

# Saint John Eudes, presbyter

**August 19  
Memorial**

## Biographical profile

Jean Eudes (Ri, France, 1601 - Caen 19 August 1680) was a promoter of devotion and liturgical worship of the Heart of Jesus and Mary. He founded the Congregation of “Jesus and Mary” (Eudes) for the formation of clergy and seminaries and for missions to the people. He promoted the work of Our Lady of Charity of Refuge, from which the “Good Shepherd” derives, for the recovery of lost women. Father Dehon emphasised how St John Eudes showed what is in the Sacred Heart: **“The sanctuary and centre of divine perfections, the state and model of virtue, our treasure of graces, a refuge for sinners, a special model of humility in which His love surpasses all. He is a furnace of love for God, for his divine Mother, for the threefold Church, for each of us. He shows us his love especially in the mysteries of the Incarnation, the Passion and the Eucharist”** (ESC 2,56).

## Liturgy

**SAINT JOHN EUDES – 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. 132 (131): 9

Yours priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice;  
Your holy ones shall ring out their joy.

### COLLECT

God, who wonderfully chose the Priest Saint John Eudes  
to proclaim the unfathomable riches of Christ,  
grant us, by his example and teachings,  
that, growing in knowledge of you,  
we may live faithfully by the light of the Gospel.  
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

Receive, O Lord, we pray,  
The offerings placed on your altar  
I commemoration of blessed Saint John Eudes,  
So that, as you brought him glory,  
You may, through these sacred mysteries,  
Grant to us pardon.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## PREFACE OF HOLY PASTORS

### *The presence of holy Pastors in the Church*

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, as on the festival of Saint John Eudes you bid your Church rejoice,  
so, too, you strengthen her by the example of his holy life,  
teach her by his words of preaching,  
and keep her safe in answer to his prayers.

And so, with the company of Angels and Saints,  
we sing the hymn of praise,  
as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 12: 42

This is the steward, faithful and prudent,  
Whom the Lord set over his household,  
To give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May partaking at the heavenly table, almighty God,  
confirm and increase strength from on high  
in all who celebrate the feast day of blessed Saint John Eudes,  
that we may preserve in integrity the gift of faith  
and walk in the path of salvation you trace for us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Prayer (for Adoration)

### The Heart of God

O my God,  
how great is your love for us!  
You are infinitely worthy  
of being loved, praised, and glorified!  
We have neither heart nor spirit worthy of doing so.  
But your wisdom and goodness  
have given us a way of carrying it out.  
You have given us the spirit and heart of your Son,  
to be our own heart and spirit,  
in accord with the promise you made through your Prophet:  
“I will give them a new heart,  
I will put a new spirit in your midst.”  
In order that we may know  
what this new heart and new spirit might be  
you added:  
“I will place my spirit, which is my heart,  
in your midst.”  
Only the spirit and heart of a God  
are worthy of loving and praising a God,  
of blessing and loving him as much as he deserves.  
Thus you have given us your heart,  
the heart of your Son Jesus,  
as well as the heart of his holy Mother  
and the heart of the saints,  
and angels who together are only one heart,  
as the head and members form one single body.  
Amen.

(St. John Eudes, 1601-1680)