

10 September

Blessed Francis Gárate, Religious

Francis Gárate (1857-1929) was born in a farmhouse just a hundred yards from the Loyola Castle in Spain. After some elementary education, at the age of fourteen he began work as a domestic servant at the Jesuit college in Orduña, Spain. In 1874, he joined the Society as a coadjutor Brother. From 1877 to 1888 he served as infirmarian and sacristan at the Jesuit College in La Guardia, near the Portuguese border. He went about his duty most meticulously, caring for the sick, often spending whole nights by their bedside. The strain was too much for him and he was transferred to the University college at Deusto, in Bilbao, Spain, as doorkeeper, remaining there for the next forty-one years. He was known for his holiness, piety, kindness and courtesy.

From the Common of Religious.

Collect

**O God, rewarder of the souls of the faithful,
who in Blessed Francis Gárate have given us a shining example
of unflinching faithfulness in rendering you service,
grant that, following in his footsteps,
we may open our hearts to Christ and serve him in the poor.
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.**

COMMON OF RELIGIOUS

Entrance Antiphon

1 Pt 2: 21

To this you have been called,
because Christ also suffered for you,
leaving you an example
that you should follow in his footsteps.

Prayer over the Offerings

**Renewing the sacrifice of Christ your Son
in commemoration of blessed N. (and N.),
we humbly ask, O Lord,
that we not be deaf to the call of your Son,
but prompt and diligent to accomplish his most holy will.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

Communion Antiphon

Jn 13: 35

This is how all will know that you are my disciples:
if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

**Nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son,
grant us, most loving God,
the filial respect, so pleasing to you,
that provides and preserves our union of love with you.
Through Christ our Lord.**

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 . . .