

31 October

**Saint Alphonsus Rodríguez, Religious**

**Memorial**

**Alphonsus Rodríguez** (1533-1617) was born in Segovia, Spain. At age twenty-seven, he married and had three children. His children and wife, however, died young. He joined the Society of Jesus as a coadjutor Brother at the age of thirty-eight. He spent the next forty-six years of his religious life as guest master and doorkeeper in the Jesuit college in Majorca. His daily routine, though ordinary, offered him opportunities for holiness of life.

**Entrance Antiphon (RM)**

**Rev 3: 20**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.  
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,  
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

**Collect**

**God, who in the faithful service  
of our brother Saint Alphonsus Rodríguez  
have shown us the way to joy and peace,  
grant that we may remain eager companions of Jesus Christ,  
the servant of all.  
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 opened up to Saint Alphonsus  
in the sacred mysteries a wellspring of joy,  
enable us to be present at your altar  
in a spirit of faith and devoted prayer.  
Through Christ our Lord.**

### Communion Antiphon

Mt 19: 29

Everyone who has given up houses  
or brothers or sisters or father or mother  
or children or lands for the sake of my name, says the Lord,  
will receive a hundred times more, and will inherit eternal life.

### Prayer after Communion

**Sustained by the Body and Blood of your Only Begotten Son,  
we humbly ask, O Lord,  
that we may know you as the God of peace and consolation,  
and generously serve our brothers and sisters.  
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 . . .**