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Holy Spirit tells us, the heavens, the earth, and the abyss: the same, then, is the appanage of Mary on this her coronation day. Like the divine Wisdom to whom she gave Flesh, she may glory in God. He whose magnificence she once chanted, today exalts her humility. She who is blessed above all others has become the honor of her people, the admiration of the saints, the glory of the armies of the Most High. Together with her Spouse, let her, in her beauty, march to victory; let her triumph over the hearts of the mighty and the lowly. The giving of the world’s scepter into her hands is no mere honor void of reality: from this day forward she commands and fights, protects the Church, defends its head, upholds the ranks of the sacred militia, raises up saints, directs apostles, enlightens doctors, exterminates heresy, crushes hell.

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Proper Prayers of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form

ADDENDUM:

Commemoration of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(for use when August 22 falls on a Sunday)

Second Collect

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ALMIGHTY everlasting God, who in the heart of the blessed Virgin Mary didst prepare a dwelling worthy of the Holy Ghost: grant in Thy mercy, that we who with devout minds celebrate the festival of that immaculate heart, may be able to live according to Thine own Heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

Second Secret

MAJESTÁTI tuæ, Dómine, Agnum immaculátum offeréntes, quaesumus: ut corda nostra ignis ille divínus accéndat, qui Cor beatae Mariae Virginis ineffábiliter inflammávit. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum Fílium tuum: Qui tecum vivat et regnat in unitáte ejúsdem Spíritus Sancti, Deus, saécula saeculórum...

WE WHO offer to Thy majesty the Lamb without blemish, beseech Thee, O Lord, that our hearts may be kindled by that divine fire which so ineffably inflamed the heart of the blessed Virgin Mary. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

Second Postcommunion

DIVINIS refécti munéribus te, Dómine, suppliciter exorámus: ut beatae Mariae Virginis intercessióne, cujus immaculáti Cordis solénnia venerádo éginus, a praeséntibus perículis liberáti, aetérnae vitæ gáudia consequámur. Per Dóminum nostrum ...

REFRESHED by these divine gifts we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, that by the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary whose immaculate heart we now solemnly celebrate, we may be delivered from present dangers and obtain the joys of eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son ...

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