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

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Today's Bible Readings

Table with 4 columns: Rite, Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Gospel. Rows include Latin Rite, Syro-Malabar Rite, and Syro-Malankara Rite.

"My peace I give to 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.

"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.



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.

Pope Francis

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Meditation:

Do you know the peace which surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7)? In his farewell discourse Jesus grants peace as his gift to his disciples. What kind of peace does he offer? The peace of Christ is more than the absence of trouble.

The true nature of peace

How can we attain the peace which the Lord Jesus offers his followers? Through the gift and work of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, the Lord Jesus shows us how to yield our passions of anger, fear, and pride to him so we can receive his gift of peace.

Caesarius of Arles (470-542 AD), an early church bishop in Gaul who was noted for his godly wisdom and preaching of Scripture, linked peace with the character of Christ and the Christlike virtues which help us to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

"Peace, indeed, is serenity of mind, tranquility of soul, simplicity of heart, the bond of love, the fellowship of charity. It removes hatred, settles wars, restrains wrath, tramples on pride, loves the humble, pacifies the discordant and makes enemies agree. For it is pleasing to everyone. It does not seek what belongs to another or consider anything as its own. It teaches people to love because it does not know how to get angry, or to extol itself or become inflated with pride. It is meek and humble to everyone, possessing rest and tranquility within itself. When the peace of Christ is exercised by a Christian, it is brought to perfection by Christ. If anyone loves it, he will be an heir of God, while anyone who despises it rebels against Christ."

"When our Lord Jesus Christ was returning to the Father, he left his peace to his followers as their inherited good, teaching them and saying, 'My peace I give to you, my peace I leave with you.' Anyone who has received this peace should keep it, and one who has destroyed it should look for it, while anyone who has lost it should seek it. For if anyone is not found with it, he will be disinherited by the Father and deprived of his inheritance." (Sermon 174.1)

Destiny with the Father

Jesus speaks to his disciples about his destination and their destiny as well. He tells them in plain words that he must return to his Father in heaven (John 14:28). If his disciples truly love him for who he is - the only begotten Son of the Father, then they will rejoice that Jesus will ascend to the throne of God and be reunited with his Father in heaven.

Jesus also speaks of his struggle - his passion, suffering and death which he undertook on the cross to redeem us from slavery to sin and death. Jesus called Satan the "ruler of this world" (John 14:30) who seeks to rob people of peace and friendship with God. Jesus defeated the evil one through his death and resurrection and won pardon and peace for all who believe in him. The victory of the cross brought glory to Jesus and to the Father and it is our way to glory with the Father in heaven as well. In the Cross of Christ we find true peace and reconciliation with God our Father. Do you live in the peace of Jesus Christ?

"Lord Jesus, may your peace be always with me. May no troubling thought, trial or affliction rob me of the peace which passes all understanding. You, alone, O Lord, are my Peace. May I always reside in that peace by believing in your word and by doing your will."

Reading 1 ACTS 14:19-28

In those days, some Jews from Antioch and Iconium arrived and won over the crowds. They stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But when the disciples gathered around him, he got up and entered the city. On the following day he left with Barnabas for Derbe.

After they had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." They appointed presbyters for them in each Church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the Church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. Then they spent no little time with the disciples.

Responsorial Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13AB, 21

R. (see 12) Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Antiphon: R. Alleluia. Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might. R. Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your kingdom. R. Alleluia. Making known to men your might and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and your dominion endures through all generations. R. Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your kingdom. R. Alleluia. May my mouth speak the praise of the LORD, and may all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever. R. Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your kingdom. R. Alleluia. Alleluia SEE LK 24: 46, 26 R. Alleluia, alleluia. Christ had to suffer and to rise from the dead, and so enter into his glory. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel JN 14:27-31A

Jesus said to his disciples: "Peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe. I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming. He has no power over me, but the world must know that I love the Father and that I do just as the Father has commanded me."

Resources

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

Prayers + Prayer

- Novena
Holy Rosary
Way of the Cross
Holy Mass
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Intercession Prayers & Other Prayers

Downloads

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The Bible in one year: MAY

- 01 Deut 33-34, Jer 47:1-48:12, Luke 19:30-48, Ps 55:5-11
02 Josh 1-3, Jer 48:13-32, Luke 20:1-25, Ps 55:12-18
03 Josh 4-5, Jer 48:33-47, Luke 20:26-47, Ps 55:19-23
04 Josh 6-7, Jer 49:1-26, Luke 21:1-21, Ps 56:1-8
05 Josh 8-9, Jer 49:27-39, Luke 21:22-38, Ps 56:9-13
06 Josh 10, Jer 50:1-27, Luke 22:1-27, Ps 57
07 Josh 11-12, Jer 50:28-46, Luke 22:38-49, Ps 58:1-4
08 Josh 13-14, Jer 51:1-21, Luke 22:50-71, Ps 58:5-11
09 Josh 15, Jer 51:22-41, Luke 23:1-21, Ps 59:1-6
10 Josh 16-17, Jer 51:42-64, Luke 23:22-43, Ps 59:7-13
11 Josh 18-19, Jer 52:1-18, Luke 23:44-56, Ps 59:14-17
12 Josh 20, Jer 52:19-34, Luke 24:1-31, Ps 60
13 Josh 21-22, Lam 1, Luke 24:32-53, Ps 61:1-3
14 Josh 23-24, Lam 2, John 1:1-21, Ps 61:4-8
15 Judg 1, Lam 3:1-20, John 1:22-51, Ps 62:1-8
16 Judg 2-3, Lam 3:21-40, John 2:1-14, Ps 62:9-12
17 Judg 4-5, Lam 3:41-66, John 2:15-31, Ps 63
18 Judg 6, Lam 4, John 3:12-36, Ps 64:1-4
19 Judg 7, Lam 5, John 4:1-18, Ps 64:5-10
20 Judg 8:1-9:30, Baruch 1, John 4:19-40, Ps 65:1-7
21 Judg 9:31-10:18, Baruch 2:1-10, John 4:41-54, Ps 65:8-13
22 Judg 11-12, Baruch 2:11-35, John 5:1-30, Ps 66:1-8
23 Judg 13-14, Baruch 3:1-16, John 5:31-47, Ps 66:9-15
24 Judg 15-16, Baruch 3:17-37, John 6:1-26, Ps 66:16-20
25 Judg 17-18, Baruch 4:1-19, John 6:27-48, Ps 67
26 Judg 19, Baruch 4:20-37, John 6:49-71, Ps 68:1-7
27 Judg 20-21, Baruch 5:1-6:13, John 7:1-21, Ps 68:8-14
28 Ruth 1-2, Baruch 6:14-33, John 7:22-42, Ps 68:15-21
29 Ruth 3-4, Baruch 6:34-53, John 7:43-8:11, Ps 68:22-28
30 1 Sam 1-2, Baruch 6:54-73, John 8:12-33, Ps 68:29-35
31 1 Sam 3-4, Ezek 1, John 8:34-59, Ps 69:1-6



Today's

St. Charles Joseph Eugene de Mazenod



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Eldest son of Charles-Antoine De Mazenod and Marie-Rose Joannis. His mother was of the French middle class, convent educated, and wealthy; his father was an aristocrat, classically educated, and poor.

On 13 December 1790, at age eight, Eugene fled with his family to exile in Italy to escape the French Revolution. He spent eleven years in Italy, living in Nice, Turin, Venice, Naples, and Palermo.

After the Revolution, his mother returned to France, but his father stayed in Italy, ostensibly for political reasons. Upon his own return to France in 1802 in an attempt to reclaim the family lands, Eugene tried to reunite his parents, but failed, and they were divorced, an unusual event in the early 19th century.

For years, Eugene struggled in himself, drawn on the one hand to the worldly life he knew from Palermo, and the beauty of the religious life he had seen in Venice with Don Bartolo. In an effort to work it out, Eugene began teaching catechism and working with prisoners in 1805.

Because of his noble birth, he was immediately offered the position of Vicar General to the bishop of Amiens. Eugene renounced his family's wealth, and preferred to become a parish priest in Aix-en-Provence, working among the poor, preaching missions and bringing them the church in their native Provencal dialect.

Eugene gathered other workers around him, both clergy and laymen. They worked from a former Carmelite convent, and the priests among them formed the Missionaries of Provence who conducted parish missions throughout the region.

Though he would have preferred to remain a missionary, Eugene knew that position with the Church hierarchy would allow him to insure the success of his little congregation. He was appointed Vicar-General of Marseille in 1823. Titular bishop of Icosia on 14 October 1832. Co-adjutor in 1834. Bishop of Marseilles, France on 24 December 1837, ordained by Pope Gregory XVI.

He founded 23 parishes, built or retored 50 churches, cared for aged and persecuted priests, restored ecclesiastical discipline, and developed catechetics for young people. Started work on the cathedral and shrine of Notre-Dame de la Garde in Marseille. Welcomed 33 congregations of religious brothers and sisters into the diocese.

Eugene realigned parishes and maneuvered behind the scenes to weaken the government monopoly on education. He was an outspoken supporter of the papacy, and fought government intervention into Church matters.

On 2 December 1841, Bishop de Mazenod's first overseas missionaries arrived in Canada. By the time of his death in 1861, there were six Oblate bishops and over 400 missionaries working in ten countries.

Born: 1 August 1782 at Aix-en-Provence, southern France as Charles Joseph Eugene de Mazenod
Died: 21 May 1861 at Marseille, France of cancer; on 12 December 1936, his body was exhumed and found to be intact part of his heart is venerated at Blessed Sacrament Chapel at the Oblate-owned Lourdes Grotto of the Southwest in San Antonio, Texas, USA

Canonized: 3 December 1995 by Pope John Paul II at Saint Peter's Square, Rome, Italy
Patronage: dysfunctional families

St. Godric of Finchale



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Oldest of three children born to a freedman Anglo-Saxon farmer. An adventurous seafaring man, Godric spent his youth in travel, both on land and sea, as a peddler and merchant mariner first along the coast of the British Isles, then throughout Europe.

Pilgrim to Jerusalem and the holy lands, Santiago de Compostela, the shrine of Saint Gaul in Provence, and to Rome, Italy. As a self-imposed ascetic, and a way to always remember Christ's lowering himself to become human, Godric never wore shoes, regardless of the season. He lived as a hermit in the holy lands, and worked in a hospital near Jerusalem. Hermit for nearly sixty years at Finchale, County Durham, England, first in a cave, then later in a more formal hermitage: he was led to its site by a vision of Saint Cuthbert. It was a rough life, living barefoot in a mud and wattle hut, wearing a hair shirt under a metal breastplate, standing in icy waters to control his lust, living for a while off berries and roots, and being badly beaten by Scottish raiders who strangely thought he had a hidden treasure.

Known for his close familiarity with wild animals, his gift of prophecy, and ability to know of events occurring hundreds or thousands of miles away. Counciled Saint Aelred, Saint Robert of Newminster, Saint Thomas Beckett, and Pope Alexander III. Wrote poetry in Medieval English. The brief song Sainte nicholaes by Godric is one of the oldest in the English language, and is believed to be the earliest surviving example of lyric poetry. He was said to have received his songs, lyrics and music, complete during his miraculous visions.

Born: 1069 at Walpole, Norfolk, England
Died: 1170 at Finchale, County Durham, England of natural causes