Introit: *Ecclesiasticus 45: 8-9.* He made an everlasting covenant with him, and gave him the priesthood of the nation, and made him blessed in glory, and He girded him about with a glorious girdle, and clothed him with a robe of glory, and crowned him with majestic attire. *Psalms 118: 103.* My soul is continually in my hands: and I have not forgotten thy law. *V.* Glory be . . . He made an everlasting covenant . . .

Collect: O God, Who for the salvation of souls didst make blessed Francis, Thy Confessor and Bishop, all things to all men; graciously grant that, filled with the sweetness of Thy charity, directed by his teaching, and assisted by his prayers, we may obtain eternal joys. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who livest and reignest with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Epistle: *Ephesians 3: 7-21.* Brethren: By the Gospel: of which I am made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God, which is given to me according to the operation of His power: To me, the least of all the saints, is given this grace, to preach among the Gentiles, the unsearchable riches of Christ, And to enlighten all men, that they may see what is the dispensation of the mystery which hath been hidden from eternity in God, who created all things: That the manifold wisdom of God may be made known to the principalities and powers in heavenly places through the church, According to the eternal purpose, which He made, in Christ Jesus our Lord: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him. Wherefore I pray you not to faint at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom all paternity in heaven and earth is named, That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened by his Spirit with might unto the inward man, That Christ may dwell by faith in your hearts; that being rooted and founded in charity, You may be able to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth, and length, and height, and depth: To know also the charity of Christ, which surpasseth all knowledge, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do all things more abundantly than we desire or understand, according to the power that worketh in us; To Him be glory in the church, and in Christ Jesus unto all generations, world without end. Amen.

Gradual: *Ecclesiasticus 33: 18-19.* See that I have not laboured for myself only, but for all that seek discipline. *V.* Hear me, ye great men, and all ye people, and hearken with your ears, ye rulers of the church.

Alleluia. Alleluia. *Psalms 32: 18.* Behold the eyes of the Lord are upon them that fear Him, and in them that hope in His mercy. Alleluia.

Gospel: *St. Matthew 5: 13-19.* At that time, Jesus said to His disciples, You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt lose its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is good for nothing any more but to be cast out, and to be trodden on by men. You are the light of the world. A city seated on a mountain cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but upon a candlestick, that it may shine to all that are in the house. So let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. Do not think that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For amen I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot, or one tittle shall not pass of the law, till all be fulfilled. He therefore that shall break one of these least commandments, and shall so teach men, shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. But he that shall do and teach, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.



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Offertory: *Apocalypse 2: 19.* I know thy works, and thy faith, and thy charity, and thy ministry, and thy patience, and thy last works which are more than the former.

Secret: Through this salutary oblation which we offer to Thee, O Lord, deign to light our hearts with the divine fire of the Holy Ghost, with which Thou didst inflame in a most wonderful way the meek soul of blessed Francis. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who livest and reignest with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Proper Preface of St. Francis de Sales: It is truly right and just and salutary for us always and everywhere to give thanks, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God through Christ our Lord, Who raised up in His Church a shepherd according to His own Heart in blessed Francis in order that he might strengthen piety through his writings, words and example, so that the rough ways may be made straight. In meekness of spirit he fulfilled these things in such a wonderful way that not only did he bring the hardened hearts of sinners to repentance, but he also brought back to the unity of the Catholic faith the rebellious minds of heretics. So with the Angels and Archangels with Thrones and Dominions, with the whole multitude of the heavenly host, we sing the hymn of Thy glory without end.

Communion: *I Corinthians 9: 22.* To the weak I became weak, that I might gain the weak. I became all things to all men, that I might save all.

Postcommunion: O God, who in blessed Francis, Confessor and Bishop, hast bestowed the highest service of Christian perfection, and through him hast deigned to raise up in Thy Church a new family of holy virgins, grant, we beseech Thee, that through the sacraments which we have received, we may be imitators of his meekness on earth so that we may receive glory in Heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who livest and reignest with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever. Amen.

