



We dedicate this website to the Generous Heart of Mother Mary

Today's Bible Readings			
Latin Rite	1st Reading 2nd Reading	GN 1:20—2:4A	Responsorial Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Gospel MK 7:1-13
Syro-Malabar Rite	1st Reading	ROM 12:1-8	Gospel LK 18:9-14
Syro-Malankara Rite	1st Reading	ROM 12:9-15	Gospel MT 24:36-44

"Rejecting the commandments of God"

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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.



Human rights are not only violated by terrorism, repression or assassination, but also by unfair economic structures that creates huge inequalities. Pope Francis

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Meditation:

What makes a person unclean or unfit to offer God acceptable worship? The Jews went to great pains to ensure that their worship would conform to the instructions which God gave to Moses on Mount Sinai. God's call to his people was a call to holiness: "be holy, for I am holy" (Leviticus 11:44; 19:2). In their zeal for holiness many elders developed elaborate traditions which became a burden for the people to carry out in their everyday lives. The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. They sent a delegation all the way from Jerusalem to Galilee to bring their accusation in a face-to-face confrontation with Jesus.

God's law teaches us how to love God and neighbor in holiness and truth

Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter - by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments. Jesus gave an example of how their use of ritual tradition excused them from fulfilling the commandment to honor one's father and mother. If someone wanted to avoid the duty of financially providing for their parents in old age or sickness they could say that their money or goods were an offering "given over to God" and thus exempt from any claim of charity or duty to help others. They broke God's law to fulfill a law of their own making. Jesus explained that they void God's command because they allowed their hearts and minds to be clouded by their own notions of religion.

Allow God's word to purify your thoughts, intentions, and actions

Jesus accused them specifically of two things. First of hypocrisy. Like actors, who put on a show, they appear to obey God's word in their external practices while they inwardly harbor evil desires and intentions. Secondly, he accused them of abandoning God's word by substituting their own arguments and ingenious interpretations for what God requires. They listened to clever arguments rather than to God's word. Jesus refers them to the prophecy of Isaiah (29:31) where the prophet accuses the people of his day for honoring God with their lips while their hearts went astray because of their disobedience to God's laws.

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Reading 1 GN 1:20—2:4A

God said, "Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures, and on the earth let birds fly beneath the dome of the sky..." "Let the earth bring forth all kinds of living creatures: cattle, creeping things, and wild animals of all kinds..." "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground..." "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on the earth..." "God also said: "See, I give you every seed-bearing plant all over the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the animals of the land, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the ground, I give all the green plants for food." And so it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed. Since on the seventh day God was finished with the work he had been doing, he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work he had done in creation. Such is the story of the heavens and the earth at their creation.

Responsorial Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (2ab) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place— What is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him? R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of your hands, putting all things under his feet. R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fishes of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas. R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! Alleluia PS 119:36, 29B R. Alleluia, alleluia. Incline my heart, O God, to your decrees: And favor me with your law. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MK 7:1-13

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. (For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds.) So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He went on to say, "How well you have set aside the commandment of God in order to uphold your tradition! For Moses said, Honor your father and your mother, and Whoever curses father or mother shall die. Yet you say, 'If someone says to father or mother, 'Any support you might have had from me is qorban' (meaning, dedicated to God), you allow him to do nothing more for his father or mother. You nullify the word of God in favor of your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many such things."

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The Bible in one year: FEBRUARY

- 01 Gen 50, Isa 33, Matt 21:1-16, Ps 18:26-32
- 02 Exod 1-3, Isa 34, Matt 21:17-46, Ps 18:33-39
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- 04 Exod 6, Isa 36, Matt 22:14-35, Ps 18:47-50
- 05 Exod 7-8, Isa 37:1-27, Matt 22:36-23:11, Ps 19:1-9
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- 07 Exod 11:1-12:25, Isa 38-39, Matt 24:1-15, Ps 20
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- 10 Exod 16, Isa 41, Matt 25:1-30, Ps 22:1-5
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- 12 Exod 19-20, Isa 43:1-15, Matt 26:1-27, Ps 22:14-20
- 13 Exod 21:1-22:1, Exod 22:4, Exod 22:2-31, Isa 43:16-28, Matt 26:28-49, Ps 22:21-27
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- 17 Exod 27-28, Isa 47, Matt 27:41-66, Ps 25:1-5
- 18 Exod 29, Isa 48, Matt 28, Ps 25:6-12
- 19 Exod 30, Isa 49, Mark 1:1-19, Ps 25:13-22
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- 25 Exod 39, Isa 57, Mark 4:21-41, Ps 28:4-9
- 26 Exod 40, Isa 58, Mark 5:1-23, Ps 29:1-7
- 27 Lev 1-3, Isa 59, Mark 5:24-43, Ps 29:8-11
- 28 Lev 4-5, Isa 60, Mark 6:1-23, Ps 30



Today's

St. Saturninus & Companions



St. Saturninus was, says Tillemont, one of the most illustrious martyrs France has given to the Church. We possess only his Acts, which are very old, since they were utilized by St. Gregory of Tours. He was the first bishop of Toulouse, whither he went during the consulate of Decius and Gratus (250). Whether there were already Christians in the town or his preaching made numerous conversions, he soon had a little church. To reach it he had to pass before the capitol where there was a temple, and according to the Acts, the pagan priests ascribed to his frequent passages the silence of their oracles. One day they seized him and on his unshakable refusal to sacrifice to the idols they condemned him to be tied by the feet to a bull which dragged him about the town until the rope broke.

Two Christian women piously gathered up the remains and buried them in a deep ditch, that they might not be profaned by the pagans. His successors, Sts. Hilary and Exuperius, gave him more honourable burial. A church was erected where the bull stopped. It still exists, and is called the church of the <Taur> (the bull). The body of the saint was transferred at an early date and is still preserved in the Church of St. Sernin (or Saturninus), one of the most ancient and beautiful of Southern France. His feast was entered on the Hieronymian Martyrology for 29 November; his cult spread abroad.

The account of his Acts was embellished with several details, and legends linked his name with the beginning of the churches of Eauze, Auch, Pamplona, and Amiens, but these are without historic foundations.

Feast Day: February 12

St. Julian the Hospitaller



Noble layman; friend and counselor to the king, he was married to a wealthy widow. A stag he was hunting predicted he would kill his own parents. Julian moved far away to avoid his parents, but they found him, and came to make a surprise visit. His wife gave them her and Julian's bed; Julian killed them, thinking they were his wife and another man.

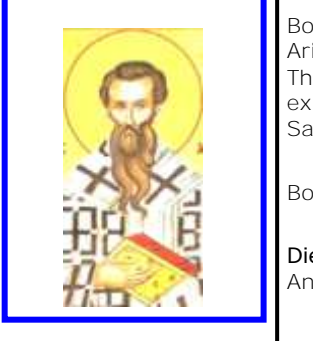
As penance, he and his wife travelled to Rome, Italy as pilgrims seeking absolution. On his way home, to continue his penance, Julian built a hospice beside a river, cared for the poor and sick, and rowed travellers across the river for free.

Once, after having helped many, many travellers, Julian gave his own bed to a pilgrim leper who had nearly frozen to death. When they had him safely settled, the man suddenly revealed himself to be an angel. The visitor announced that Christ had accepted Julian's penance; the angel then disappeared.

Immensely popular in times past; scholars today think the story is likely to be pious fiction, mistaken for history.

Patronage : • boatmen • carnival workers • childless people • circus workers • clowns • ferrymen • fiddlers • fiddle players • hospitality • hotel-keepers, innkeepers • jugglers • knights • Macerata, Italy • penitent murderers • pilgrims • San Giljan, Malta • shepherds • to obtain lodging while travelling • travellers • wandering musicians

St. Meletius of Antioch

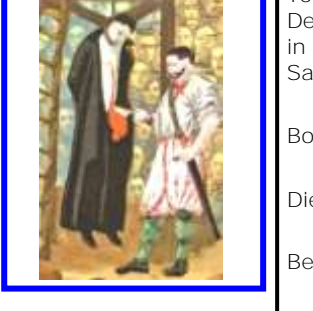


Born to a wealthy and prominent family. Bishop of Sebaste, Armenia (modern Sivas, Turkey) in 358 following the deposing of an Arian bishop. The Arian priests revolted, and forced Meletius into exile. Chosen bishop of Antioch, Syria after that city's Arian bishop had re-located to Constantinople. The Arians in the diocese revolted, and Meletius was exiled three times, returning in 362, 367 and 378. Supported by Saint Basil of Caesarea while in exile. In 379 he called a council at Antioch to formally install orthodox Nicene Christianity as the proper profession of the faith. Baptized and ordained Saint John Chrysostom; consecrated Saint Gregory of Nazianus as bishop of Constantinople in 381.

Born : early 4th century Melitene, Lower Armenia (modern Malatya, Turkey)

Died : • 381 at Constantinople (modern Istanbul, Turkey) of natural causes • the funeral oration was delivered by Saint Gregory of Nyssa • buried in Antioch beside Saint Babylas

Bl. George Haydock



Youngest son of Evan and Helen Haydock. Educated at the English College in Douai, France, and the English College in Rome, Italy. Ordained on 21 December 1581 at Rheims, France. He then returned to England to minister to covert Catholics during the persecutions of Queen Elizabeth I. Arrested in London, England, he served 15 months in the Tower of London for the crime of being a priest; at one point he was finally allowed to administer the Sacraments to fellow prisoners. Zealous supporter of the pope, and not secular authorities, as ruler of the Church. Martyr.

Born: c.1557 in Cottam Hall, Lancashire, England

Died: hanged, drawn and quartered on 12 February 1584 in Tyburn, London, England

Beatified : 22 November 1987 by Pope John Paul II