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

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Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Today's Bible Readings			
Latin Rite	1st Reading	ACTS 7:55-60	Responsorial Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9
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Syro-Malankara Rite	1st Reading	2 COR 10:12-18	Gospel JN 5:1-18

"Peace in overcoming the world"

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.

Pope Francis

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Meditation:

How did the disciples come to believe that Jesus is truly the Son of God sent from the eternal Father in heaven? When Jesus taught his disciples he often spoke in parables - using short stories and vivid images which expressed in picture language what God's kingdom is like and how God's power can change and transform our lives to be like him. These stories were intended to make his disciples reflect and think through the inner spiritual truths he wanted them to understand and accept.

The Lord Jesus gives hope and strength to those who believe in him and trust in his word

Now Jesus begins to speak more plainly to the disciples about the mission and purpose for which he was sent into the world - not to condemn the world but through love to redeem it (John 3:16). The disciples professed their belief in Jesus that he truly came from God and taught as one who possessed full knowledge of God. Jesus' response showed that he fully knew and understood them very well. Jesus could read their hearts like an open book. He knew their weaknesses as well as their strengths.

Where do you place your trust and confidence?

In spite of their confident faith, Jesus warned his disciples that they would be put to the test and would fail. He knew they would desert him in his hour of trial when he would be arrested and condemned to death on the cross. Such knowledge of their faltering loyalty could have easily led to bitterness and rejection on his part. Jesus met the injury of betrayal and abandonment with supreme love and earnest prayer for his disciples (Luke 22:32; John 17:15). "He loved them to the very end" (John 13:1) - even when they had left him to die alone on the cross.

God's peace dwells with those who trust in him alone

Jesus reassures them of his peace, unflinching love, and victory over the world which is in opposition to God's reign. Jesus speaks the same reassuring words of enduring love, faithfulness, and victory to his followers today. "I will never fail you nor forsake you." While we may forget the Lord and fail him, he will never forget us nor fail to come to our aid. When you are put to the test do you seek the Lord Jesus and place your trust in his help and mercy?

The Holy Spirit fills us with expectant faith, persevering hope, and unflinching love

While we cannot avoid all pain and suffering which may come our way in this life, the Lord Jesus assures us that he has overcome the world and all that would seek to keep us from his saving help and healing presence. He promises to guide us safely through any trial or hardship we may have to undergo for his sake. The Lord Jesus gives us the gift of his Holy Spirit who strengthens us with faith, courage, and perseverance to stay the course which he has set for us. The Holy Spirit fills us with a living hope in the power of Christ's resurrection (1 Peter 1:3) and reassures our heart with a confident trust in God's abiding presence.

Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ and the victory he has won for us (Romans 8:35-39). The Holy Spirit gives us the strength and courage we need to overcome every adversity and to persevere with faith and hope in God. Do you believe in the power of Christ's love for you and in the victory he has won for you through his death and resurrection?

"Lord Jesus, help me to trust in your unwavering love and saving help, especially when I meet adversities, trials, and temptations. Give me your peace when I am troubled and let me know the joy of your victory over sin and death."

Reading 1

ACTS 19:1-8

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior of the country and down to Ephesus where he found some disciples.

He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?"

They answered him, "We have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

He said, "How were you baptized?"

They replied, "With the baptism of John."

Paul then said, "John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus."

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

And when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Altogether there were about twelve men.

He entered the synagogue, and for three months debated boldly with persuasive arguments about the Kingdom of God.

Responsorial Psalm

68:2-3AB, 4

-5ACD, 6-7AB

R. (33a) Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth. or:

R. Alleluia.

God arises; his enemies are scattered, and those who hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so are they driven; as wax melts before the fire.

R. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth. or:

R. Alleluia.

But the just rejoice and exult before God; they are glad and rejoice.

Sing to God, chant praise to his name; whose name is the LORD.

R. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth. or:

R. Alleluia.

The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling.

God gives a home to the forsaken; he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

R. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth. or:

R. Alleluia.

Reading 2 COL 3:1

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,

where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel JN 16:29-33

The disciples said to Jesus,

"Now you are talking plainly, and not in any figure of speech.

Now we realize that you know everything and that you do not need to have anyone question you.

Because of this we believe that you came from God."

Jesus answered them, "Do you believe now? Behold, the hour is coming and has arrived

when each of you will be scattered to his own home and you will leave me alone.

But I am not alone, because the Father is with me. I have told you this so that you might have peace in me.

In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."

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
- ♦ Bible
- ♦ Intercession Prayers & Other Prayers

Downloads

- ♦ Divine Songs - Malayalam
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- ♦ Other Downloads
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The Bible in one year: JUNE

- 01 1 Sam 5-7, Ezek 2, John 9:1-18, Ps 69:7-13
- 02 1 Sam 8-9, Ezek 3, John 9:19-41, Ps 69:14-20
- 03 1 Sam 10-11, Ezek 4, John 10:1-20, Ps 69:21-27
- 04 1 Sam 12-13, Ezek 5, John 10:21-42, Ps 69:28-36
- 05 1 Sam 14, Ezek 6, John 11:1-22, Ps 70
- 06 1 Sam 15-16, Ezek 7, John 11:23-44, Ps 71:1-6
- 07 1 Sam 17, Ezek 8, John 11:45-57, Ps 71:7-14
- 08 1 Sam 18, Ezek 9-10, John 12:1-30, Ps 71:15-24
- 09 1 Sam 19-20, Ezek 11:1-11, John 12:31-50, Ps 72:title-3
- 10 1 Sam 21-22, Ezek 11:12-25, John 13:1-24, Ps 72:4-10
- 11 1 Sam 23-24, Ezek 12, John 13:25-38, Ps 72:11-20
- 12 1 Sam 25, Ezek 13, John 14, Ps 73:title-3
- 13 1 Sam 26-27, Ezek 14, John 15, Ps 73:4-10
- 14 1 Sam 28-30, Ezek 15, John 16:1-15, Ps 73:11-17
- 15 1 Sam 31, Ezek 16:1-25, John 16:16-33, Ps 73:18-24
- 16 2 Sam 1-2, Ezek 16:26-45, John 17, Ps 73:25-28
- 17 2 Sam 3-4, Ezek 16:46-63, John 18:1-21, Ps 74:title-9
- 18 2 Sam 5-6, Ezek 17, John 18:22-40, Ps 74:10-16
- 19 2 Sam 7-9, Ezek 18:1-19, John 19:1-25, Ps 74:17-23
- 20 2 Sam 10-11, Ezek 18:20-32, John 19:26-42, Ps 75:title-6
- 21 2 Sam 12, Ezek 19:1-20:13, John 20, Ps 75:7-10
- 22 2 Sam 13-14, Ezek 20:14-33, John 21, Ps 76
- 23 2 Sam 15, Ezek 20:34-49, Acts 1:1-14, Ps 77:title-3
- 24 2 Sam 16-17, Ezek 21, Acts 1:15-26, Ps 77:4-11
- 25 2 Sam 18, Ezek 22:1-13, Acts 2:1-32, Ps 77:12-20
- 26 2 Sam 19-20, Ezek 22:14-31, Acts 2:33-47, Ps 78:title-4
- 27 2 Sam 21, Ezek 23:1-22, Acts 3, Ps 78:5-11
- 28 2 Sam 22-23, Ezek 23:23-49, Acts 4:1-24, Ps 78:12-18
- 29 2 Sam 24, Ezek 24:1-13, Acts 4:25-37, Ps 78:19-25
- 30 1 Kings 1, Ezek 24:14-27, Acts 5:1-31, Ps 78:26-32



Today's

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions



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For those of us who think that the faith and zeal of the early Christians died out as the Church grew more safe and powerful through the centuries, the martyrs of Uganda are a reminder that persecution of Christians continues in modern times, even to the present day. The Society of Missionaries of Africa (known as the White Fathers) had only been in Uganda for 6 years and yet they had built up a community of converts whose faith would outshine their own. The earliest converts were soon instructing and leading new converts that the White Fathers couldn't reach. Many of these converts lived and taught at King Mwanga's court.

King Mwanga was a violent ruler and pedophile who forced himself on the young boys and men who served him as pages and attendants. The Christians at Mwanga's court who tried to protect the pages from King Mwanga. The leader of the small community of 200 Christians, was the chief steward of Mwanga's court, a twenty-five-year-old Catholic named Joseph Mkasa (or Mukasa). When Mwanga killed a Protestant missionary and his companions, Joseph Mkasa confronted Mwanga and condemned his action. Mwanga had always liked Joseph but when Joseph dared to demand that Mwanga change his lifestyle, Mwanga forgot their long friendship. After striking Joseph with a spear, Mwanga ordered him killed. When the executioners tried to tie Joseph's hands, he told them, "A Christian who gives his life for God is not afraid to die." He forgave Mwanga with all his heart but made one final plea for his repentance before he was beheaded and then burned on November 15, 1885.

Charles Lwanga took over the instruction and leadership of the Christian community at court -- and the charge of keeping the young boys and men out of Mwanga's hands. Perhaps Joseph's plea for repentance had had some effect on Mwanga because the persecution died down for six months. Anger and suspicion must have been simmering in Mwanga, however. In May 1886 he called one of his pages named Mwafu and asked what the page had been doing that kept him away from Mwanga. When the page replied that he had been receiving religious instruction from Denis Sebaggwawo, Mwanga's temper boiled over. He had Denis brought to him and killed him himself by thrusting a spear through his throat. He then ordered that the royal compound be sealed and guarded so that no one could escape and summoned the country's executioners. Knowing what was coming, Charles Lwanga baptized four catechumens that night, including a thirteen-year-old named Kizito. The next morning Mwanga brought his whole court before him and separated the Christians from the rest by saying, "Those who do not pray stand by me, those who do pray stand over there." He demanded of the fifteen boys and young men (all under 25) if they were Christians and intended to remain Christians. When they answered "Yes" with strength and courage Mwanga condemned them to death. He commanded that the group be taken on a 37 mile trek to the place of execution at Namugongo. The chief executioner begged one of the boys, his own son, Mabaga, to escape and hide but Mabaga refused. The cruelly-bound prisoners passed the home of the White Fathers on their way to execution. Father Lourdel remembered thirteen-year-old Kizito laughing and chattering. Lourdel almost fainted at the courage and joy these condemned converts, his friends, showed on their way to martyrdom. Three of these faithful were killed on road.

A Christian soldier named James Buzabaliawo was brought before the king. When Mwanga ordered him to be killed with the rest, James said, "Goodbye, then. I am going to Heaven, and I will pray to God for you." When a grief-stricken Father Lourdel raised his hand in absolution as James passed, James lifted his own tied hands and pointed up to show that he knew he was going to heaven and would meet Father Lourdel there. With a smile he said to Lourdel, "Why are you so sad? This nothing to the joys you have taught us to look forward to." Also condemned were Andrew Kagwa, a Kigowa chief, who had converted his wife and several others, and Matthias Murumba (or Kalemba) an assistant judge. The chief councillor was so furious with Andrew that he proclaimed he wouldn't eat until he knew Andrew was dead. When the executioners hesitated Andrew egged them on by saying, "Don't keep your councillor hungry -- kill me." When the same councillor described what he was going to do with Matthias, he added, "No doubt his god will rescue him." "Yes," Matthias replied. "God will rescue me. But you will not see how he does it, because he will take my soul and leave you only my body." Matthias was cut up on the road and left to die -- it took him at least three days.

The original caravan reached Namugongo and the survivors were kept imprisoned for seven days. On June 3, they were brought out, wrapped in reed mats, and placed on the pyre. Mabaga was killed first by order of his father, the chief executioner, who had tried one last time to change his son's mind. The rest were burned to death. Thirteen Catholics and eleven Protestants died. They died calling on the name of Jesus and proclaiming, "You can burn our bodies, but you cannot harm our souls." When the White Fathers were expelled from the country, the new Christians carried on their work, translating and printing the catechism into their native language and giving secret instruction on the faith. Without priests, liturgy, and sacraments their faith, intelligence, courage, and wisdom kept the Catholic Church alive and growing in Uganda. When the White Fathers returned after King Mwanga's death, they found five hundred Christians and one thousand catechumens waiting for them. The twenty-two Catholic martyrs of the Uganda persecution were canonized.

Prayer: Martyrs of Uganda, pray for the faith where it is danger and for Christians who must suffer because of their faith. Give them the same courage, zeal, and joy you showed. And help those of us who live in places where Christianity is accepted to remain aware of the persecution in other parts of the world. Amen

St. Kevin of Glendalough



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Son of Coemlog and Coemell, Leinster nobility. Baptized by Saint Cronan of Roscrea, and educated by Saint Petroc of Cornwall from age seven. Lived with monks from age 12. Studied for the priesthood in Cell na Manach (Killinamanagh). Student of Saint Eonagh. Priest, ordained by bishop Lugidus. Monk. Acquaintance of Saint Comgall, Saint Columba, Saint Cannich, and Saint Kieran of Clonmacnois.

Following his ordination, he lived as a hermit for seven years into a cave at Glendalough, a Bronze Age tomb now known as Saint Kevin's Bed, to which he was reportedly led by an angel. He wore skins, ate the nettles and herbs that came to hand, and spent his time in prayer. Word of his holiness spread, and he attracted followers, including Saint Moling. Founded the monastery at Glendalough, which included relics brought back during a pilgrimage to Rome. This house, in turn, founded several others, and around it grew a town which became a see city, though now subsumed into the archdiocese of Dublin. He served as abbot for several years. When he saw that the monastery was well-established, he withdrew to live as a hermit. Four years later, however, he returned to Glendalough at the entreaty of his monks, and served as abbot until his death at age 120. King Colman of Uí Faelain endowed Kevin with raising his son.

Noted as a man who did not always like the company of men - but was at home with the animals, as some of the legends surrounding him show. During a drought, Kevin fed his monks with salmon, a symbol of wisdom, brought to him by an otter. When one of the monks considered making gloves out of the otter's pelt, it left and never returned.

Once during Lent, while he held his arms outstretched in prayer, a blackbird laid an egg in the Kevin's hand. He remained in that position until the baby bird hatched. A cow which habitually licked Kevin's clothes while the saint was in prayer gave as much milk as 50 other cows. Lacking milk to feed the son of King Colman, Kevin prayed for help. A doe arrived to provide for the baby. When the doe was later killed by a wolf, Kevin chastised the killer: the wolf then provided the milk herself. A young man with severe epilepsy received a vision that he would be cured by eating an apple. There were, however, no apple trees about. Kevin, seeing the lad's need, ordered a willow to produce apples; twenty yellow apples appeared on the tree. In his old age, King O'Tool of Glendalough made a pet of a goose. As time passed, the goose also became aged and weak, and finally unable to fly. Hearing of Kevin's sanctity and power, the pagan king sent for him, and asked that he make the beloved goose young. Kevin asked for a payment of whatever land the goose would fly over. As the goose could no longer take flight, O'Tool agreed. When Kevin touched the bird, it grew young, and flew over the entire valley that was used to found the monastery of Glendalough.

A boar was being chased by a group of hunters with their dogs. It ran to where Kevin sat praying under a tree, and covered beside him for protection. When the dogs saw the saint in prayer, they laid on their stomachs, and would not approach the boar. When the hunters decided they would ignore the man and kill the boar, a flock of birds settled in the tree above the praying saint. The hunters took this as a sign, and left man and beast alone.

Born : c.498 at the Fort of the White Fountain, Leinster, Ireland Died : 3 June 618 of natural causes Canonized : 1903 (cultus confirmed)

Patronage : • blackbirds • Ireland • archdiocese of Dublin, Ireland • Glendalough, Ireland

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