



SANCTISSIMI NOMINIS JESU

SUNDAY III POST EPIPHANY

ASPÉRGES

Aspérges me. Dómine, hyssópo, et mundábor: *Thou shalt sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop,*
lavábis me, et super nivem dealbábor. *and I shall be cleansed; Thou shalt wash me,*

Miserére mei, Deus, secúndum magnam and I shall become whiter than snow.

misericórdiam tuam. P. Glória Patri, et Fílio, et Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy
Spirítui Sancto. S. Sicut erat in princípio, et great mercy. [Psalm 50] P. Glory be to the
nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Aspérges me. Dómine, hyssópo, et mundábor: *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever*
lavábis me, et super nivem dealbábor. *shall be, world without end. Amen.*

P. Osténde nobis, Dómine, misericórdiam tuam. *P. Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy.*

S. Et salutáre tuum da nobis. *S. And grant us Thy salvation.*

P. Dómine, exáudi oratiónem meam. *P. O Lord, hear my prayer.*

S. Et clamor meus ad te véniat. *S. And let my cry come unto Thee.*

P. Dóminus vobíscum. *P. The Lord be with you.*

S. Et cum spírítu tuo. *S. And with thy spirit.*

P. Orémus. Exáudi nos, Dómine sancte, Pater *P. Let us pray.*

Hear us, O holy Lord, almighty Father,
omnípotens, ætérne Deus, et míttre dignéris everlasting God, and vouchsafe to send Thy
sanctum Angelum tuum de cælis, qui custódiat, holy Angel from heaven, to guard, cherish,
fóveat, prótegat, vísitet, atque deféndat omnes protect, visit and defend all that are assembled
habitántes in hoc habitáculo. Per Christum in this place: Through Christ our Lord.
Dóminum nostrum.

S. Amen *S. Amen*

INTROIT *Phil 2:10-11*

In nómine Jesu omne genu flectátur, cœléstium, *At the Name of Jesus every knee should bend of*
terréstrium et inférnórum: et omnis lingua *those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth,*
confiteátur, quia Dóminus Jesus Christus in *and every tongue should confess that the Lord*
glória est Dei Patris Ps 8:2. Dómine, Dóminus *Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father. Ps*
noster, quam admirábile est nomen tuum in *8:2 O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Your Name*
univérsta terra! Gloria Patri. In nómine... *over all the earth. Glory be. At the Name...*

COLLECT

Deus, qui unigénitum Fílium tuum constituísti *O God, You Who appointed Your only-begotten*
humáni géneris Salvatórem, et Jesum vocári *Son to be the Saviour of the human race, and*
jussísti: concéde propítius; ut, cujus sanctum *commanded that He be called Jesus, mercifully*
grant that we may enjoy in heaven the vision of

nomen venerámur in terris, ejus quoque aspéctu perfruámur in cœlis. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sœcula sœculórum. R. Amen *Him Whose holy Name we venerate on earth. Through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, Our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. R. Amen*

Commemoration of Sunday II Post Epiphany *Almighty, everlasting God, You Who govern both the heavens and the earth, graciously hear the humble prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace all the days of our life. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, etc.*
Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, qui cœléstia simul et terréna moderáris: supplicatiónes pópuli tui cleménter exáudi; et pacem tuam nostris concéde tempóribus. Per Dóminum.

EPISTLE Act 4:8-12

Léctio Actuum Apostolorum. In diébus illis: Petrus, replétus Spíritu Sancto, dixit: Príncipes pópuli et senióres, audíte: Si nos hódie dijudicámur in benefácto hóminis infírmi, in quo iste salvus factus est, notum sit ómnibus vobis et omni plebi Israëli: quia in nómine Dómini nostri Jesu Christi Nazaréni, quem vos crucifixístis, quem Deus suscitávit a mórtuis, in hoc iste astat coram vobis sanus. Hic est lapis, qui reprobátus est a vobis ædificántibus: qui factus est in caput ánguli: et non est in alio áliquo salus. Nec enim aliud nomen est sub cœlo datum homínibus, in quo opórteat nos salvos fíeri. *Lesson from the Acts of Apostles. In those days, Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said, Rulers of the people and elders, if we are on trial today about a good work done to a cripple, as to how this man has been cured, be it known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Whom you crucified, Whom God has raised from the dead, even in this Name does he stand here before you, sound. This is 'The stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.' Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.*

GRADUAL Psalm 105:47

Salvos fac nos, Dómine, Deus noster, et cóngrega nos de natió nibus: ut confiteámur nómini sancto tuo, et gloriémur in glória tua. *Save us, O Lord, our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy Name and glory in praising You.*
Isa 63:16 Tu, Dómine, Pater noster et Redémptor noster: a sœculo nomen tuum. *Isa. 63:16 You, O Lord, are our Father and our Redeemer, from everlasting is Your Name.*

ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja, Ps 144:21 Laudem Dómini loquétur os meum, et benedícat omnis caro nomen sanctum ejus. Allelúja. *Alleluia, alleluia. Ps 144:21 May my mouth speak the praise of the Lord, and may all flesh bless His holy Name. Alleluia.*

GOSPEL St. Luc 2:21

Sequéntia ✠ sancti Evangélii secúndum Lucam. In illo témpore: Postquam consummáti sunt dies octo, ut circumciderétur Puer: vocátum est nomen ejus Jesus, quod vocátum est ab Angelo, priúsqum in útero conciperétur. *Continuation + of the Holy Gospel according to Luke. At that time, when eight days were fulfilled for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given Him by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.*

OFFERTORY Ps 85:12; 85:5

Confitébor tibi, Dómine, Deus meus, in toto corde meo, et glorificábo nomen tuum in ætérnum: quóniam tu, Dómine, suávis et mitis es: et multæ misericórdiæ ómnibus invocántibus te, allelúja. *I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your Name forever. For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon You. Alleluia.*

SECRET

Benedíctio tua, clementíssime Deus, qua omnis *May Your blessing, O most merciful God, which*

viget creatúra, sanctíficet, quæsumus, hoc sacrificium nostrum, quod ad glóriam nóminis Fílii tui, Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, offérimus tibi: ut majestáti tuæ placére possit ad laudem, et nobis profícere ad salútem. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. R. Amen.

makes all creation flourish, sanctify this our sacrifice, which we offer You to the glory of the Name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and may it be pleasing to Your majesty as an act of praise and be profitable to us for our salvation. Through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, Our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

R. Amen.

Commemoration of Sunday II Post Epiphany

Oblata, Dómine, múnera sanctífica: nosque a peccatórum nostrórum máculis emúnda. Per///

Hallow our offerings, O Lord, and cleanse us from the stains of our sins. Through...

PREFACE de Nativitate Domini

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubíque grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnípotens, ætérne Deus: Quia per incarnáti Verbi mystérium nova mentis nostræ óculis lux tuæ claritátis infúlsit: ut, dum visibíliter Deum cognóscimus, per hunc in invisibílium amorem rapiámur. Et ídeo cum Angelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatióibus cumque omni milítia cæléstis exércitus hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus, sine fine dicétes.

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, for through the Mystery of the Word made flesh, the new light of Thy glory hath shone upon the eyes of our mind, so that while we acknowledge God in visible form, we may through Him be drawn to the love of things invisible. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Throne and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 85:9-10

Omnes gentes, quascúmque fecísti, vénient et adorábunt coram te, Dómine, et glorificábunt nomen tuum: quóniam magnus es tu et fáciens mirabília: tu es Deus solus, allelúja.

All the nations You have made shall come and worship You, O Lord, and glorify Your Name. For You are great, and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God. Alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT

Omnípotens ætérne Deus, qui creásti et redemísti nos, réspice propítius vota nostra: et sacrificium salutáris hóstiæ, quod in honórem nóminis Fílii tui, Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, majestáti tuæ obtúlimus, plácido et benígno vultu suscípere dignéris; ut grátia tua nobis infúsa, sub glorióso nómine Jesu, ætérnæ prædestinatiónis titulo gaudeámus nómina nostra scripta esse in cælis. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. R. Amen.

Almighty, eternal God, You Who have created and redeemed us, graciously look upon our needs, and deign to receive with kind and favorable countenance the sacrifice of the Saving Victim, which we have offered to Your majesty, in honor of the Name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that, Your grace being poured out upon us, we may have the joy of seeing our names written in heaven, under the glorious Name of Jesus, the sign of eternal predestination. Through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, Our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. R. Amen.

Commemoration of Sunday II Post Epiphany
Augeátur in nobis, quæsumus, Dómine, tuæ virtútis operatio: ut divínis vegetáti sacraméntis, ad eórum promíssa capiéndá, tuo múnere præparémur.

O Lord, we beseech You that the effects of Your power may ever increase within us; and, strengthened by the divine sacrament, we may be prepared by Your grace to lay hold of what it promises. Through, &c.

TODAY'S REFLECTIONS

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Pope Innocent XIII in the year 1721 commanded that the most Holy Name of Jesus should be solemnly honored throughout the Catholic world. St. Bernard, with the sanction of the Apostolic See, had established the solemn veneration of this most Holy Name in his order a few centuries before.

Everything about our divine Lord is holy, including His Name. It was the Archangel Gabriel who first spoke the name of Jesus to His mother, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus" (Luke 1:31). The Archangel was only a messenger, so the name of Jesus was given to Him by the Father in Heaven.

Saint Peter was one of the first Apostles to speak with authority in the Holy Name of Jesus when he healed a crippled man saying, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk" (Acts 3:6). Saint Paul also exalted the holy name of Jesus when he said, "...at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9–10). Saint Paul preached with power in the name of Jesus so often that even some itinerant Jewish exorcists tried to imitate him by commanding demons, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches" (Acts 19:13).

Throughout the history of the Church, Jesus' name has been invoked as an instrument of personal faith in the Son of God, especially to command demons or simply to pray to Jesus in a repetitive and personal way. The liturgical Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus has been celebrated by the Church for many centuries, especially within various religious orders. In the fifteenth century, Saint Bernardine of Siena, a Franciscan friar, went on a preaching mission promoting devotion to the Most Holy Name. He encouraged people to revere Jesus' name by placing the first three Greek letters of His name on their doors: IHS. Today, this Greek monogram of Jesus' name is commonly seen in churches on tabernacles, altars, and in stained glass windows.

There is great power in the spoken name of Jesus. Repeating His name prayerfully or speaking it aloud brings Him close and gives you strength, provided you recite His name in faith. The name of Jesus casts out fear, arouses trust, and unites your heart to His. Sadly, the Most Holy Name of Jesus is so holy that the evil one often tempts people to invoke it as a curse when angry, without even considering what they are doing.

As we celebrate this holy memorial today, ponder the prayer below that is attributed to Saint Bernardine of Sienna, the Franciscan who spoke so fervently of Jesus' name. Also, take time to close your eyes and prayerfully repeat His name over and over. As you go about your day, anytime you feel anxious or fearful, speak the name of Jesus. Know and believe that the divine name of our Lord brings Him close to you and bestows His grace in abundance.

Jesus, Name full of glory, grace, love, and strength! You are the refuge of those who repent, our banner of warfare in this life, the medicine of souls, the comfort of those who mourn, the delight of those who believe, the light of those who preach the true faith, the wages of those who toil, the healing of the sick. To You our devotion aspires; by You our prayers are received; we delight in contemplating You. O Name of Jesus, You are the glory of all the saints for eternity. Amen.

THE EPISTLE: This Epistle speaks of the omnipotent power of the name of Jesus, through which miracles are not only performed, but also on which our salvation depends. Jesus alone can give us redemption and happiness; He alone under heaven has been given to man by God, that through Him happiness could be reached; He alone can break the fetters of error and sin in which all mankind lies captured. He alone is the truth, He alone, as the Son of God, has power to render perfect satisfaction for sin, and to make us truly good; and the good alone can be saved. Cling, therefore, ever faithfully and firmly to Jesus, and depart not from Him; without Him you can accomplish nothing; with Him, through Him, you can accomplish all things.

THE GOSPEL: *Why was He named Jesus?* Because Jesus means Redeemer and Savior, and He had come to redeem and save the world (Mt. 1:21). This is the holiest, most venerable, and most powerful name by which

we can be saved.

What power has this name? The greatest power, for it repels all attacks of the evil Spirit, as Jesus Himself says (Mk. 16:17). And so great is the efficacy of this most holy name that even those who are not righteous, can by it expel devils (Mt. 7:22). It has power to cure physical pains and evils, as when used by the apostles (Acts. 3:3-7), and Christ promised that the faithful by using it could do the same (Mk. 16:17). St. Bernard calls the name of Jesus a "Medicine"; and St. Chrysostom says, "This name cures all ills; it gives succor in all the ailments of the soul, in temptations, in faintheartedness, in sorrow, and in all evil desires, etc." "Let him who cannot excite contrition in his heart for the sins he has committed, think of the loving, meek, and suffering Jesus, invoke His holy name with fervor and confidence, and he will feel his heart touched and made better," says St. Lawrence Justinian. It overcomes and dispels the temptations of the enemy: "When we fight against Satan in the name of Jesus," says the martyr St. Justin, "Jesus fights for us, in us, and with us, and the enemies must flee as soon as they hear the name of Jesus." It secures us help and blessings in all corporal and spiritual necessities, because nothing is impossible to him who asks in the name of Jesus, whatever tends to his salvation will be given him (Jn. 14:13). Therefore it is useful above all things, to invoke this holy name in all dangers of body and soul, in doubts, in temptations, especially in temptations against holy chastity, and still more so when one has fallen into sin, from which he desires to be delivered; for this name is like oil (Cant. 1:2) which cures, nourishes, and illumines.

How must this name be pronounced to experience its power? With lively faith, with steadfast, unshaken confidence, with deep-est reverence and devotion, for in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth (Phil. 2:10). What wickedness, then, is theirs who habitually pronounce this name carelessly and irreverently, upon every occasion! Such a habit is certainly diabolical; for the damned and the devils constantly abuse God and His holy name.

Why does this name so seldom manifest its power in our days? Because Christian faith is daily becoming weaker, and confidence less, while perfect submission to the will of God is wanting. When faith grows stronger among people, and confidence greater, then will the power of this most sacred name manifest itself in more wonderful and consoling aspects.

REMARKS OF ST. BERNARD ON THE SWEET NAME OF JESUS

The sweet name of Jesus produces in us holy thoughts, fills the soul with noble sentiments, strengthens virtue, begets good works, and nourishes pure affections. All spiritual food leaves the soul dry, if it contain not that penetrating oil, the name Jesus. When you take your pen, write the name Jesus: if you write books, let the name of Jesus be contained in them, else they will possess no charm or attraction for me; you may speak, or you may reply, but if the name of Jesus sounds not from your lips, you are without unction and without charm. Jesus is honey in our mouth, light in our eyes, a flame in our heart. This name is the cure for all diseases of the soul. Are you troubled? think but of Jesus, speak but the name of Jesus, the clouds disperse, and peace descends anew from heaven. Have you fallen into sin? so that you fear death? invoke the name of Jesus, and you will soon feel life returning. No obduracy of the soul, no weakness, no coldness of heart can resist this holy name; there is no heart which will not soften and open in tears at this holy name. Are you surrounded by sorrow and danger? invoke the name of Jesus, and your fears will vanish. Never yet was human being in urgent need, and on the point of perishing, who invoked this help-giving name, and was not powerfully sustained. It was given us for the cure of all our ills; to soften the impetuosity of anger, to quench the fire of concupiscence, to conquer pride, to mitigate the pain of our wounds, to overcome the thirst of avarice, to quiet sensual passions, and the desires of low pleasures. If we call to our minds the name of Jesus, it brings before us His most meek and humble heart, and gives us a new knowledge of His most loving and tender compassion. The name of Jesus is the purest, and holiest, the noblest and most indulgent of names, the name of all blessings and of all virtues; it is the name of the God-Man, of sanctity itself. To think of Jesus is to think of the great, infinite God Who, having given us His life as an example, has also bestowed the necessary understanding, energy and assistance to enable us to follow and imitate Him, in our thoughts, inclinations, words and actions. If the name of Jesus reaches the depths of our heart, it leaves heavenly virtue there. We say, therefore, with our great master, St. Paul the Apostle: If any man love not our Lord Jesus Christ, let him be anathema (I Cor. 16:22).