

13 JULY

**SAINT CLELIA BARBIERI
FOUNDRESS, MINIM SISTERS OF OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER**

Optional Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

This is a wise virgin and one of the number of the prudent who went out with burning lamp to meet Christ.

Prayer of the Assembly

Lord God,
in Saint Clelia Barbieri
you gave the Christian community
an example of Gospel life in joyful service of others.
Grant that our humble following of Christ
bring us to the glory of your heavenly Reign.
(We ask this) through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

I Corinthians 1, 26-31

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

God chose the weak of the world

Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters.
Not many of you were wise by human standards,
not many were powerful,
not many were of noble birth.
Rather, God chose the foolish of the world
to shame the wise,
and God chose the weak of the world
to shame the strong,
and God chose the lowly and despised of the world,
those who count for nothing,
to reduce to nothing those who are something,
so that no human being might boast before God.
It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus,
who became for us wisdom from God,
as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption,
so that, as it is written,
“Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord.”

This is the Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32 (33), 12-13, 18-19, 20-21

R/. The Lord looks on those who hope in his love

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.
From the heavens the Lord looks forth,
he sees all the children of men.

R/. The Lord looks on those who hope in his love

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

R/. The Lord looks on those who hope in his love

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
In him do our hearts find joy.
We trust in his holy name.

R/. The Lord looks on those who hope in his love

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Sirach 3, 20-21

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Be humble in all things and you will find favour with God. Great is the power of God; by the humble he is glorified.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11, 25-30

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You have hidden these things from the wise, but revealed them to the childlike

At that time Jesus said in reply,
“I give praise to you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to the childlike.
Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.
All things have been handed over to me by my Father.
No one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.
Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for your selves.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer over the Offerings

Lord,
look with favour on the gifts
we offer you with joyful hearts
on this feast of Saint Clelia.
Consecrated by your power,
may they make present the sacrifice of Christ,
in which the Sorrowful Mother
so lovingly participated.
(We ask this) through the same Christ our Lord.

Preface for Virgins and Religious

The signs of a life consecrated to God

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.
Today we honour your saints
who consecrated their lives to Christ
for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.
What love you show us
as you recall humanity to its first innocence,
and invite us to taste on earth
the gifts of the world to come!
Now with the saints and all the angels
we praise you forever, as we say: Holy, Holy...

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 25,6

The groom is here! Come and greet Christ the Lord!

Prayer after Communion

Lord,
the sacrament we have received
is a foretaste in faith and hope
of the eternal banquet you have prepared for us.
Kindle in us the fire of love
for you and our brothers and sisters
that filled the heart of Saint Clelia.
(We ask this) through Christ our Lord.

Note: Some biblical texts are taken from: The New American Bible <http://www.vatican.va/archives/>