

November 12, 2023

The emperor thus stigmatized by the great annalist was Constans II. From his grandfather Heraclius, who at least had given the world a few years of glory, he inherited nothing but the Byzantine pretension of imposing his dogmatic edicts upon the Church. Like the Ecthesis of Heraclius, the Type of Constans aimed at silencing the Catholics in their struggle with the Monothelites.

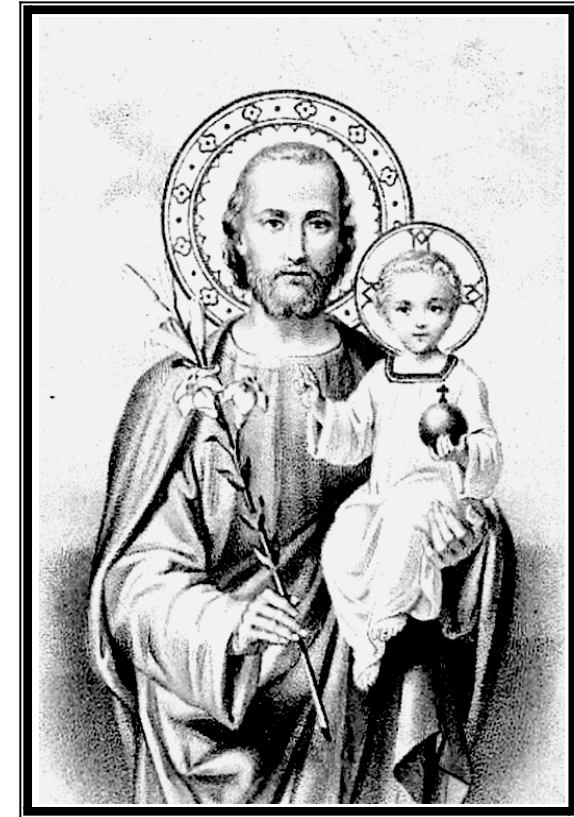


Martin was born at Todi in Umbria. Upon ascending the pontifical throne, he strove by letters and embassies to recall Paul, patriarch of Constantinople, from his wicked heresy to the true Catholic faith. But, supported by the heretical emperor Constans, Paul was so carried away as to exile the legates of the Apostolic See to various islands. The Pope, indignant at this outrage, summoned a council of one hundred and five bishops at Rome, in which he condemned Paul.

Upon this Constans sent the exarch Olympius into Italy, with orders either to kill Pope Martin or else to bring him to the emperor. Olympius, on reaching Rome, charged a lictor to assassinate the Pope as he was celebrating Mass in St. Mary's-at-the-Crib. But the man, attempting to do so, was suddenly struck blind.

From that time many calamities befell the emperor however, made him no better; and he sent Theodore Calliopos to Rome to seize the Pope. By his deceitful dealing Martin was arrested and led prisoner to Constantinople. Thence he was banished into the Chersonesus; where, on the eve of the Ides of November, he died worn out by his sufferings for the Catholic faith, and not without the glory of miracles. His body was afterwards translated to Rome, and placed in the church dedicated to Saints Sylvester and Martin. He governed the church six years, one month, and twenty-six days. He held two ordinations in the month of December, and ordained eleven priests, five deacons, and thirty-three bishops for divers places.

Protect us, then, O holy pontiff! keep up in us the understanding of God's gift. May we never deserve the reproach of the psalmist: Man when he was in honour did not understand; he is compared to senseless beasts, and is become like to them. May eternal Wisdom, to whose alliance we are called, never have the grief of seeing us prefer death. At the same time, teach us that, for the honour of God as well as of man, the integrity of our Lord's Incarnation does not require the authentication of politicians, nor the approbation of the would-be wise; for it is of this mystery the apostle says, that we must believe it with the heart in order to become just, and confess it with the mouth in order to be saved." Spare the Church the sorrow of ever again finding herself in such a situation as that from which thy heroic martyrdom was alone able to deliver her.



*Saint Joseph's
Traditional Roman Catholic Chapel
Traditional Latin Mass*

*29968 County 22
Harmony, Minnesota 55939*

Sunday, November 12 **24th Sunday After Pentecost**

Confessions 12:30 pm
Holy Mass 1:00 pm

(St. Martin I, PM)

Saturday, November 18 **Dedication of the Basilicas of**

Confessions 7:30 am
Holy Mass 8:00 am

Ss. Peter and Paul

Sunday, November 19 **25th Sunday After Pentecost**

Confessions 12:30 pm
Holy Mass 1:00 pm

(St. Elizabeth of Hungary, QW)

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MASS INTENTIONS may be submitted to Father for a stipend of \$25.00. If you wish a specific date, please submit well in advance. Mass Intention envelopes are available in the vestibule.

MEAL VOLUNTEERS: There is a new sign up sheet in the vestibule for the month of November to help provide Father with a meal-to-go after Mass. *Thank You* to all those who have been assisting with this Corporal Work of Mercy to feed the hungry; and supporting your parish priest.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND for May of 2024 is being coordinated by Fr. Benedict Hughes. Please see flyer in the vestibule and contact Fr. Benedict if interested.

PRAYER FOR THE POOR SOULS is to be prayed after the Holy Rosary. The prayer will be in the pews.

ST. CECILIA'S GUILD ANNUAL FALL CONCERT: Join us at the Harmony Community Center, next Saturday, November 18 at 6:30 PM for an evening of sacred & classical music!

HOLY SOULS' REMEMBRANCE: November is the month dedicated to the remembrance of the faithful departed. Special prayers will be offered after all public Masses throughout the month. Please list those who you wish to have remembered at all the Masses and prayers throughout the month on the *All Souls' Day Remembrance* envelope and return it to the priest or religious Sisters.

FINANCIAL AWARENESS: FROM THE PARISH BOARD:

For some time the chapel has been struggling at a deficit.

Please give generously if you can afford to.

Average Weekly Operating Costs: \$590

Average Weekly Collection (year-to-date): \$719

Last Four Collections: 10/15 \$520 10/22 \$1,012 10/29 \$522 11/5 \$649

SAINT MARTIN I
POPE AND MARTYR

(November 12)

While the concourse of pilgrims to the sepulchre of the bishop of Tours induced his third successor, Perpetuus, to raise over his precious remains the basilica in which so many prodigies were to be wrought all through the Middle Ages, Rome herself was dedicating to St. Martin one of her noblest churches, uniting with him as joint titular her own illustrious pontiff and confessor Sylvester. Adorned with this twofold glory, St. Martin-on-the-Hill worthily inaugurated in the eternal city the cultus of confessors side by side with that of the martyrs. But another honour awaited the venerable sanctuary. Beside the wonder-working apostle and the pontiff of peace, both vanquishers of idolatry who had escaped the sword only through the conversion of the persecutors, the last of the martyr-popes, also Martin by name, came to seek a resting-place, long after the pagan persecutions had ceased. Martin I," says Baronius, fared better than any of his predecessors since the time of Constantine. Found worthy to suffer more than all of them for the name of Jesus Christ, he had the good fortune to find a Decius and a Diocletian in a baptized prince."