



Blessed Nicholas Roland
Founder of the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus
Spiritual Director to St. De La Salle
Born December 8, 1642 – Died April 26, 1678

Celebrated on April 27

Reader 1: *When De La Salle returned to Reims from the seminary in Paris after the death of his parents, he took Roland as his spiritual director who encouraged him to continue his study for the priesthood. Roland was also in contact with Father Barre in Rouen whose Sisters of Providence were actively engaged in schools for poor girls. Barre motivated Roland to establish such schools in Reims. As a result the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus were born. As he was dying, Roland named De La Salle executor of his will. This involved De La Salle in the affairs of the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus which led to his encounter with Adrian Nyel. Roland and the Sisters were influential, along with Madame Maillefer, Nyel and others, in the birth of the Lasallian movement. With the entire universe, we sing God's praise in thanksgiving. (Lasallian Liturgies.pg 49)*

Let us Remember... **ALL: that we are in the holy presence of God.**

SONG OF PRAISE: *(The Book of Daniel 3:57-88, 56)*

Reader 2: Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord.
 Praise and exalt him forever.
 Heavens, bless the Lord. Waters, bless the Lord.
 Sun and moon, bless the Lord. Stars of the heavens, bless the Lord.

ALL: **Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord for ever.**

Reader 3: Rain showers and dew, bless the Lord. All you winds, bless the Lord.
 Fire and heat, bless the Lord. Cold and chill, bless the Lord. Ice and snow, bless the Lord.
 Nights and days, bless the Lord. Light and darkness, bless the Lord.
 Lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

ALL: **Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord for ever.**

Reader 4: Let the earth bless the Lord.
 Praise and exalt God above all forever.
 Mountains and hills, bless the Lord. Everything growing from the earth, bless the Lord.
 You springs and seas and rivers, bless the Lord.
 Dolphins and all water creatures, bless the Lord.
 All you sons and daughters, bless the Lord.

ALL: **Servants of the Lord, bless the Lord for ever. Let us thank our God for all good gifts.
Let us praise and exalt God above all forever.**

St. John Baptist de La Salle...pray for us

Live Jesus in our hearts...Forever