

# Saint Claude La Colombière, presbyter

**February 15  
Memorial**

## Biographical profile

Born in Saint-Symphorien d'Ozon, France, in 1641. Entered the Society of Jesus in 1659 and was ordained a priest in 1669. A professor of rhetoric, he dedicated his ministry to preaching. He effectively helped St Margaret Mary Alacoque in spreading the cult of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Sent to London as preacher to the Duchess of York, he was slandered, imprisoned and exiled. He died in Paray, France, in 1682. He was declared blessed by Pope Pius XI in 1929 and canonised by John Paul II in 1992.

Following a visit to his tomb, Fr Dehon recognised him as “a model” for his religious. He wrote: «**His *Retraite* is one of our most fortifying readings and his act of oblation has become our daily offering**» (OSP 5: ESC II, 601).

## Liturgy

**SAINT CLAUDE LA COLOMBIÈRE – SCJ MEMORIAL**

**White**

### **Eucharist**

MISSAL: From the Common of Pastors or From the Common of Holy Men and Women:  
For Religious, except the collect, which is proper to the memorial.

LECTIONARY: mass of the day.

**Liturgy of the hours:** Common of Pastors, except the prayer, which is replaced with the collect from the Mass. In the office of readings, the second reading and short responsory are proper to the memorial.

## Eucharist

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps. 16 (15): 5

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
you yourself who secure my portion.

### COLLECT

Lord and Holy Father,  
who spoke to Saint Claude, your faithful servant,  
so that he would bear witness to your immense love,  
grant your Church to be enlightened and consoled  
by your gifts of your grace.  
Through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever and ever. Amen

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Comforted by the witness of our brothers and sisters renowned for their holiness,  
we open our hearts to a filial trust in God, the giver of every perfect gift.

*R. Give us, O Father, your Spirit of holiness.*

- O Lord, make the Church one and holy. As the bride of Christ and mother of the saints  
may she express the richness of your gifts and charisms, let us pray.
- O Lord, raise up in your Church men and women capable of exercising heroic charity,  
with an availability open to the needs of all, let us pray.
- O Lord, raise up in the midst of your people vocations to virginity for the kingdom of  
heaven, as a sign of the primacy of the Spirit and the hope of future blessing, let us pray.
- O Lord, support us in our daily experience, that by witnessing fidelity to the Gospel we  
will not hesitate to give our life for Christ, let us pray.
- O Lord, touch the heart of those who waste your goods in a superficial existence without  
ideals and love. Lead us to sincere penance and conversion that we may live in You, let  
us pray.

O Lord, who in the waters of Baptism purify and renew your Church. Make it holy  
and immaculate, and give us the grace of your Spirit to proclaim your immense  
mercy in the footsteps of Jesus, Through Christ our Lord.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Most merciful God,  
who were pleased to create in blessed Saint Claude  
the New Man in your image, the old having passed away,  
graciously grant, we pray,  
that, renewed like him,  
we may offer you the acceptable sacrifice of conciliation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## PREFACE II OF SAINTS

### *The action of the Saints*

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 in the marvelous confession of your Saints,  
you make your Church fruitful with strength ever new  
and offer us sure signs of your love.  
And that your saving mysteries may be fulfilled,  
their great example lends us courage,  
their fervent prayers sustain us in all we do.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,  
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 19: 27-29

Amen I say to you: That you who have left all and followed me  
Will receive a hundredfold and possess eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

By the power of this Sacrament, Lord, we pray,  
lead us always in your love,  
through the example of blessed Saint Claude,  
and bring to fulfillment the good work you have begun in us  
until the day of Christ Jesus.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## Prayer (for Adoration)

### BELOVED HEART OF JESUS

Beloved Heart of Jesus,  
heart most worthy of my adoration and love;  
I am on fire with the desire  
to repair and wipe out  
the many and great injuries committed against you.  
Wishing to avoid the failing of ingratitude  
as far as I can,  
I completely offer and surrender to you my heart  
with all its affections  
and myself entirely.

Jesus, beloved of my heart,  
gladly I offer to your heart  
all the merits and all the satisfactory value  
that can result from my prayers,  
acts of penance, humility, obedience,  
and all other virtues I shall perform  
throughout my entire life  
to my last breath,  
no matter how insignificant and lowly all of these may be.

I want to do these things  
for the praise and love of the heart of Jesus.  
I humbly ask him  
not to refuse to accept this little offering  
I make through the pure hands of Mary  
to his Sacred Heart,  
so that he dispose of all these things  
as he pleases,  
and in favor of whomever he wishes.

Amen.

(St. Claude la Colombière, SJ, 1641-1682, adapted)