

Beginning Church Latin, Lesson 3

<u>Vocabulary</u>		<u>Introducing the Genitive Case</u>	
Nouns (First Declension)		(1st Declension)	
Ecclesia, -ae f. Church	Adjectives (With First Declension endings)	Sing.	Pl.
Eva, -ae f. Eve	mala, -ae bad	Nominative	-a -ae
ira, -ae f. anger, wrath		Genitive Case →	-ae -ārum
justitia, -ae f. justice	Useful Little Words	Accusative	-ae -īs
misericordia, -ae f. mercy	quia because		-am -ās
porta, -ae f. gate	sed but		-ā -īs
regina, -ae f. queen	quoque also		
Scriptura, -ae f. Scripture	ubi where?		
stella, -ae f. star			
Verbs			
amamus we love			
amant they love			
habent they have			

The Genitive Case is used to show ownership or possession. The one who owns or possesses something is put into the genitive case. Thus, the phrases “the mercy of the queen,” “the rose of Eve,” and “the life of souls” are “*misericordia reginae*,” “*rosa Evae*,” and “*vita animarum*” in Latin.

There are two ways to translate the genitive into English, and the translator should choose whichever sounds best for his work: either “the rose of Eve” or “Eve’s rose,” for example.

Practice

Short Grammar Exercises

1. Tuba filiae; tuba filiarum, tubae filiae; tubae filiarum.
2. Rosa Mariae; Rosae Mariae.
3. Ira reginae; ira reginarum.

English Translation

1. Maria magnam sapientiam habet: sapientia Mariae magna est.
2. Culpa Evae magna est. Sancta Maria culpas non habet.
3. Scripturam amamus.
4. Sapientiam et gloriam amant.
5. Magnae tubae filiarum tuarum bonae sunt, et non malae.
6. Sancta Maria Mater (mother) Misericordiae est.
7. Patria mea bona est, sed non amo patriam meam.
8. Filiae Evae culpas habent.
9. Ubi est tuba? Ubi sunt tubae? Cur non habent tubas?
10. Filiae meae stellas amant, sed stellas non habent.

11. Ira filiae tuae magna est quia rosas non habet.
12. Porta magna non bona sed mala est.
13. Justitiam semper amamus, sed misericordia quoque bona est.
14. Maria regina Ecclesiae est.
15. Rosae Evae pulchrae sunt, sed rosae filiarum mearum pulchrae non sunt.

Latin Composition

1. Mary loves the Church.
2. The anger of the queen is great.
3. Where is Eve’s rose?
4. They have a gate. They have gates.
5. My daughter loves Mary’s roses.
6. The roses do not have water.
7. Your daughter has a holy life.
8. Your daughter’s life is holy.
9. Your daughters’ lives are holy.
10. Why do they not love the Church?