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MS 1073

Southwestern Germany, s. XV<sup>ex</sup>

**Franciscan Calendar**

1. Calendar in black and red. One recto page for each month; the verso pages have a special ruling but are mostly blank. The computistical data are: the length of the solar and of the lunar month; the length of day and night; the Egyptian days ("D."); the date of entrance of the sun into the signs of the Zodiac; the beginning of the seasons; the equinoxes and solstices. The other data are inscribed in six columns, 5 at the left and 1 at the right of the central part recording the feasts of the days. Cols. 1-5 are inscribed in red ink: *Dies et nox* (*D* or *N*); *Aureus numerus* (Golden Numbers); *Minute et hore*; *Littere Dominicales* (Sunday Letters). The last column is not inscribed but contains the repetition of series of alphabets of 27 or 28 units, starting with *A* on 1 Jan. The data are complete for January and April only; for the other months most columns are empty. The computistical data are partly unexplained and it is noteworthy that there is no Roman Calendar nor any other numbering of the days in the month. At the bottom of each page four verses of a hygienic and diaethetic nature; for Jan.: "In Iano claris calidisque cibis pociaris / Atque decens potus post fercula sit tibi notus. / Ledit enim medo tunc potatus, ut bene credo. / Balnea tucius intres et venam fundere cures". This is a variant of Walther, *Sprichwörter*, v. 2, p. 446, 11795.

The calendar records feasts for almost all days. The most significant feasts marked in red are: Translation of Anthony O.F.M. (15 Febr.), "Joseph nutritor Domini" (19 March), George (23 April), Translation of Bernard O.F.M. (17 May), Bernardinus (20 May), Translation of Francis (25 May), Anthony O.F.M. (13 June), Udalricus (4 July), Bonaventura ("Sancti Bonaventure episcopi, cuius festum celebratur semper 2<sup>a</sup> Dominica mensis Iulii"), Clare (12 August), Ludowicus O.F.M. (19 August), "Tricesimus virginis Marie" (13 Sept.), "Stigmata Francisci" (17 Sept.), Francis (4 Oct.), Gallus (16 Oct.), Translation of Ludowicus O.F.M. (10 Nov.), "Dedicatio Salvatoris" (9 Nov.), Othmarus (16 Nov.), "Dedicatio ecclesie Petri et Pauli" (18 Nov.), Elisabeth (19 Nov.), Conrad (26 Nov). See also "Officium pro defunctis et benefactoribus fiat feria secunda post Dominicam LXX<sup>e</sup>" (f. 1r).

Among the other feasts German saints are prominent: Erhardus (8 Jan.), Aldegundis (30 Jan.), Richilda (7 Febr.), Walpurgis (25 Febr.), Kunegundis (3 March), Fridolinus (6 March), "Heinricus imperator" (13 March), Gothardus (4 May), Oswaldus (5 August), Magnus (6 Sept.), Gothardus (10 Sept.), Wolfgangus (31 Oct.), Adelheidis (16 Dec.).

2. Notes on the verso pages: (1) f. 1v: Nota bene quod kalende dicebantur et adhuc dicuntur primi dies mensium seu solempnitates que in principio mensium consueverant fieri ... (2) f. 2v: Anno 1499° circa Carnisbrevium [5 March], quando tempus Quadragesimale inceptit, tunc gravia bella fuerunt in Germania inter Schwitenses ex una parte et pro alia parte illi qui fuerunt de domo Austriace ... (3) f. 6v: Item nota anno Domini M° CC° LXXXVIII° inundacio in Suckental facta per grandinem; peregerunt [this word deleted] perierunt CL homines, qui inventi fuerunt et sepulti sunt in Bucholtz et alias in confinio ...

Paper, ff. 12, 280 x 200 mm. Folio folding? Early foliation “2”-“13”.

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All recto pages have full ruling in pink ink, providing five narrow columns at left of the central column, and normally one narrow column at right. The number of horizontal lines varies. The verso pages have frame ruling for one column of text and are mostly blank; in the top left corner of the ruling a quadrangular frame has been traced, the use of which is unclear.

Copied by a single hand in Gothica Semihybrida Libraria/Currens.

Red rubrics; red versals; red *KL*-monograms.

The cover is a parchment bifolium from another manuscript (Southern Germany, s. XV) containing a Latin calendar in black and red; the visible pages contain the months December (front cover) and September (rear cover). The computistical data are: the length of solar and lunar month, the Day-Letters and the Roman Calendar (the latter in red). Remarkable feasts (all in black): Mansuetus, Remaclus and Antonius (3 Sept.), Magnus (6 Sept.), Regina (7 Sept.), Kunegundis (9 Sept.), Rupertus (24 Sept.), Wenceslaus (28 Sept.), Otilia (13 Dec.). Copied by one hand in Southern Gothica Textualis Formata. Red stroking of majuscules; alternately red and blue versals; alternately red and blue *KL*-monograms. On the spine is written in ink in a s. XVII (?) hand: “Calendarium antiquum”.

The calendar as well as the annotations point to the area of Freiburg-im-Breisgau (Baden-Württemberg) as the origin of this manuscript. On the front flyleaf in pencil: “Sir William Beltram, Ulster, 1499 [?], \*\*\* from Emma and Mary Anne O’Brien 1893”. Sotheby (?) sale, London, 22 June 2004, lot 58. Purchased on the Edwin J. Beinecke Fund.