



October 23

**Blessed ARNOLD RECHE**  
(1838 – 1890)

*Memoria ad libitum*

Jules-Nicolas Reche was born in the village of Landroff in French Lorraine, September 2, 1838. His parents' marriage was not particularly happy, and his mother suffered from depression. They lived in poverty and, at the age of 10 or 11, he looked after livestock and worked on a farm to help support the family. Later he spent a few years as a wagon driver and then as a construction worker, often spending night hours praying in the open air of a church he was helping to build.

At the age of 23 he was one of the oldest workers to join the Sunday evening classes given by the Brothers. Some months later he led his team of horses to the river, and happened to meet the Provincial of the Brothers who, in conversation, simply asked him: "What are you doing, young man?" He spent some days examining deeper implications of that question, and, aged 24, asked to join the Novitiate.

He started teaching in a boarding school in Rheims (he would be there for 14 years), but sensed failure in good order in the classroom. Brother Arnold wrote to some relatives: "Pray for me that I may not be altogether useless, that I may accomplish all the good that God expects of me, that I won't be an obstacle to the good work that the Brothers around me are trying to do." A Brother passing by his classroom one day remarked to the pupils: "It is not right to turn a saint into a martyr, which is what you are doing." And yet former pupils wrote of him with affection and appreciation: "Brother Arnold had a way of keeping us interested, and of challenging us.... He was ingenious in adding the personal touch. He knew how to present the materia) in a way that was very clear and practical." "Of all my teachers, Brother Arnold is the one for whom I have still the greatest affection." It is clear that he worked hard at trying to overcome difficulties. With the little time available to him, he advanced his own education by studying chemistry, botany, agriculture, German, and philosophy.

He died at Rheims, France October 23, 1890.

He was beatified November 1<sup>st</sup> 1987.

## MASS

*Common of saints: religious*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Daniel 12:3

The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

### PRAYER (COLLECT)

God, our Father,  
you made Blessed Arnould,  
who was ever docile to the Holy Spirit,  
an admirable guide for the Young  
in the ways of prayer and charity.  
By following his example and through his intercession,  
may we be wholly responsive to your Spirit  
in the way we serve you in others.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### READING

Col. 3, 12-17

*Live a Christian Life*

Brothers, Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

From Psalm 15

**R. In my heart I treasure your promise.**

Keep me safe, o God; in you I take refuge.  
I say to the Lord, you are my Lord, you are my only good.

I bless the Lord who counsels me; even at night my heart exhorts me.  
I keep the Lord always before me;  
with him at my right hand, I shall never be shaken.

You will show me the path to life,  
abounding joy in your presence,  
the delights at your right hand forever

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:63

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

**Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 23:8-12**

*You have but one master, the Messiah.*

**A reading from the gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Messiah. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

The gospel of the Lord.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

My brothers and sisters, conscious of our call to the evangelical life, let us ask almighty God, through the intercession of Saint Benilde Romançon, to preserve us on the path of sanctity and to accomplish in us the work begun at baptism. Praying together, let us say:

**R) Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessions...

Sustain, O Lord, your praying Church, and to all who rejoice in the example given by Saint Benilde Romançon, grant the favor of your continual protection. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Lord, as we come before you with our gifts of bread and wine, we ask you to transform us by the power of your Spirit, that we may be able to touch the hearts of those you entrust to our care. Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**Matthew 25:21**

Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Father,  
strengthened by the bread of life you have given us, may we walk more faithfully in your presence and seek first your kingdom with Jesus your Son, who...

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

*Common of the saints: religious*

**OFFICE OF READINGS**

## SECOND READING

### *Meditation of St. John Baptist de La Salle (Med. 195)*

Because you are ambassadors and ministers of Jesus Christ in the work that you do, you must act as representing Jesus Christ. He wants your disciples to see him in you and to receive your instructions as if he were instructing them.

They must be convinced that your instructions are the truth of Jesus Christ, who speaks with your mouth, that it is only in his name that you teach, and that he has given you authority over them. They must also be convinced that they are a letter that Jesus Christ dictates to you, which you write each day in their heart, not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, who acts in you and by you through the power of Jesus Christ. He helps you triumph over all the obstacles that oppose the salvation of these children, enlightening them in the person of Jesus Christ to make them avoid all that could be displeasing to him.

To fulfill this duty with as much perfection and exactness as God requires of you, frequently appeal to the Spirit of our Lord to make you act in your work only under his influence, so that your mind may have no part in it. This Holy Spirit, then, will come upon them generously, so that they will be able to possess the Christian spirit fully.

All your care for the children entrusted to you would be useless if Jesus Christ did not give the quality, the power, and the efficacy needed to make your care useful. Because the branch of the vine cannot bear fruit of itself (our Lord says) unless it remains attached to the main stem, neither can you bear fruit if you do not remain in me. This will be the glory of my Father, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. What Jesus Christ says to his holy Apostles he also says to you, that you may understand that all the good you are able to do in your work for those entrusted to you will be true and effective only insofar as Jesus Christ gives it his blessing and you remain united with him. It is the same for you as it is for the branch of the vine, which can bear fruit only if it remains attached to the main stem and draws its sap and strength from the vine, which is also the source of all the goodness of the fruit. Jesus Christ wants you to understand from this comparison that the more your work for the good of your disciples is given life by him and draws its power from him, the more it will produce good in them. This is why you must ask him earnestly that all your instructions be given life by his Spirit and draw all their power from him. Just as he is the one who enlightens everyone coming into the world, he is also the one who enlightens the minds of your students and leads them to love and practice the good that you teach them.

## RESPONSORY

1 Thess 2: 8; Gal 4: 19

**R/.** We felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. \* Because we had come to love you so much

**V/.** My children! I must go through the pain of giving birth to you all over again, until Christ is formed in you

\* Because we had come to love you so much..

## PRAYER

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## MORNING PRAYER

**Ant. Ben.** The man of God welcomes the light that searches his deeds and finds them true.  
(T.P. Alleluia)

**CANTICLE OF ZACHARY**  
*The Messiah and his forerunner*

Lk 1: 68-79

### INTERCESSIONS

My brothers, let us praise Christ, asking to serve him and to be holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. Let us acclaim him.

**R) Lord, you alone are the holy one.**

Intercessions...

Our Father.

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## EVENING PRAYER

**Ant. Magn.** Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.  
(T.P. Alleluia)

**CANTICLE OF MARY**  
*Rejoicing in the spirit of the Lord*

Lk 1: 46-55

### INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to God, source of all holiness, to help us lead a life worthy of our baptism, through the intercession and example of Blessed Nicholas Roland.

**R) Sanctify us, O Lord, for you are holy.**

Intercessions...

## **PRAYER**

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