

9 September

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Memorial

Peter Claver (1580-1654) was born in Catalonia, Spain. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1602 at Tarragona. During his study of philosophy at Montesion, Palma in Majorca, he came under the influence of the saintly porter, Brother Alphonsus Rodriguez. Rodriguez encouraged Claver's desire to do something great for God and suggested he consider being a missionary in the New World. After completing his theological studies in Bogotá, Claver was sent to Cartagena on the Caribbean coast where he was ordained a priest in 1616. There he spent the rest of his life, ministering to slaves who worked in the mines and plantations.

Entrance Antiphon

Lk 4: 18; Is 61: 1

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor; to heal the contrite of heart, and to proclaim pardon to captives, and release to prisoners.

Collect (RM)

O God, who made Saint Peter Claver a slave of slaves and strengthened him with wonderful charity and patience as he came to their help, grant, through his intercession, that, seeking the things of Jesus Christ, we may love our neighbour in deeds and in truth. 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

**May our oblation, sanctified by the Holy Spirit,
be accepted by you, O Lord,
for the salvation of the peoples
for whom Saint Peter became a minister of Christ Jesus,
your Word and our Lord.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

Communion Antiphon

1 Cor 9: 22b

I have become all things to all, that I might save at least some.

Prayer after Communion

**By the power of the sacrifice of your Son,
who took upon himself the weakness of our humanity,
set our hearts on fire with your love, O Lord,
so that, having become weak to the weak,
we may gain them for Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

PREFACE I OF HOLY PASTORS (JESUIT PROPER)

The example of the Saints,
that we may more eagerly be spent because of the Gospel

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 least Society of your Son, Jesus,
you have raised up many holy and blessed companions
that your glory might shine more brightly
and that we, too,
encouraged by their prayers and example,
may take up our cross
and may more eagerly spend ourselves and be spent
for the salvation of the human race
in union with Christ our Lord.**

**Through him the Angels praise your majesty,
Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you.
Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim
worship together with exultation.
May our voices, we pray, join with theirs
in humble praise, as we acclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts ...**

PREFACE II OF HOLY PASTORS (RM)

The presence of holy Pastors in the Church

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,
through Christ our Lord.**

For, as on the festival of Saint **N. you bid your Church rejoice,
so, too, you strengthen her by the example of his holy life,
teach her by his words of preaching,
and keep her safe in answer to his prayers.**

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

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

PREFACE OF HOLY MISSIONARIES (JESUIT PROPER)

Advancing the glory of God with our brothers in glory

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 members of the Society of Jesus
already in glory with Christ,
you give us examples of holiness and apostolic zeal,
strong intercessors,
and faithful companions in worship,
so that, strengthened by such assistance,
our Society may more effectively
advance your glory throughout the world
and devote itself more eagerly to its mission.**

**And so, we glorify you with the multitude
of Saints and Angels,
as with one voice of praise we acclaim:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts ...**