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

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Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite	1st Reading	DT 30:15-20	Responsorial Psalm	1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
	2nd Reading		Gospel	LK 9:22-25
Syro-Malabar Rite	1st Reading	ROM 3:9-20	Gospel	MT 6:25-34
Syro-Malankara Rite	1st Reading	JOB 8:1-22	Gospel	JN 14:1-6

Take up your cross daily and follow Christ

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:

Do you know the healing, transforming power of the cross? When Jesus predicted his passion his disciples were dismayed. Rejection and crucifixion meant defeat and condemnation, not victory and freedom. How could Jesus' self-denial, suffering and death lead to victory and life? Through his obedience to his Father's will, Jesus reversed the curse of Adam's disobedience. His death on the cross won pardon for the guilty, freedom for the oppressed, healing for the afflicted, and new life for those condemned to death. His death makes possible our freedom to live as sons and daughters of God.

Surrender to God and he will fill you with his Spirit

There's a certain paradox in God's economy. We lose what we gain, and we gain what we lose. When we try to run our life our own way, we end up losing it to futility. Only God can free us from our ignorance and sinful ways. When we surrender our lives to God, he gives us new life in his Spirit and the pledge of everlasting life with God. God wants us to be spiritually fit to love and serve him at all times and seasons. When the body is very weak or ill, we make every effort to nurse it back to health. How much more effort and attention should we give to the spiritual health of our mind, heart, and will!

The great exchange - my life for His victorious life

What will you give to God in exchange for freedom and eternal life? Are you ready to part with anything that might keep you from following him and his perfect plan for your life? Jesus poses these questions to challenge our assumptions about what is most profitable and worthwhile in life. In every decision of life we are making ourselves a certain kind of person. It is possible that some can gain all the things they set their heart on, only to wake up suddenly and discover that they missed the most important thing of all. A true disciple is ready to give up all that he or she has in exchange for true happiness, life, and peace with God. The life which God offers us is abundant, everlasting life. And the joy which God places in our hearts no sadness or loss can diminish.

The cross of Christ brings freedom and victory over sin

The cross of Jesus Christ leads to freedom and victory over sin and death. What is the cross which Christ commands me to take up each day as his disciple? When my will crosses with his will, then his will must be done. The way of the cross involves sacrifice, the sacrifice of laying down my life each and every day for Jesus' sake. What makes such sacrifice possible and "sweet" is the love of God poured out for us in the blood of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle reminds us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5). We can never outmatch God. He always gives us more than we can expect or imagine. Are you ready to lose all for Christ in order to gain all with Christ?

"Lord Jesus, I give you my hands to do your work. I give you my feet to go your way. I give you my eyes to see as you do. I give you my tongue to speak your words. I give you my mind that you may think in me. I give you my spirit that you may pray in me. Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me, your Father, and all mankind. I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me." (Prayer from The Grail)

Reading 1

DT 30:15-20

Moses said to the people: "Today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and doom. If you obey the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin on you today, loving him, and walking in his ways, and keeping his commandments, statutes and decrees, you will live and grow numerous, and the LORD, your God, will bless you in the land you are entering to occupy.

If, however, you turn away your hearts and will not listen, but are led astray and adore and serve other gods, I tell you now that you will certainly perish: you will not have a long life on the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and occupy.

I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse.

Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him.

For that will mean life for you, a long life for you to live on the land that the LORD swore he would give to your fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

Responsorial Psalm

1:1-2, 3, 4, 6

R. (40:5a) Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked Nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, But delights in the law of the LORD and meditates on his law day and night.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree planted near running water, That yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade. Whatever he does, prospers.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so the wicked, not so: they are like chaff which the wind drives away. For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes.

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Verse Before The Gospel MT 4: 17 Repent, says the Lord: the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Gospel

LK 9:22-25

Jesus said to his disciples: "The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised."

Then he said to all, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?"

Resources

- ◆ Importance of the Mass
- ◆ Mystical Stigmata
- ◆ What is Charismatic Renewal
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- ◆ Why should I Confess?
- ◆ History & Devotion-Sacred Heart

Prayers ◆ Prayer

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Downloads

- ◆ Divine Songs - Malayalam
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- ◆ Divine Songs - Tamil
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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

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity



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Felicitas and Perpetua are two of the saints commemorated in the Canon of the Mass. Their feast, which actually falls on the seventh of March, is often celebrated on the sixth to avoid conflict with the feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas. The story of these martyrs and their companions is found in a kind of diary kept by Perpetua while she was in prison awaiting execution, and this was later augmented by an unknown eye-witness to the martyrdom. The martyrs in this story lived in the North African city of Carthage, at a time when it was part of the Roman Empire; they had come under an edict issued by the emperor Severus in the year 202, declaring death to be the penalty for being a Christian. There were six of them: Perpetua, a young noblewoman recently married, with her baby boy; Felicitas, a slave girl expecting a child; and four men - Revocatus, a slave, and Secundulus, Saturninus and Saturus.

Perpetua begins her diary at the time when she had decided to be baptized and was forced to withstand the arguments of her father against this step. She endured his pleading as long as she could, and then spoke: Father, I said, Do you see this vessel lying here - waterpot or whatever it may be? I see it, he said. And I said to him, Can it be called by any other name that what it is? And he answered, No. So also I cannot call myself anything else than what I am, a Christian. Here, Perpetua's basic decision, the one that caused her martyrdom, had already been made: she had realized that to be a follower of Christ was more important to her than anything else, life included, and that she must be baptized regardless of the consequences. She was arrested with the others a few days after their baptism. In her diary she described her first day in prison: I was in great fear, because I had never known such darkness. What a day of horror! Terrible heat, thanks to the crowds! Rough handling by the soldiers! To crown all I was tormented there by anxiety for my baby. Her concern for her baby, whom she was still nursing, was her hardest trial, and when she finally obtained permission to keep him with her in prison she wrote: My prison suddenly became a palace to me, and I would rather have been there than anywhere else.

While awaiting trial with her companions, Perpetua experienced the first of several visions that continued throughout her imprisonment: she found herself ascending a brazen ladder, to the sides of which were fastened sharp instruments - daggers, swords, lances, hooks - that tear the flesh of the unwary. When she reached the top, she found herself in a vast expanse of garden where a tall man with white hair, in the dress of a shepherd, was milking sheep. He told her, You have well come, my child, and gave her some of the milk. Perpetua writes that by this dream she and her companions understood that we must suffer, and henceforward began to have no hope in this world. The next events in the diary are two examinations of the Christians by the Roman authorities: the second was the decisive one and took place in the market square, where a vast crowd gathered. This is Perpetua's description of it: We went up onto the platform. The others on being questioned confessed their faith. So it came to my turn. And there was my father, with my child, and he drew me down from the step beseeching me: Have pity on your baby. And the procurator Hilarion... said to me: Spare your father's white hairs: spare the tender years of your child. Offer a sacrifice for the safety of the emperors. And I answered: No. Are you a Christian? asked Hilarion. And I answered: I am... Then he passed sentence on all of us, and condemned us to the beasts: and in great joy we went down into the prison.

The martyrs were forced to wait now: they were being saved for the holiday that would be held on the birthday of the emperor's son when, in the amphitheater, the Christians were to be given to the wild animals. During this time, Perpetua experienced more visions, in the last of which she went to the amphitheater, was transformed into a man, and engaged in combat with an Egyptian, foul of look (the devil). She overcame the Egyptians and understood this to mean that she would undergo martyrdom successfully. Her account ends after the description of this vision with the words, Such were my doing up to the day before the games. Of what was done in the games themselves, let him write who will. The unknown contributor continued the story from here, first describing some other events of the last days in prison. He writes that Felicitas was in great sorrow for fear lest, because of her pregnancy, her martyrdom should be delayed, since it is against the law for women with child to be exposed for punishment. But the others prayed that her child might come, even though it was not yet due, and two days before the games Felicitas gave birth to a girl. She and the children were taken from their mothers as the final day, March 7, 203, arrived.

The day of the victory dawned, and they proceeded from their prison to the amphitheater, as if they were on their way to heaven, with gay and gracious looks: trembling, if at all, not with fear but joy. Perpetua followed with shining steps as the true spouse of Christ, as the darling of God, abashing with the bright spirit in her eyes the gaze of all. The officials tried to force the Christians to put on the costumes of pagan gods before entering the arena, as the custom was at such times, but Perpetua resisted steadfastly... For she said: Therefore we came to this issue of our own free will, that our liberty might not be violated; therefore we pledged our lives, that we might do no such thing: this was our pact with you. Injustice acknowledged justice: the commanding officer gave permission that they should enter the arena in their ordinary dress. They proceeded into the amphitheater, and the ordeal began. Saturninus was mauled to death by a leopard and a bear, and Saturus was killed by the leopard. The two women were exposed to a mad heifer: Perpetua was tossed first, and fell on her back. Sitting down she drew back her torn tunic from her side to cover her thighs, more mindful of her modesty than of her suffering... Then she rose, and seeing that Felicitas was bruised, approached, gave a hand to her, and lifted her up. And the two stood side by side, and the cruelty of the people being now appeased, they were recalled to the Gate of Life. This was an entrance to the arena where those who were victorious in combat were allowed to leave: the mob was fickle, however, as mobs always are, and it was soon shouting for blood again. When the martyrs heard this they rose unbidden and made their way whither the people willed, after first kissing one another... The rest, without a movement, in silence received the sword... Perpetua, however, that she might taste something of the pain, was struck (by mistake) on the side and cried out, and herself guided to her throat the wavering hand of the young, untried gladiator.

This is all that is written: yet, what more can be said? The story of courage and faith speaks for itself.

St. Teresa Margaret Redi

Born to the Tuscan nobility, the daughter of Count Ignatius Redi and Camilla Billeiti. Pious child who saw God in all things, and who was confused to learn that not everyone knew that God loved them. Educated at the Saint Apollonia convent at Florence, Italy from age nine. A gentle and mature child, she was often left in to watch over her peers. Noted for an intense desire for her First Communion, and for a devotion to Our Lady. Had an extensive correspondence with her father, discussing her spiritual life in great detail: she asked that he destroy each letter after reading it, and sadly, he did so.

In September 1763 she received a message from Saint Teresa of Jesus advising her to become a Carmelite. Anna went home to Arezzo, Italy at age 17, but returned to Florence almost immediately. Became a Discalced Carmelite, joining the convent of Saint Teresa on 1 September 1764, and taking the name Teresa Margaret of the Sacred Heart. She received the veil on 11 March 1765, and made her final vows on 12 March 1766. Sister Teresa worked in the convent's infirmary, and appeared to have a gift of healing. She predicted her own death less than five years after making her final vows. Her short life and vocation were spent in contemplative union with God as she ever meditated on her favourite phrase, "God is love."

Born : 15 July 1747 at Arezzo, Tuscany, Italy as Anna Maria Redi Died : • 7 March 1770 at Florence, Italy of a severe and painful abdominal disorder • post-mortem, all the swelling and discoloration in her body disappeared, her body was incorrupt several weeks later, had a healthy glow, and exuded an odor of perfume

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