

15 February

**Saint Claude La Colombière, Priest**

**Memorial**

**Claude La Colombière** (1641-1682) was born in France, joined the Society of Jesus in 1659, and was ordained a priest ten years later. In 1675, he was appointed superior of a Jesuit residence in Paray-le-Monial. There he also became the spiritual director of Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, who was entrusted by Christ to promote devotion to his Sacred Heart, in collaboration with Colombière. On learning about this mission, Colombière, after prayerful consideration, authenticated the supernatural experiences of Margaret Mary, and became both her supporter and a zealous apostle of the devotion. His preaching and writing helped propagate widespread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Entrance Antiphon**

**Acts 13: 22**

I have found a man after my own heart;  
he will carry out my every wish.

**Collect**

**Enlighten and console your Church  
with your gifts of grace, O Lord, our Father,  
who spoke to Saint Claude, your faithful servant,  
in the silence of his heart,  
so that he might bear witness to the riches of your love.  
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.**

**Prayer over the Offerings**

**O Lord, who reveal your mysteries to little children,  
increase our faith  
as we bring our gifts to your altar in a spirit of humility.  
Through Christ our Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon**

Is 12: 2a, 3a

Behold, God is my saviour, I will trust, and will not fear.  
You will draw waters joyfully from the springs of salvation.

**Prayer after Communion**

**O Lord, who have nourished us by the sacred mysteries,  
grant that we, with Saint Claude,  
making known the manifold riches of your heart,  
may grow in that freedom of your sons and daughters  
by which Christ our Lord has set us free.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

## PREFACE I OF SAINTS (RM)

### The glory of the Saints

**V/. The Lord be with you.**

**R/. And with your spirit.**

**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 and just.**

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.**

**For you are praised in the company of your Saints  
and, in crowning their merits, you crown your own gifts.  
By their way of life you offer us an example,  
by communion with them you give us companionship,  
by their intercession, sure support,  
so that, encouraged by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
we may run as victors in the race before us  
and win with them the imperishable crown of glory,  
through Christ our Lord.**

**And so, with the Angels and Archangels,  
and with the great multitude of the Saints,  
we sing the hymn of your praise,  
as without end we acclaim:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .**

## **PREFACE I OF RELIGIOUS (JESUIT PROPER)**

**Contemplating the joy of those already in the holy city**

**V/. The Lord be with you.**

**R/. And with your spirit.**

**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 and just.**

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.**

**For among the members of our Society,  
of whatever grade or position, age or ministry,  
you have raised up many Saints and Blessed,  
allowing us the joy in this life  
of contemplating even now the holy city,  
the new Jerusalem, which is our mother.**

**Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth  
sing a new song in adoration,  
and we, with all the host of Angels,  
cry out, and without end we acclaim:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts ...**

## **PREFACE II OF RELIGIOUS (RM)**

### **The sign of a life consecrated to God**

**V/. The Lord be with you.**

**R/. And with your spirit.**

**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 and just.**

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.**

**For in the Saints who consecrated themselves to Christ  
for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven,  
it is right to celebrate the wonders of your providence,  
by which you call human nature back to its original holiness  
and bring it to experience on this earth  
the gifts you promise in the new world to come.**

**And so, with all the Angels and Saints,  
we praise you, as without end we acclaim:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .**