



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

JULY 8TH

ST ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL (1271-1336)

LESSONS FROM THE ROMAN BREVIARY



*Saint Elizabeth of Portugal (miracle of the roses),
Francisco de Zurbarán, 1635, Museo del Prado, Madrid*

Elizabeth, of the royal race of Aragon, was born in the year of our Lord 1271. As a presage of her future sanctity, her parents, contrary to custom, passing over the mother and grandmother, gave her in Baptism the name of her maternal great-aunt, St. Elizabeth, Duchess of Thuringia. No sooner was she born, than it became evident what a blessed peacemaker she was to be between kings and kingdoms; for the joy of her birth put a happy period to the miserable quarrels of her father and grandfather. As she grew

up, her father, admiring the natural abilities of his daughter, was wont to assert that Elizabeth would far outstrip in virtue all the women descended of the royal blood of Aragon; and so great was his veneration for her heavenly manner of life, her contempt of worldly ornaments, her abhorrence of pleasure, her assiduity in fasting, prayer, and works of charity, that he attributed to her merits alone the prosperity of his kingdom and estate. On account of her widespread reputation, her hand was sought by many princes; at length she was, with all the ceremonies of holy Church, united in matrimony with Dionysius, King of Portugal.

In the married state she gave herself up to the exercise of virtue and the education of her children, striving, indeed, to please her husband, but still more to please God. For nearly half the year she lived on bread and water alone; and, on one occasion when, in an illness, she had refused to take the wine prescribed by the physician, her water was miraculously changed into wine. She instantaneously cured a poor woman of a loathsome ulcer by kissing it. In the depth of winter she changed the money she was going to distribute to the poor into roses, in order to conceal it from the king. She gave sight to a virgin born blind, healed many other persons of grievous distempers by the mere sign of the Cross, and performed a great number of other miracles of a like nature. She built and amply endowed monasteries, hospitals, and churches. She was admirable for her zeal in composing the differences of kings, and unwearied in her efforts to alleviate the public and private miseries of mankind.

After the death of King Dionysius, Elizabeth, who had been in her youth a model to virgins, and in her married life to wives, became in her solitude a pattern of all virtues to widows. She immediately put on the religious habit of St. Claire, assisted with the greatest fortitude at the king's funeral, and then, proceeding to Compostela, offered there for the repose of his soul a quantity of silk, silver, gold, and precious stones. On her return home she consumed in holy and pious works all she had that was dear and precious to her; she completed the building of her truly royal monastery of virgins at Coimbra; and, wholly engaged in feeding the poor, protecting widows, sheltering orphans, and assisting the afflicted in every way, she lived not for herself, but for the glory of God and the well-being of men. On her way to the noble town of Estremoz, whither she was going in order to make peace between the two kings, her son and son-in-law, she was seized with illness; and, in that town, after having been visited by the blessed Virgin, Mother of God, she died a most holy death, on the 4th day of July, in the year 1336. After death she was glorified by many miracles, especially by the sweet fragrance of her body, which has remained incorrupt for nearly three hundred years; and she is always distinguished by the name of the "Holy Queen." At length, in the year of jubilee, of our salvation 1625, with the unanimous applause of the assembled Christian world, she was solemnly enrolled among the Saints by Pope Urban VIII.

2021 Institute Ordinations

To all dear friends of the Institute,

Together with Monsignor Gilles Wach and the Institute family all over the world, we seek once again your prayers for the deacons who will be ordained to the Priesthood on Thursday, 1 July 2021, the Feast of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, by His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, at the Institute's church of Saints Michael and Cajetan in Florence, Italy.

The deacons being ordained are:

- Deacon Maximilien Vuylsteke (France)**
- Deacon Christian Juneau (Canada)**
- Deacon Nicholas Phillips (Nebraska, USA)**
- Deacon Francisco Palomas Andres (Spain)**
- Deacon David Le (California, USA)**
- Deacon Bryan Silvey (Missouri, USA)**
- Deacon Godefroy Ducret (France)**
- Deacon Julien Aumont (France)**



Before this very special day on the 29th and 30th June, 22 men, who have now completed their first year of formation at the Motherhouse, Gricigliano, will receive first the cassock and then clerical tonsure.

Entrusting all to Our Blessed Lady, Mother of Priests, and an example of faithful, humble, and joyful acceptance of God's will, I remain,

Faithfully yours in the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

Canon Amaury Montjean

SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTIONS	
				CANON WIENER	FATHER GRIBBIN
Sun*	4 th Jul	12:30 pm	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	His Lordship, Bishop Davies	PI
Mon	5 th Jul	10:00 am	St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria Confessor	Michael Schutzer-Weissmann	PI
Tue	6 th Jul	6:30 pm	Votive Mass of the Angels	Yolande Schutzer-Weissmann	PI
Wed	7 th Jul	10:00 am	SS. Cyril & Methodius, Bishops & Confessors	Jerome Finnis	PI
Thu	8 th Jul	6:30 pm	St. Elizabeth of Portugal Queen & Widow	Christina Ospedale & family	PI
Fri	9 th Jul	10:00 am	SS. John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs	Moira Hannaway & family	PI
Sat	10 th Jul	10:00 am	The Seven Holy Brothers, Martyrs SS. Rufina & Secunda, Virgins & Martyrs	Siobhan McFadyen & family	PI
Sun*	11 th July	12:30 pm	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Special Intention	PI

*SUNDAY MASSES AT 12:30 PM AT ST. WINEFRIDE'S CHURCH, 187 CROWMERE RD, SHREWSBURY SY2 5LA

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