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

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Saturday of the Second Week of Lent

Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite	1st Reading	MI 7:14-15, 18-20	Responsorial Psalm	103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
	2nd Reading		Gospel	LK 15:1-3, 11-32
Syro-Malabar Rite	1st Reading	EPH 4:25-32	Gospel	MT 21:28-32
Syro-Malankara Rite	1st Reading	PHIL 2:12-18	Gospel	MK 8:1-10

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and you"

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.



Abortion isn't a lesser evil, it's a crime. Taking one life to save another, that's what the Mafia does. It's a crime. It's an absolute evil.

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Meditation:

How can you love someone who turns their back on you and still forgive them from the heart? The prophets remind us that God does not abandon us, even if we turn our backs on him (Micah 7:18). He calls us back to himself - over and over and over again. Jesus' story of the father and his two sons (sometimes called the parable of the prodigal son) is the longest parable in the Gospels.

Unbroken love, mercy, and timely repentance

What is the main point or focus of the story? Is it the contrast between an obedient and a disobedient son or is it between the warm reception given to a spendthrift son by his father and the cold reception given by the eldest son? Jesus contrasts the father's merciful love with the eldest son's somewhat harsh reaction to his errant brother and to the lavish party his joyful father throws for his repentant son. While the errant son had wasted his father's money, his father, nonetheless, maintained love for his son.

repentance and forgiveness leads to restoration

The son, while he was away, learned a lot about himself. And he realized that his father had given him love which he had not returned. He had yet to learn about the depth of his father's love for him. His deep humiliation at finding himself obliged to feed on the husks of pigs and his reflection on all he had lost, led to his repentance and decision to declare himself guilty before his father. While he hoped for reconciliation with his father, he could not have imagined a full restoration of relationship. The father did not need to speak words of forgiveness to his son; his actions spoke more loudly and clearly! The beautiful robe, the ring, and the festive banquet symbolize the new life - pure, worthy, and joyful - of anyone who returns to God.

Lack of forgiveness and contempt bring isolation and division

The prodigal could not return to the garden of innocence, but he was welcomed and reinstated as a son. The errant son's dramatic change from grief and guilt to forgiveness and restoration express in picture-language the resurrection from the dead, a rebirth to new life from spiritual death. The parable also contrasts mercy and its opposite - unforgiveness. The father who had been wronged, was forgiving. But the eldest son, who had not been wronged, was unforgiving. His unforgiveness turns into contempt and pride. And his resentment leads to his isolation, division, and estrangement from the community of forgiven sinners.

In this parable Jesus gives a vivid picture of God and what God is like. God is truly kinder than us. He does not lose hope or give up when we stray. He rejoices in finding the lost and in welcoming them home. Do you know the joy of repentance and the restoration of relationship as a son or daughter of your heavenly Father?

"Lord Jesus, may I never doubt your love nor take for granted the mercy you have shown to me. Fill me with your transforming love that I may be merciful as you are merciful."

Reading 1

MI 7:14-15, 18-20

Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock of your inheritance, That dwells apart in a woodland, in the midst of Carmel. Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old: As in the days when you came from the land of Egypt, show us wonderful signs. Who is there like you, the God who removes guilt and pardons sin for the remnant of his inheritance: Who does not persist in anger forever, but delights rather in clemency, And will again have compassion on us, treading underfoot our guilt?

You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins; You will show faithfulness to Jacob, and grace to Abraham, As you have sworn to our fathers from days of old.

Responsorial Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

R. (8a) The Lord is kind and merciful. Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful. He pardons all your iniquities, he heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, he crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful. He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful. Verse Before The Gospel LK 15:18 I will get up and go to my father and shall say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Gospel

LK 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So to them Jesus addressed this parable. "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.'

So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need.

So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any.

Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him,

'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'" So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off,

his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you: I no longer deserve to be called your son.'

But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly, bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it! Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him,

'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him.

He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.'

He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'

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The Bible in one year: MARCH

- 01 Lev 6-7, Isa 61-62, Mark 6:24-45, Ps 31:1-4
- 02 Lev 8, Isa 63, Mark 6:46-7:11, Ps 31:5-11
- 03 Lev 9-10, Isa 64, Mark 7:12-37, Ps 31:12-18
- 04 Lev 11-12, Isa 65, Mark 8:1-17, Ps 31:19-24
- 05 Lev 13, Isa 66, Mark 8:18-38, Ps 32:1-7
- 06 Lev 14, Jer 1, Mark 9:1-23, Ps 32:8-11
- 07 Lev 15, Jer 2:1-19, Mark 9:24-50, Ps 33:1-10
- 08 Lev 16-17, Jer 2:20-37, Mark 10:1-17, Ps 33:11-17
- 09 Lev 18, Jer 3, Mark 10:18-38, Ps 33:18-22
- 10 Lev 19-20, Jer 4:1-17, Mark 10:39-52, Ps 34:1-8
- 11 Lev 21-22, Jer 4:18-31, Mark 11, Ps 34:9-15
- 12 Lev 23, Jer 5, Mark 12:1-19, Ps 34:16-22
- 13 Lev 24, Jer 6:1-16, Mark 12:20-44, Ps 35:1-6
- 14 Lev 25, Jer 6:17-30, Mark 13:1-18, Ps 35:7-13
- 15 Lev 26-27, Jer 7, Mark 13:19-37, Ps 35:14-20
- 16 Num 1, Jer 8, Mark 14:1-25, Ps 35:21-28
- 17 Num 2, Jer 9:1-10, Mark 14:26-47, Ps 36:1-6
- 18 Num 3, Jer 9:11-26, Mark 14:48-72, Ps 36:7-12
- 19 Num 4, Jer 10, Mark 15:1-18, Ps 37:1-7
- 20 Num 5, Jer 11, Mark 15:19-47, Ps 37:8-14
- 21 Num 6:1-7:26, Jer 12, Mark 16, Ps 37:15-21
- 22 Num 7:27-89, Jer 13, Luke 1:1-17, Ps 37:22-28
- 23 Num 8, Jer 14, Luke 1:18-39, Ps 37:29-35
- 24 Num 9-10, Jer 15, Luke 1:40-60, Ps 37:36-40
- 25 Num 11-12, Jer 16, Luke 1:61-80, Ps 38:1-8
- 26 Num 13, Jer 17:1-10, Luke 2:1-24, Ps 38:9-15
- 27 Num 14, Jer 17:11-27, Luke 2:25-52, Ps 38:16-22
- 28 Num 15, Jer 18, Luke 3:1-16, Ps 39:1-6
- 29 Num 16-17, Jer 19, Luke 3:17-38, Ps 39:7-13
- 30 Num 18-19, Jer 20, Luke 4:1-21, Ps 40:1-6
- 31 Num 20-21, Jer 21:1-22:14, Luke 4:22-44, Ps 40:7-13



Today's

St. Toribio Alfonso de Mogrovejo



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Bishop and defender of the rights of the native Indians in Peru. Born in Mayorga, Spain, he studied law and became a lawyer and then professor at Salamanca, receiving appointment-despite being a layman-as chief judge of the court of Inquisition at Granada under King Philip II of Spain.

The king subsequently appointed him in 1580 to the post of archbishop of Lima, Peru. After receiving ordination and then consecration, he arrived in Peru in 1581 and soon demonstrated a deep zeal to reform the archdiocese and a determination to do all in his power to aid the poor and defend the rights of the Indians who were then suffering severely under Spanish occupation. He founded schools, churches, hospitals, and the first seminary in the New World. To assist his pastoral work among the Indians, he also mastered several Indian dialects. He was canonized in 1726.

Feast day: March 23

Patron of Native rights; Latin American bishops; Peru

Birth: 1538 Death: 1606

St. Rafqa



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Daughter and only child of Mourad Saber Shabaq al-Rayes and Rafqa Gemayel. Her mother died when Rafqa was six. She and her step-mother never got along. The girl worked as a maid from age 11 to 15, announcing at age 14 that she felt a call to religious life. Her father objected, but at 21 she became a nun in the Marian Order of the Immaculate Conception at Bikfaya, taking the religious name Anissa (= Agnes), and making her final vows in 1856.

In 1871, her Order merged with the order of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The sisters were given the choice of joining the new combined order, joining other orders, or being released from their vows. Following dreams in which Saint Anthony the Great appeared to her, she joined the Lebanese Order of Saint Anthony of the Maronites (Baladiya Order) on 12 July 1871, a novice at age 39, taking the new religious name of Rafqa (= Rebecca).

On the feast of the Holy Rosary in 1885, Rafqa prayed that she might share Christ's sufferings. Her health began to deteriorate, and she was soon blind and crippled. She spent as much of her remaining 30 years in prayer as she could, but always insisted on working in the convent as well as she could with her disabilities, usually spinning wool and knitting. By 1907 she was completely blind and paralyzed. In a 1981 medical report based upon the evidence presented in the Canonization process, specialists in ophthalmology, neurology and orthopedics diagnosed the most likely cause as tuberculosis with ocular localization and multiple bony excrescences. This causes unbearable pain, but Rafqa was thankful for her special form of communion.

Late in life her close friend and supporter, Mother Superior Ursula Doumit, ordered her to dictate her autobiography, and Rafqa complied. Near the time of her death, Rafqa asked that her sight be restored for a single hour so she could again see the face of Mother Ursula: the hour of sight was granted.

Beginning four days after her death, miraculous cures were recorded at Rafqa's grave, the first being Mother Doumit whose throat was slowly closing so there was fear she would starve to death. Elizabeth En-Nakhel from Tourza, northern Lebanon, was cured from uterine cancer, through Rafqa, in 1938, the miracle which permitted her beatification.

Born: 29 June 1832 at Himlaya, Lebanon as Boutrossieh Ar-Rayes

Died: 23 March 1914 at the Convent of Saint Joseph, Grabta, Lebanon of natural causes

Canonized : 10 June 2001 by Pope John Paul II

Patronage : • against bodily ills or sickness• against loss of parents• sick people

St. Ottone Frangipane



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Born to the Italian nobility, he became a knight and fought in defense of the pope in the area of Frascati, Italy. Captured on the field, he was imprisoned in a tower until he prayed for the intercession Saint Leonard of Noblac and received miraculous assistance in escape. Pilgrim to the Benedictine abbey to Saints Trinity of Cava dei Tirreni; he did not become a monk, but lived there, spending his days in prayer and work. From there he moved to the monastery of Montevergine and became a spiritual student of Saint William of Vercelli. Moved to Ariano Irpino, Italy in 1117, and devoted himself to care for the pilgrims that came through the city en route to the Holy Lands. He began living nearby as a hermit in 1120: Ottone even dug a grave next to his cell as a reminder that death was always near. His reputation for holiness, wisdom and miracles soon spread and drew many would-be students.

Born: 1040 in Rome, Italy

Died:• 23 March 1127 in Ariano Irpino, Italy of natural causes• buried in the cathedral of Ariano Irpino• during a siege of Ariano Irpino by Saracens, the locals prayed for Ottone's intercession; a shower of stones from the clouds chased off the besiegers• relics transferred to Benevento, Italy in 1220 ahead of Saracen invasion• some relics at the church of Saint Peter in Montemiletto, Italy

Patronage : • Ariano Irpino, Italy, city of• Ariano Irpino-Lacedonia, Italy, diocese of• Castelbottaccio, Italy

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