

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque virgin

**October 16
Memorial**

Biographical profile

Margaret Mary (Verosvres, Autun, France, 1647), religious of the Visitation in Paray-le-Monial, was favoured by special graces and illuminations on the mystery of Christ's love present in the Eucharist. An apostle of devotion to the Sacred Heart, she promoted the institution of the special liturgical feast in His honour. She died on October 17th, 1690. Fr. Dehon quotes these words of the saint to her novices: «**For us the voice of God is in our holy rules. Let them be good nourishment for your hearts. They will make you enter the interior life, the life hidden in God, where the cross is a food of perfection. Walk therefore on your way, which is that of exactitude in the observance of your religious duties, if you wish the Sacred Heart to recognize you as its daughters**» [...]. I repeat these words to my spiritual children, in spite of my unworthiness» (DSP 1936, 399-400).

Liturgy

SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE – SCJ Memorial

White

Eucharist

MISSAL: Common of Virgins (for one virgin), except the collect, which is proper to the memorial.

LECTIONARY: mass of the day.

Liturgy of the hours: Common of Virgins, 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

Come, bride of Christ, receive the crown, which the Lord has prepared for you for eternity.

COLLECT

Pour out on us, Lord, the spirit of holiness
that you gave to Saint Margaret Mary,
so that we may know the love of Christ,
which surpasses all knowledge,
and enjoy the fullness of divine life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Through the intercession of Saint Margaret Mary and the holy virgins who followed Christ with undivided hearts, we beseech the Lord to grant us the grace to live in holiness: *Give us, Lord, a new heart and spirit.*

- May pastors and members of the Christian community faithfully express the abundant fruitfulness of the spirit through holy doctrine and the sacraments, Let us pray:
- May young people feel the desire for holiness and renewal of spirit to become bearers of hope, Let us pray:
- May those incapacitated, sick and suffering in pain experience union with Christ, the doctor of bodies and souls. Let us pray:
- May the Lord continue to call forth the vocation of consecrated virginity as a sign of proclamation and prophecy of the kingdom of heaven. Let us pray:
- May all the members of the People of God be faithful to our Baptismal commitment by rejecting evil and doing works of charity, in imitation of Christ . Let us pray:

Holy Father, look upon your church into whose hands you have entrusted the Gospel of your Son. May it never lack the signs and fruits of holiness, so that it may proclaim with the power of the Spirit the word that enlightens and saves. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, the homage of our humble service,
which we present to you
in commemoration of the Virgin
blessed Margaret Mary Alacoque,
and grant through the one unblemished sacrifice
that we may constantly burn
with devoted and holy love in your sight.
Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE OF HOLY VIRGINS AND RELIGIOUS

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...

The wise virgin has chosen the better part,
and it will not be taken from her.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by this heavenly Bread,
we humbly beseech your mercy, O Lord,
that we, who rejoice
in commemorating blessed Margaret Mary Alacoque,
may obtain pardon for our offenses,
health for our bodies,
and grace and eternal glory for our souls.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayers (for Adoration)

TRUST IN THE HEART OF CHRIST

O Heart of love,
I place all my trust in you.
I fear all things
from my own weakness,
but I hope for all things
from your goodness.

(saint Margaret Mary Alacoque)

HAIL, HEART OF JESUS

Hail, Heart of Jesus, save me!
Hail, Heart of my Creator, perfect me!
Hail, Heart of my Saviour, deliver me!
Hail, Heart of my Judge, grant me pardon!
Hail, Heart of my Father, govern me!
Hail, Heart of my Spouse, grant me love!
Hail, Heart of my Master, teach me!
Hail, Heart of my King, be my crown!
Hail, Heart of my Benefactor, enrich me!
Hail, Heart of my Shepherd, guard me!
Hail, Heart of my Friend, comfort me!
Hail, Heart of my Brother, stay with me!
Hail, Heart of the Child Jesus, draw me to Thyself!
Hail, Heart of Jesus dying on the Cross, redeem me!
Hail, Heart of Jesus in all Thy states, give Thyself to me!
Hail, Heart of incomparable goodness, have mercy on me!
Hail, Heart of splendour, shine within me!
Hail, most loving Heart, inflame me!
Hail, most merciful Heart, work within me!
Hail, most humble Heart, dwell within me!
Hail, most patient Heart, support me!
Hail, most faithful Heart, be my reward!
Hail, most admirable and most worthy Heart, bless me.

(saint Margaret Mary Alacoque)