

St. John of Capistrano was a Franciscan priest who was a renowned preacher and theologian. He earned the nickname 'the Soldier Saint' when at the age of 70 he led a defensive battle against the invasion of Belgrade with the Hungarian military commander John Hunyadi.

He is the patron saint of jurists and military chaplains, as well as the namesake of the Franciscan missions San Juan Capistrano in Southern California and San Antonio, Texas.

A reformer, not only in the Franciscan order, he was often sent to settle diplomatic disputes and situations.

In today's Gospel, Our Lord speaks of "*the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge to distribute the food allowance at the proper time.*"

This Scripture is often used in reference to Church leaders and pastors – with the implication that those in charge are stewards of the treasures of the Church ... not only financial but also spiritual.

As we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ ... let us pray that whatever God has entrusted to us ... we might value it, and use it for the greater glory of God.