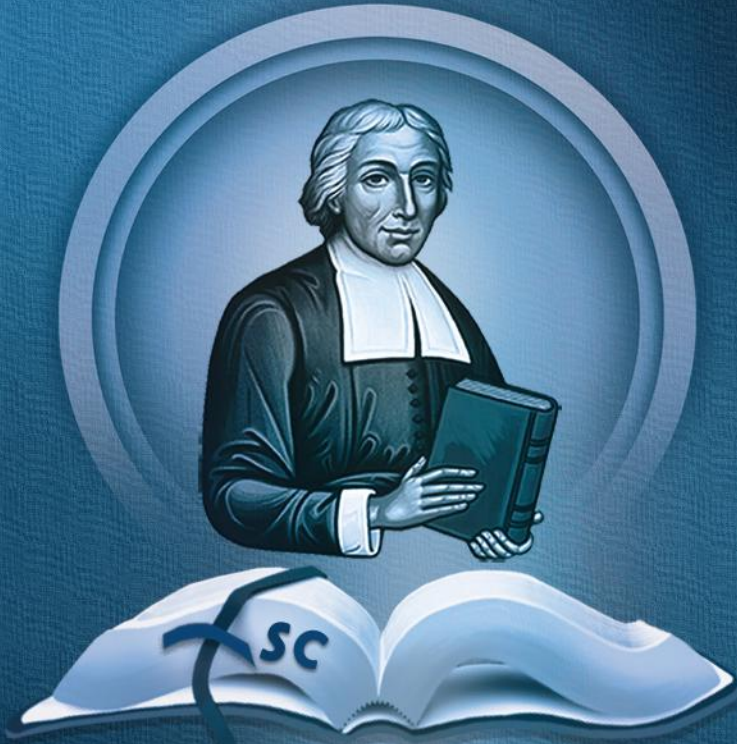




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**WORD OF GOD**  
IN THE EYES OF LASALLIANS

**BIBLE DIARY** **2023**

# **LASALLIAN SAINTS, BLESSEDS, VENERABLES & SERVANTS OF GOD**

## **14 LASALLIAN SAINTS**

Saint John Baptist De La Salle, (1651-1719) (Feast day: April 7),  
Our Holy Founder.

Saint Benildus Romançon, FSC, 1805-1862 (Feast day: August 13)

Saint Miguel Febres Cordero, FSC, 1854-1910 (Feast day: February 9)

Saint Mutien-Marie Wiaux, FSC, 1841-1917 (Feast day: January 30)

Saint Jaime Hilario Barbal, FSC, 1898-1937 (Feast day: October 9)

Saint Martyrs of Turón, 1934 (Feast day: October 9)

(St. Marciano Jose , St. Victoriano Pío , St. Julian Alfredo, St. Benjamin Julian St. Augusto Andres, St. Ancieto Adolfo , St. Benito de Jesus, St. Cirilo Bertan)

Saint Solomon Le Clercq, FSC, 1745-1792 (Feast day: September 2)

## **151 LASALLIAN BLESSED BROTHERS**

Blessed James Miller, FSC, 1944-1982 (Feast day: February 13)

Blessed Arnold Rèche, FSC, 1838-1890 (Feast day: October 23)

Blessed Scubilion Rousseau, FSC, 1797-1867 (Feast day: September 27)

Blessed Raphael Louis Rafiringa, FSC, 1856-1919 (Feast day: May 19)

3 Blessed Martyrs of the Rochefort, 1794 (Feast day: September 2)

7 Blessed Martyrs of Almeria, 1936 (Feast day: November 6)

5 Blessed Martyrs of Valencia, 1936 (Feast day: November 6)

44 Blessed Brothers of Barcelona, 1936 (Feast day: November 6)

5 Blessed Brothers of Santa Cruz de Múdela,  
1936 (Feast day: November 6)

4 Blessed Brothers of Consuegra, 1936 (Feast day: November 6)

5 Blessed Brothers of Lorca, 1936 (Feast day: November 6)

39 Blessed Brothers of Tarragona, 1936 (Feast day: November 6)

19 Blessed Brothers of the Madrid –Grinon,  
1936 (Feast day: November 6)

16 Blessed Brothers of the Madrid - Sagrado Corazón,  
1936 (Feast day: November 6)

## 09 LASALLIAN VENERABLES & SERVANTS OF GOD

Brother Exuperien Mas (1829 - 1905)

Brother Teodoreto Garberoglio (1871 - 1954)

Brother Gregorio Buhl (1896 - 1973)

Brother Alpert Motch (1849 - 1898)

Brother Adlophe Chatillon (1871 - 1929)

Brother Juan Fromental Cayroche (1895 - 1978)

Brother Nymphas - Victorian Arnaud (1885 - 1966)

Brother Andres Hibernon (1880 - 1969)

Brother Adolfo Lanzuela (1894 - 1976)



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Relics of John Baptist De La Salle in the Casa Generaliza in Rome, Italy.



## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Year A

### First Reading: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

"I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations." "And now O priests, this command is for you. If you will not listen, if you will not take it to heart to give honour to my name, says the Lord of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you. You have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts, and so I make you despised and abased before all the people, inasmuch as you do not keep my ways but show partiality in your instruction." Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our fathers?

### Psalm 131:1, 2, 3

*℟️ Keep my soul in peace at your side, O Lord.*

O Lord, my heart is not proud,  
nor haughty my eyes.  
I have not gone after things too great,  
nor marvels beyond me. *℟️*

Truly, I have set my soul  
in tranquility and silence.  
As a weaned child on its mother,  
as a weaned child is my soul within me. *℟️*

O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
both now and forever. *℟️*

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Brethren: We were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. For you remember, brothers, our labour and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in your believers.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, You have one Father, who is in heaven. And you have one instructor, the Christ.

### Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

At that time: Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses seat, so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For

# Sunday

they preach, but do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, and they love the place of honour at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the market places and being called rabbi by others. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.



**R** Can you walk the talk, or do you just talk? In today's gospel Jesus tells us how important actions are. When we do bad actions then we separate ourselves from the presence of God. We may say many prayers. We may say many good things but words without actions are only talk. So, can you walk the talk or do you just talk the talk? Walking the talk means that you are a person of action. You will physically do things to help others if you can. In today's gospel Jesus highlights the need for action and not just talking. Dear God, help and encourage me to reach out and be active so that I can help someone today.

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NOVEMBER

MONDAY

31<sup>st</sup> Week in  
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144 LASALLIAN BLESSED

7 Blessed Brothers of  
Almería

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Valencia

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**First Reading: Romans 11:29-36**

Brethren: The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all. Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

**Psalm 69:30-31, 33-34, 36-37**

*℟ In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciple, and you will know the truth, says the Lord.

**Gospel: Luke 14:12-14**

At that time: Jesus said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

℞ We all like to do favours for others and in turn we expect a favour in return. When we do a favour for someone, we might feel important and delighted with ourselves. It is good to help others. We are called to reach out to help others. God wants us to reach out and help especially the poor. The poor may be a person who is disliked. The poor may be the person who is not popular. The poor may be the person who has upset you. The poor are always near you. The poor may be a lonely person. The fact is the poor is anyone you are upset with. Today's gospel is asking us to reach out to those who need our immediate help especially the poor. Dear God, help me to recognise your presence in the poor and move me to serve you through them.



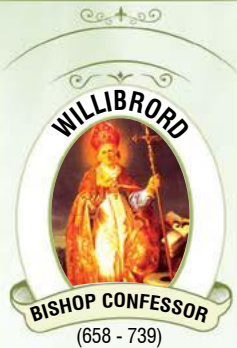
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TUESDAY

31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

GREEN



St. Willibrord also known as the "Apostle to the Frisians" was the first Bishop of Utrecht. He founded the monastery of Echternach, Luxembourg, to serve as a center of missionary endeavors, and extended the efforts of missionaries into Denmark and Upper Friesland. After the death of Radbod, St. Willibrord along with St. Boniface, undertook the repairs and rebuilding of churches and the work of conversion in Frisia

**First Reading: Romans 12:5-16a**

Brethren: We, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another with brotherly affection. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ...*(please see appendix Page 504)*

**Psalm 131:1, 2, 3**

*℟️ Keep my soul in peace at your side, O Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

**Gospel: Luke 14:15-24**

At that time: One of those who reclined at table with Jesus said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please excuse me.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to examine them. Please excuse me.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported these things to his master. then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and cripple and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

**℟️** Today's gospel invites us all to the heavenly banquet in the Kingdom of God. Put your hand up if you want to go? Put your hand up if you do not want to go? Most people want to be in the presence of God. God is continuously inviting us. But sometimes we are distracted by temptations and we can forget about God's invitation to us. We may be distracted by the way we look? We may be distracted by longing and yearning for the latest gadget. 'Our hearts will always be restless until they rest in God'. Dear God, help me to be aware of your invitations that you send out to me daily may I respond by being kind considerate and helpful to others.

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NOVEMBER  
WEDNESDAY

31<sup>st</sup> Week in  
Ordinary Time

GREEN

GODFREY



BISHOP

(1050 - 1115)

Godfrey was the Abbot of Nogentsous Coucy, in the diocese of Rheims, in the province of Champagne. He rebuilt, restored, and revitalized the abbey, bringing people to the Order of St. Benedict, and order to the people. He was noted for his rigid austerity with himself, those around him, and in his approach to his mission as bishop. He was an enforcer of clerical celibacy and also a fierce lifelong opponent of drunkenness and simony.

### First Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

### Psalm 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9

*It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends.*

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

### Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

**R** Today's gospel challenges us to leave everything and follow Jesus. This is a difficult thing to do. Following God is difficult and challenging because we have to agree to give up everything, even one's life, if it is asked for. Many others have died and given their life for the faith in following God. But this is the ultimate sacrifice. If God is asking you to give up your life you can be confident that you will receive the graces and gifts that will enable you to do so. God calls us every day to do away with those things that separate us from God's love. Dear God, give me the graces and gifts to respond to your call may I be a daily witness to your generosity.





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## NOVEMBER

### THURSDAY

31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

### WHITE

#### FEAST



The feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome is the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. It is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome. It marks the dedication of the cathedral church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I. St. John Lateran is the parish church of all Catholics, because it is the pope's cathedral.

#### First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east); ...*(please see appendix Page 504)*

#### Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

*℟. The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the dwelling of the Most High.*

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there for ever.

#### Gospel: John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

℟ Today's gospel tells us the story about Zacchaeus who was a tax collector. Tax collectors were despised and hated by many. This gospel offers us all hope because God is love and this love is infinite. Zacchaeus was open to change. Zacchaeus was curious about Jesus. Zacchaeus was small in size that's why he climbed up a tree to see Jesus. Sometimes we try to hide from God. Sometimes we may be doubtful. But are we open to change like Zacchaeus? Jesus called Zacchaeus by name. Jesus knew where Zacchaeus was and reached out to him. Dear God, you call me by name. You reach out to me. May I respond generously with all that I have like Zacchaeus.

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## NOVEMBER

### FRIDAY

31<sup>st</sup> Week in  
Ordinary Time

### WHITE

#### MEMORIAL

#### LEO I, THE GREAT

#### POPE & DOCTOR

(d. 461)

Pope Leo I was Bishop of Rome from 440 till 461 who called the Council of Chalcedon to fight against Nestorianism, Monophysitism, Manichaeism, and Pelagianism. He built churches and wrote letters and sermons encouraging and teaching his flock. He was also gifted in bringing reconciliation between disputing groups of Christians. He is perhaps best known for having met Attila the Hun in 452 and allegedly persuaded him to turn back from his invasion of Italy.

#### First Reading: Romans 15:14-21

I myself feel confident about you, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able to instruct one another. Nevertheless, on some points I have written to you rather boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to boast of my work for God. For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, ...*(please see appendix Page 504)*

#### Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

*✠ The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Whoever keeps Christ's word, in him truly the love of God is perfected.

#### Gospel: Luke 16:1-8

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

Ⓜ Today's gospel tells the story of the unjust steward and his attempt at covering up his dishonest dealings. When we do something wrong and we are caught then we may be embarrassed. Sometimes our face may go red. Sometimes we may cry through shame. If you feel ashamed then you can be redeemed. You can restore the brokenness in your life. You realise that you have done wrong and you want to be whole again. When we know or feel that there has been a rupture in our relationship with God then we want to repair that relationship. Dear God, you move us to respond by prompting us internally may I realise you working in my life.

**First Reading: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27**

Greet Prisca and Aquila, who work with me in Christ Jesus, and who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. Greet Mary, who has worked very hard among you. Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. Greet Urbanus, our co-worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you. I Tertius, the writer of this letter, greet you in the Lord. Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus, greet you. Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, ...*(please see appendix Page 504)*

**Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11**

*✠ I will bless your name forever, my king and my God.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Though Jesus Christ was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

**Gospel: Luke 16:9-15**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes." "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they ridiculed him. So he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of others; but God knows your hearts; for what is prized by human beings is an abomination in the sight of God."

Ⓜ Today's gospel tells us about being honest. Sometimes we are tempted to be dishonest. If you are honest in little things, you will be honest in big things. If you are dishonest in little things, you will be dishonest in big things. If we are aware that God is always with us, we will always be honest. When we forget that we are in the presence of God then we may be inclined to be dishonest. Dear God, we pray for your help in being honest may we always be honest so that others will be inspired by the gifts you have given us.



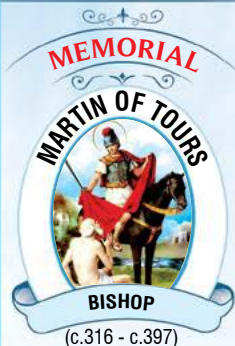
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NOVEMBER

SATURDAY

31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

WHITE



Born in Pannonia, Martin gave up his career as a soldier and founded a monastery in Liguge where he lived the religious life under the guidance of St. Hilary. As bishop of Tours, he was active in the suppression of the remnants of Gallo Roman religion. He is known for using his military sword to cut his cloak in two, to give half to a beggar clad only in rags in the depth of winter.