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**DAILY HIGHLIGHTS, MASS READING, DAILY SAINTS, PRAYERS...**

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**Monday of the Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Latin Rite**

1st Reading  
2nd Reading

**Syro-Malabar Rite**

1st Reading

**Syro-Malankara Rite**

1st Reading

**Today's Bible Readings**

RV 14:1-3, 4B-5

Responsorial Psalm 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6

Gospel LK 21:1-4

Gospel MT 6:19-21

Gospel LK 4:31-37

**"She put in all that she had"**

**Prayer for All Souls**

Prayer of St. Gertrude the great dictated by Our Lady to release 1,000 Souls from Purgatory each time it is said. The prayer was extend to include living sinners which would alleviate the indebtedness accrued to them during their lives.

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

St. Gertrude the Great was born in Germany in 1263. She was a Benedictine Nun, and meditated on the Passion of Christ, which many times brought floods of tears to her eyes. She did many penances, and Our Lady appeared to her many times. Her holy Soul passed away in 1334. November 16 is her Feast Day.

**Meditation:**

Do you know the joy of selfless giving and generous love for others? True love doesn't calculate - it spends lavishly! Jesus drove this point home to his disciples while sitting in the temple and observing people offering their tithes. Jesus praised a poor widow who gave the smallest of coins in contrast with the rich who gave greater sums. How can someone in poverty give more than someone who has ample means? Jesus' answer is very simple - love is more precious than gold or wealth!

**Love grows with gratitude and generous giving**

Jesus taught that real giving must come from the heart. A gift that is given with a grudge or for display loses its value. But a gift given out of love, with a spirit of generosity and sacrifice, is precious. The amount or size of the gift doesn't matter as much as the cost to the giver. The poor widow could have kept one of her coins, but instead she recklessly gave away all she had! Jesus praised someone who gave barely a penny - how insignificant a sum - because it was everything she had, her whole living.

**Nothing given in love is worthless**

What we have to offer may look very small and not worth much, but if we put all we have at the Lord's disposal, no matter how insignificant it may seem, then God can do with it and with us what is beyond our reckoning. Do you give out of love and gratitude for what God has already given to you?

"Lord Jesus, your love knows no bounds and you give without measure. All that I have comes from you. May I give freely and generously in gratitude for all that you have given to me. Take my life and all that I possess - my gifts, talents, time and resources - and use them as you see fit for your glory."

**Reading 1** RV 14:1-3, 4B-5

I, John, looked and there was the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

I heard a sound from heaven like the sound of rushing water or a loud peal of thunder.

The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps.

They were singing what seemed to be a new hymn before the throne, before the four living creatures and the elders.

No one could learn this hymn except the hundred and forty-four thousand who had been ransomed from the earth.

These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

They have been ransomed as the first fruits of the human race for God and the Lamb.

On their lips no deceit has been found; they are unblemished.

**Responsorial Psalm** 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6

R. (see 6) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? or who may stand in his holy place? He whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior. Such is the race that seeks for him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Alleluia MT 24:42A, 44

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Stay awake!  
For you do not know when the Son of Man will come.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel** LK 21:1-4

When Jesus looked up he saw some wealthy people putting their offerings into the treasury and he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins.

He said, "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood."

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**Today's**

**St. Leonard of Port Maurice**

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Son of Domenico Casanova, a sea captain, and Anna Maria Benza. Placed at age thirteen with his uncle Agostino to study for a career as a physician, but the youth decided against medicine, and his uncle disowned him. Studied at the Jesuit College in Rome, Italy. Joined the Riformella, a branch of the Franciscans of the Strict Observance on 2 October 1697, taking the name Brother Leonard. Ordained in Rome in 1703. Taught for a while, and expected to become a missionary to China, but a bleeding ulcer kept him in his native lands for the several years it took to recover and regain his strength.

Sent to Florence, Italy in 1709 where he became a noted preacher in the city and nearby region. He was often invited to other areas, and worked for devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception, and the Stations of the Cross. Established the Way of the Cross in over 500 places, including the Colosseum in Rome. Sent as a missionary by Pope Benedict XIV to the island of Corsica in 1744. There he restored discipline to the holy orders there, but local politics greatly limited his success in preaching. He returned exhausted to Rome where he spent the rest of his days.

Born :20 December 1676 at Porto Maurizio, Italy on the Riviera di Ponente as Paul Jerome Casanova

Died : 11:00pm 26 November 1751 at the monastery of Saint Bonaventura, Rome, Italy

Canonized : 29 June 1867 by Pope Pius XI

Patronage : • Imperia, Italy• parish missions

**St. Sylvester Gozzolini**

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Born to the Italian nobility. Began the study of civil law in Bologna and Padua in Italy in 1197. Renouncing civil law, he studied theology and was ordained in 1217 in the diocese of Osimo, Italy; his father was so upset with the change that he refused to speak to his son for ten years. Canon in Osimo, Italy; his ministry was so successful that his local bishop became jealous. Hermit at age 50, living on herbs and water, sleeping on the ground, and spending his time in study and prayer; his reputation for learning and holiness attracted many students. He received a vision of Saint Benedict of Nursia in 1231 and understood that he should form his spiritual students into a formal community. Founded a Benedictine community at Monte Fano, Fabriano, Italy, a house devoted to strict adherence to the Benedictine Rule, and built on the site of an old pagan temple that Sylvester destroyed. The Order, known as the Sylvestrines or Blue Benedictines, was approved by Pope Innocent IV in 1247, Sylvester led them until his death decades later, Sylvester founded eleven houses of them in his time, and they continue their work today.

Born : 1177 in Osimo, Marche, Italy

Died : • 26 November 1267 at Monte Fano, Fabriano, Italy• re-interred in a shrine in the monastery church of Monte Fano c.1280

Canonized : • 1598 by Pope Clement VIII (added to the Martyrology)• 1890 by Pope Leo XIII (office and Mass added to the General Roman Calendar)

**Bl. Gaetana Sterni**

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Daughter of Giovanni Battista Sterni and Giovanna Chiuppani; one of six children. Her father was an administrator for the country property of the Mora, who were members of the Venetian nobility. The family lived relatively comfortably until Gaetana was about 15 years old when, in short order, her elder sister Margherita died, her father died, and her brother Francesco left home to become an actor, leaving the rest of the family in sad shape financially. Gaetana, a pious girl, did what she could to help her mother, but soon attracted the attention and a marriage offer from Liberale Conte, a widower with three children.

Gaetana accepted, and was soon very happily married and pregnant. However, during prayer one day she received a prophecy of her husband's early death; it proved true, and she widowed before their child was born. The baby died a few days after birth, and her late husband's family demanded that her three step-children be returned to them. At age 19 Gaetana found herself a widow, alone, broke, alienated from her in-laws, and having buried a child; she returned to her mother's house.

She spent much of her time there in prayer, looking for a direction for her future, and finally came to understand that she had a call to the religious life. Joined the Canosian convent at Bassano, Italy for five months, but received another prophetic message in prayer that foretold her mother's death. Her mother died a few days later, and Gaetana left the convent to care for her younger siblings. She was head of the household for the next six years.

Free at last at age 26, she began to fulfill another message she had received in prayer while with the Canosians. There she had been told "to employ there all of herself in the service of the poor and thus fulfill His will." A Jesuit priest confirmed this message for her, and in 1853, she began work at the hospice for beggars in Bassano. She would remain there for her remaining 36 years, tending to the aged, the sick, the dying. In 1860, at age 33 she made a private vow of total devotion to God.

In 1865 Gaetana and two like-minded friends formed what would become the Daughters of the Divine Will, a name chosen to indicate that the members would surrender themselves completely to God's plans. They dedicated themselves to service to the sick and poor, and worked especially with those who were sick, but still able to live in their own homes. The bishop of Vicenza, Italy approved the congregation in 1875, and today the Daughters are working across Europe, America, and Africa.

Born : 26 June 1827 at Cassola, Vicenza, Italy

Died: • 26 November 1889 of natural causes• buried at the Daughters mother house at Bassano del Grapo, Vicenza, Italy

Beatified : 4 November 2001 by Pope John Paul II