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

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Monday of the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time

Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite	1st Reading	1 THES 1:1-5, 8B-10	Responsorial	Psalm	149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A
AND 9B	2nd Reading		Gospel	MT	23:13-22
Syro-Malabar Rite	1st Reading	2 TIM 3:10-17	Gospel	MK	4:2-34
Syro-Malankara Rite	1st Reading	TITUS 2:1-4	Gospel	JN	4:43-54

Do not close the door to God's kingdom

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 extended 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:

When the Lord Jesus knocks on the door of your heart are you ready to answer and receive him (Revelations 3:20)? The Lord offers each one of us an open door to the kingdom of God, but we can shut ourselves out if we ignore or reject his offer. What is the door to the kingdom of heaven? When Jacob fled from his brother Essau, who wanted to kill him for stealing his birthright (Genesis 27:41), Jacob sought refuge in the wilderness. There God pursued him and gave him a vision that both changed his life and the life of his people. As Jacob slept on a star-lit hillside God showed him a great ladder or stairway that extended from earth to heaven. This stairway was filled with a multitude of angels ascending and descending before the throne of God.

An open door to the throne of God

God opened heaven to Jacob, not only to give him a place of refuge and peace, but to offer him the blessing of dwelling in intimate friendship with the living God. God spoke to Jacob and renewed the promises which he had made to his grandfather Abraham and his father Isaac, and now to Jacob and his descendants. God promised not only to bless and protect Jacob, but to make him and his descendants a blessing to all the nations as well. When Jacob awoke he exclaimed: "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God and this is the gate of heaven" (Genesis 28:17). God opened a door for Jacob that brought him and his people into a new relationship with the living God.

Jesus is the door to God's kingdom

Jesus proclaimed to his disciples that he came to fulfill the prophetic dream of Jacob in his very own person: "You will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man" (John 1:51). Jesus proclaimed that he is the door (John 10:8-9) and the way (John 14:6) that makes it possible for us to access heaven and God's very throne. But Jesus woefully warned the religious leaders and successors of Jacob that they were shutting the door of God's kingdom not only on themselves but on others as well. The word woe expresses sorrowful pity as well as grief and sadness. Why did Jesus lament and issue such a stern rebuke?

Don't be misled by wrong-headed teachers

Jesus was angry with the religious leaders because they failed to listen to God's word and they misled the people they were supposed to teach and lead in the ways of God. They were blindly leading people to "pharisaism" - to their own ideas, rules, and practices which God did not intend or require - rather than to God's intention and way of life for his people. Jesus also chastised them for their hypocrisy - a hypocrite is one actor or imposter who says one thing but does the opposite. Jesus gave some examples to show how misguided they were in their thinking and practices.

In their zeal to win converts, the religious leaders required unnecessary and burdensome rules and practices which obscured the more important matters of religion, such as love of God and love of neighbor. And at the same time they made exceptions for themselves by devising clever ways to evade binding oaths and solemn promises which they had made to God. The Jews treated an oath made to God as a binding obligation that must not be broken under any circumstance, but the Pharisees found clever ways to evade their obligations when inconvenience got in the way. They forgot that God hears every word we utter (especially our oaths and promises) and he sees the intentions of our heart even before we speak or act.

God's ways and thoughts are different from ours

The scribes and Pharisees preferred their idea of religion to God's idea. They failed to lead others to God because they listened to their own ideas of what is true religion and they failed to understand the true meaning and intention of God's word. Through their own pride and prejudice they blindly shut the door of their own hearts and minds to the truth of God's kingdom.

The prophets of the Old Testament had repeatedly warned God's people to seek the Lord and to put aside their own thoughts and ideas of religion in order to hear and understand God's mind and intentions for his people. The prophet Isaiah wrote,

"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts... For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Seek God's Kingdom first

How can we shut the door of God's kingdom in our own personal lives? We close it through stubborn pride, disobedience, and ignorance. Do you submit your mind to God's word or do you cling to your own thoughts and ideas of what is right, true, and good for you? Do you allow the world's way of thinking to form the way you think, act, and speak - or do you allow God's word of truth to form the way you think, act, and speak? Do you ignore God's word through indifference or lack of reflection on his word?

The Lord Jesus wants to speak to us each and every day - to help us grow in our knowledge and understanding of his love and truth. The Lord is knocking at the door of your heart - are you receptive and ready to listen to his voice as he speaks through his life-giving Word? God's kingdom is always present to those who seek him with a humble mind and a willing heart. The Lord invites us to pray daily, "May your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10).

"Lord Jesus, your word is life for me. May I never shut the door to your heavenly kingdom through my stubborn pride or disbelief. Help me to listen to your voice attentively and to conform my life more fully to your word."

Reading 1

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1 THES 1:1-5, 8B-

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the Church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our Gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake.

In every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.

For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

Responsorial Psalm

-4, 5-6A AND 9B

149:1B-2, 3

R. (see 4a) The Lord takes delight in his people.

or:

R. Alleluia. Sing to the LORD a new song of praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in their maker, let the children of Zion rejoice in their king.

R. The Lord takes delight in his people.

or:

R. Alleluia. Let them praise his name in the festive dance, let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the LORD loves his people, and he adorns the lowly with victory.

R. The Lord takes delight in his people.

or:

R. Alleluia. Let the faithful exult in glory: let them sing for joy upon their couches: Let the high praises of God be in their throats.

This is the glory of all his faithful. Alleluia.

R. The Lord takes delight in his people.

or:

R. Alleluia. Alleluia JN 10: 27. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord: I know them, and they follow me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

MT 23:13-22

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You lock the Kingdom of heaven before men. You do not enter yourselves, nor do you allow entrance to those trying to enter.

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You traverse sea and land to make one convert, and when that happens you make him a child of Gehenna twice as much as yourselves.

"Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If one swears by the temple, it means nothing, but if one swears by the gold of the temple, one is obligated.'

Blind fools, which is greater, the gold, or the temple that made the gold sacred? And you say, 'If one swears by the altar, it means nothing, but if one swears by the gift on the altar, one is obligated.'

You blind ones, which is greater, the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred? One who swears by the altar swears by it and all that is upon it: one who swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it; one who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who is seated on it."

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
- ♦ Divine Songs - English
- ♦ Divine Songs - Tamil
- ♦ Divine Songs - Telugu
- ♦ Other Downloads
- ♦ Holy Picture Gallery
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The Bible in one year: AUGUST

- 01 1 Chron 1, Ezek 48:13-35, Acts 24, Ps 89:28-34
- 02 1 Chron 2, Dan 1, Acts 25:1-13, Ps 89:35-41
- 03 1 Chron 3-4, Dan 2:1-16, Acts 25:14-27, Ps 89:42-48
- 04 1 Chron 5, Dan 2:17-37, Acts 26, Ps 89:49-52
- 05 1 Chron 6, Dan 2:38-49, Acts 27:1-20, Ps 90:title-9
- 06 1 Chron 7, Dan 3:1-23, Acts 27:21-44, Ps 90:10-17
- 07 1 Chron 8, Song of Three 1-25, Acts 28:1-19, Ps 91:1-6
- 08 1 Chron 9, Song of Three 26-45, Acts 28:20-31, Ps 91:7-16
- 09 1 Chron 10-11, Song of Three 46-68, Rom 1, Ps 92:title-3
- 10 1 Chron 12, Dan 3:24-30, Rom 2, Ps 92:4-10
- 11 1 Chron 13-15, Dan 4, Rom 3:1-14, Ps 92:11-15
- 12 1 Chron 16, Dan 5:1-14, Rom 3:15-31, Ps 93:1-94:5
- 13 1 Chron 17-18, Dan 5:15-31, Rom 4, Ps 94:6-12
- 14 1 Chron 19-21, Dan 6, Rom 5, Ps 94:13-19
- 15 1 Chron 22-23, Dan 7:1-15, Rom 6, Ps 94:20-23
- 16 1 Chron 24, Dan 7:16-28, Rom 7, Ps 95
- 17 1 Chron 25-26, Dan 8, Rom 8:1-20, Ps 96:1-6
- 18 1 Chron 27, Dan 9, Rom 8:21-39, Ps 96:7-13
- 19 1 Chron 28-29, Dan 10, Rom 9, Ps 97:1-7
- 20 2 Chron 1-3, Dan 11:1-13, Rom 10, Ps 97:8-12
- 21 2 Chron 4-5, Dan 11:14-33, Rom 11:1-14, Ps 98
- 22 2 Chron 6-7, Dan 11:34-12:13, Rom 11:15-36, Ps 99
- 23 2 Chron 8-9, Dan 13:1-15, Rom 12, Ps 100
- 24 2 Chron 10-11, Dan 13:16-36, Rom 13, Ps 101:title-4
- 25 2 Chron 12-14, Dan 13:37-64, Rom 14, Ps 101:5-8
- 26 2 Chron 15-17, Dan 14:1-12, Rom 15, Ps 102:title-9
- 27 2 Chron 18-19, Dan 14:13-42, Rom 16, Ps 102:10-16
- 28 2 Chron 20, Hos 1, 1 Cor 1:1-13, Ps 102:17-23
- 29 2 Chron 21-23, Hos 2, 1 Cor 1:14-31, Ps 102:24-28
- 30 2 Chron 24-25, Hos 3-4, 1 Cor 2, Ps 103:title-9
- 31 2 Chron 26-27, Hos 5, 1 Cor 3, Ps 103:10-16



Today's

St. Zephyrinus



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Saint Zephyrinus, a native of Rome, succeeded Victor I in the pontificate in the year 198. In 202 Septimus Severus, a military despot, raised the fifth and most bloody persecution against the Church, which continued for nine years until the death of the emperor in 211. Until this furious storm ended, the holy pastor remained concealed for the sake of his flock, supporting and comforting the distressed disciples of Christ. He suffered by charity and compassion what every confessor underwent. The triumphs of the martyrs were indeed his joy, but his heart received many deep wounds from the fall of apostates and heretics. Nor did this latter affliction cease when peace was restored to the Church. The holy Pope had the affliction of witnessing the fall of Tertullian. He saw to his joy, however, the conversion of Natalis, who had become a heretical bishop when he lapsed into the Theodotian heresy. God, wishing to bring him back to the Church, sent him a solid correction which opened his eyes, and he came to kneel at the feet of the Vicar of Christ, wearing a hair shirt and humbly asking pardon for his revolt.

Eusebius tells us that this holy Pope exerted his zeal so strenuously against the blasphemies of the heretics, that they treated him with the utmost contempt. To his glory, however, they also called him the principal defender of Christ's divinity. Saint Zephyrinus governed the Church for nineteen years, dying in 217 as a martyr under Antoninus Caracalla. He was buried in his own cemetery on the 26th of August.

Reflection: God has always raised up holy pastors zealous to maintain inviolable the faith of His Church, and to watch over the purity of its morals and the sanctity of its discipline. We enjoy the greatest advantages of divine grace through their labors, and owe to God a tribute of perpetual thanksgiving and immortal praise for all the mercies He has accorded His Church.

St. Jeanne Elizabeth des Bichier des Anges



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Daughter of Antony Bichier, lord of Agnes, and Marie Augier de Moussac. From ages ten through nineteen she was educated at a convent at Poitiers, France. When her father died, she returned home to keep her family's property from being confiscated by the state. She won the court battle to retain the property, and she and her mother moved to La Guimetiere.

The town still suffered the effects of the French Revolution; it didn't even have a priest, much less religious communities. Jeanne Elizabeth gathered the remaining faithful together to pray, read Scripture, and sing hymns. Lived for a while with the Carmelites and the Society of Providence to learn about religious life firsthand.

She soon heard of Saint Andrew Fournet, who practiced a similar ministry in a nearby city: in 1797 she met him, and asked for his help. The two quickly became friends, and together founded the Daughters of the Cross of Saint Andrew to care for the sick and the poor, and to help educate the people of rural France. Jeanne Elizabeth was the first superior of the community, and by 1830 the community had sixty houses scattered throughout France. A men's congregation, Priests of the Sacred Heart of Betherran was formed alongside the Daughters.

Born: 5 July 1773 at La Blanc, Charente, France

Died: 26 August 1838 La Puye, Vienne, France of natural causes

Canonized: 6 July 1947 by Pope Pius XII

St. Orontius of Lecce



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Son of Publius, a Roman imperial treasurer; uncle of Saint Fortunatus. Converted by the shipwrecked Saint Paul the Apostle. Roman imperial treasurer upon his father's death. Denounced as a Christian, he was ordered to sacrifice to idols: he refused. He was arrested, stripped of his office, whipped, and exiled to Corinth where he met up with Saint Paul again. Consecrated as the first bishop of his home town of Lecce, Italy. He returned to the town during the persecutions of Nero, was arrested again, and ordered to denounce Christianity. He refused, and after some time in prison managed to get released. He immediately resumed preaching in the areas of Brindisi and Bari. Martyr.

Born : 22 offers Lecce, Italy

Died: beheaded with an axe on 26 August 68 a couple of miles outside Lecce, Italy

Patronage: ♦ against cholera (his intercession ended an outbreak in 1851)♦ Acaya, Italy♦ Botrugno, Italy♦ Brindisi-Ostuni, Italy, diocese of ♦ Campi Salentina, Italy♦ Diso, Italy♦ Lecce, Italy, city of♦ Lecce, Italy, archdiocese of♦ Lecce, Italy, province of♦ Muro Leccese, Italy♦ Ostuni, Italy♦ Paola, Italy (his intercession saved the city from a siege by the Cruzi)♦ Turi, Italy (hid from his persecutors in a cave there; appeared in a vision there in answer to prayers, and his intercession ended a plague in the city c. 1657

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