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


Volume 118, Sunday, July 21, 2019.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Latin Rite	1st Reading	GN 18:1-10A	Responsorial Psalm	15:2-3, 3-4, 5
	2nd Reading	COL 1:24-28	Gospel	LK 10:38-42
Syro-Malabar Rite	1st Reading	1 COR 16:1-14	Gospel	LK 13: 22-30
Syro-Malankara Rite	1st Reading	1 COR 12:12-26	Gospel	LK 15:1-7

" You are anxious - one thing is needful"

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.

Meditation:

Does the peace of Christ reign in your home and in your personal life? Jesus loved to visit the home of Martha and Mary and enjoyed their gracious hospitality. In this brief encounter we see two very different temperaments in Martha and Mary. Martha loved to serve, but in her anxious manner of waiting on Jesus, she caused unrest. Mary, in her simple and trusting manner, waited on Jesus by sitting attentively at his feet. She instinctively knew that what the Lord and Teacher most wanted at that moment was her attentive presence.

Give your concerns and pre-occupations to the Lord

Anxiety and preoccupation keep us from listening and from giving the Lord our undivided attention. The Lord bids us to give him our concerns and anxieties because he is trustworthy and able to meet any need we have. His grace frees us from needless concerns and preoccupation. Do you seek the Lord attentively? And does the Lord find a welcomed and honored place in your home?

Always welcome the Lord into your home and heart

The Lord Jesus desires that we make a place for him, not only in our hearts, but in our homes and in the daily circumstances of our lives as well. We honor the Lord when we offer to him everything we have and everything we do. After all, everything we have is an outright gift from God (1 Chronicles 29:14). Paul the Apostle urges us to give God glory in everything: "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17).

Reading 1 GN 18:1-10A

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre, as he sat in the entrance of his tent, while the day was growing hot. Looking up, Abraham saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said: "Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree. Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way." The men replied, "Very well, do as you have said."

Abraham hastened into the tent and told Sarah, "Quick, three measures of fine flour! Knead it and make rolls." He ran to the herd, picked out a tender, choice steer, and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it. Then Abraham got some curds and milk, as well as the steer that had been prepared, and set these before the three men; and he waited on them under the tree while they ate.

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" He replied, "There in the tent." One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son."

Responsorial Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5

R. (1a) He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.
One who walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue.
R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.
Who harms not his fellow man, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor; by whom the reprobate is despised, while he honors those who fear the LORD.
R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.
Who lends not his money at usury and accepts no bribe against the innocent. One who does these things shall never be disturbed.
R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Reading 2 COL 1:24-28

Brothers and sisters:
Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church, of which I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested to his holy ones, to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: it is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. Alleluia CF. LK 8:15
R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel LK 10:38-42

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

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Downloads

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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
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15 1 Sam 31, Ezek 16:1-25, John 16:16-33, Ps 73:18-24
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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
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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. Lawrence of Brindisi



Son of Guglielmo de Rossi and Elisabetta Masella. He felt an early call to religious life, and was educated by the Friars Minor Conventuals of Brindisi, Italy. His father died when the boy was twelve. Studied in Venice. Joined the Capuchin Friars in 1575 at age 16, taking the name Brother Lorenzo. Studied theology, the Bible, French, German, Greek, Spanish, Syriac, and Hebrew at the University of Padua; he was a brilliant student, known for his facility with languages. Priest. Taught theology. Served as linguist and military chaplain. Famous, effective and forceful preacher in any of his several languages. Founded convents of Vienna and Graz in Austria, and in Prague, Czech Republic. Wrote catechisms.

Chaplain of the army of the Holy Roman Empire in 1601. Rallied the German princes to fight a superior Turkish force, and was asked to lead the army into battle at Stuhlweissenburg (modern Szekesfehervar, Hungary) carrying no weapon but a crucifix: the Turks were completely defeated. Master general of his order from 1602 to 1605: he was the choice for another term, but turned it down. Carried out important and successful diplomatic peace missions to Munich, Germany and Madrid, Spain. Assigned in 1605 to evangelize in Germany, where he had great success. Convinced Philip III of Spain to join the German Catholic League. Commissary general of his order for the provinces of Tyrol and Bavaria in Germany. Spiritual director of the Bavarian army. Tended to fall into ecstasies when celebrating Mass.


In 1956, the Capuchin Order compiled fifteen volumes of his sermons, letters and writings. Proclaimed Apostolic Doctor of the Church by Pope John XXIII in 1959.

Born: 22 July 1559 at Brindisi, Italy as Julius Caesar Rossi

Died: • 22 July 1619 at Lisbon, Portugal of natural causes • buried in the cemetery of the Poor Clares on Villafranca, Spain

Canonized: 8 December 1881 by Pope Leo XIII Patronage: Brindisi, Italy

St. Victor of Marseille




The Emperor Maximian, reeking with the blood of the Theban legion and that of many other martyrs, arrived in person in the year 290 at Marseilles, where the Church flourished. The tyrant was breathing nothing but slaughter and fury, and his coming filled the Christians with fear and alarm. In the general consternation, Victor, a Christian officer in the emperor's troops, went about in the nighttime from house to house, visiting the faithful and inspiring them with contempt for temporal death and love of eternal life.

He was arrested during these charitable offices and brought before the tribunal of the prefects Asterius and Eutychius, who exhorted him not to lose the fruit of his imperial service and the favor of his prince for the worship of a dead man. He answered that he renounced temporal rewards, if he could not enjoy them without being unfaithful to Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who had vouchsafed to become man for our salvation, and who after dying raised Himself from the dead, to reign perpetually with the Father, being God equally with Him. The entire court received this witness with shouts of rage; and Victor was bound hand and foot and dragged through the streets of the city, exposed to the blows and insults of the populace.

He was brought back bruised and bloody to the tribunal of the prefects, who, thinking his resolution must have been weakened by his sufferings, pressed him again to adore their gods. However, the martyr, filled with the Holy Spirit, expressed his respect for the emperor but his contempt for the debauched gods. Saint Victor was hoisted on the rack and tortured a long time, until the tormentors grew weary and the prefect ordered him to be taken down and thrown into a dark dungeon. At midnight God visited him by His Angels. The prison was filled with a light brighter than that of the sun, and the martyr sang with Angels the praises of God. Three soldiers who guarded the prison, seeing this light, cast themselves at the martyr's feet, asked his pardon, and expressed their desire for baptism. Victor instructed them as well as time would permit, and sent for a priest the same night. The five of them went to the seashore, and the three converts were baptized, then all returned to the prison.

The next morning, when Maximian was informed of the conversion of the guards, in a transport of rage he sent officers to bring all four confessors before him. The three soldiers persevered in the confession of Jesus Christ, and by the emperor's orders were beheaded. Victor, set before almost the entire city for a final questioning, after having been exposed to its insults, was again placed on the rack, scourged, and carried back to prison, where he remained for three more days, recommending to God his martyrdom with many tears. After that term the emperor called him before his tribunal, and commanded the martyr to offer incense to a statue of Jupiter. Victor went up to the profane altar, and with a kick of his foot overthrew it. The emperor ordered his foot to be chopped off. The Saint suffered this mutilation with great joy, offering to God these first-fruits of his body. His barbaric tormentor condemned him to be put under the grindstone of a hand-mill and crushed to death. The executioners turned the wheel, and when part of his body was bruised and crushed, the mill broke down. The Saint still breathed a little: an order was given to behead him at once. His body with those of the other three heroes of Christ, Alexander, Felician and Longinus, were thrown into the sea, but cast ashore on the opposite bank by a current. They were buried by the Christians in a grotto hewn out of the rock. Very great miracles were wrought at Saint Victor's tomb or by his intercession, including the resurrection of a girl in her coffin, which occurred beside her open grave.

St. Alberic Crescitelli



Seminarian at age twelve. Studied at the Pontifical Seminary for Foreign Missions in Rome. Ordained in 1887. Joined the Milan Foreign Missionary Society, the predecessor of the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions (PIME), in 1888. Missionary in the Shensi Province in China near the Han River in 1888. Transferred to Ningkiang in 1900. Arrested on 20 July 1900 during the anti-Western Boxer Rebellion, he was tortured and murdered. Martyr.

Born: 30 June 1863 at Altavilla, Benevento, Italy

Died: • beheaded on 21 July 1900 in Ningkiang, China • body hacked to pieces

Canonized: 1 October 2000 by Pope John Paul II

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