

man of God was shining with a fiery brilliance. The King and the Queen knelt before the Prelate.

Moved by the spirit of God, he made these prophecy: "Your posterity shall nobly govern this kingdom, which will give much glory to the Holy Church. It shall inherit the Empire of the Romans. This

nation will not cease to prosper so long as it follows the path of truth, but decadence will come upon it with vices and bad customs. For, in truth, it is in this way that all kingdoms and nations have fallen into ruin."

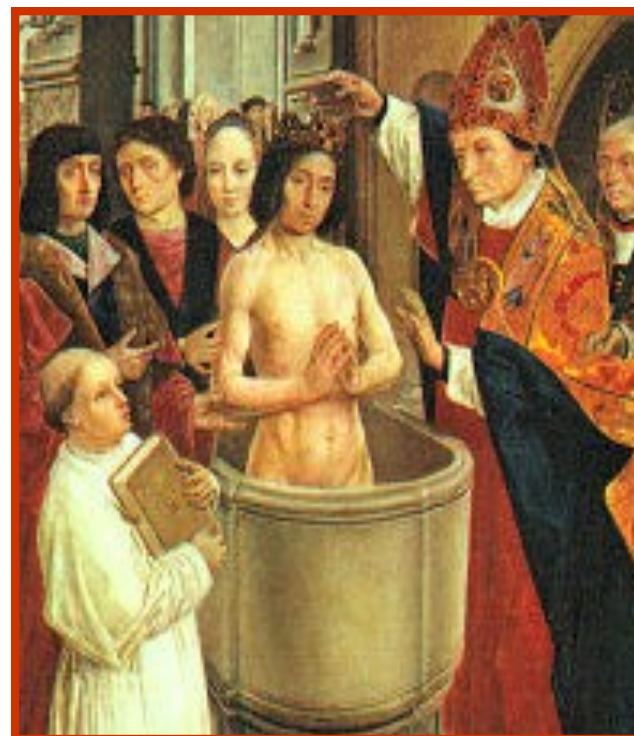
At the end of his life, Saint Remigius became blind. Far from grieving over this, he rejoiced, saying that by this means he could suffer with Our Lord Jesus Christ. He knew prophetically the day of his death many days before. At the end, he miraculously regained his sight so that he could see his flock and distribute his goods as he desired. When the day came, even though he was not sick, he made his farewell as if he were leaving on a long trip, and then died.

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## *Saint Remigius/ or Remi*

**Feast Day: October 1**



Saint Remigius baptizing Clovis

### **REFLECTION:**

Few men have had such natural advantages and such gifts of grace as Saint Remi, and few have done so great a work. Learn from him to comfort yourself amid the world's praise, as well in its scorn, with a lowly and chastened heart.

## ***Saint Remigius***

\*Saint Remigius or Remi was born in the middle of the fifth century close to the city of Laón, France, where a saintly hermit named Montanus lived. This hermit, who was blind, was afflicted not over this suffering, but over the situation of the Catholic Religion in Gaul (France), which had been devastated by the Vandal persecution. One night, while he was praying for the Church, he heard a celestial voice that said to him: "God has heard your prayers and deigns to look again upon the earth from the highest heaven so that all nations will praise the marvels of His omnipotence and kings will be honored to serve Him. Know that the woman named Celina will give birth to a son to whom she will give the name of Remigius. To him God reserves the glory to save His people."

When Celina heard this message, she doubted his words since she was already old. But the monk went on: "Know this, you will give birth to a son and while you are nursing your child, you are to anoint my eyes with your milk, and so restore my sight."

These things happened as foretold. Saint Remigius was born into the noble house of his parents, Emilius, Count of Laón, and Saint Celina who had borne two other sons before Remigius; the eldest, Saint Principus, became the twelfth bishop of Soissons, and the second was the father of Saint Lupus, thirteenth bishop of the same see. Also, the hermit, Montanus, had his sight restored.

When Remigius was twenty-two years old, Benange, Archbishop of Rheims, died. The people, inspired by God, called for Remigius to succeed Benange. When he was consecrated Bishop, he was anointed with a holy oil on his forehead by a mysterious hand that

all present could see and an exquisite perfume permeated the whole area...

For a period of time, Remigius, suffered from various temptations... For this reason, he is efficiently invoked in temptations of flesh and spirit. Those who have difficulty in meditating or comprehending the divine mysteries also find great support in Saint Remigius...

One day, a terrible fire whipped through the city of Rheims. Everyone gathered to help extinguish the devouring flames. But all efforts were useless. When the people had given up hope of stopping it, Saint Remigius advanced to the heart of the fire carrying a cross and faced the most violent flames. The fire was stopped in its tracks and soon was completely subdued...

Saint Remigius evangelized throughout Gaul, and converted Clovis, King of the Franks. On Christmas Eve of 496, the night that preceded the ceremony of the baptism of Clovis, Saint Remigius spent several hours in prayer before the altar of the Church of Saint Mary. Afterward, he went to the residence of the King. Taking advantage of the silence of the night, he wanted to give some last instructions to the Monarch before his baptism. In the oratory of the palace, the Queen, Saint Clotilde, wife of Clovis, awaited his arrival. With her were the King and various other nobles. The saint arrived and gave an admirable sermon.

While he was speaking, a splendid light appeared in the chapel that far outshone the dim light of the candles, and a loud voice was heard saying: "Peace be with you. It is I, do not fear. Remain in my love." The physiognomy of the