

	whole village. Likewise a king who decided to wage a war against an opponent who was much stronger, would be considered foolish if he did not come up with a plan that had a decent chance of success. Counting the cost and investing wisely are necessary conditions for securing a good return on the investment.	for the Spirit of God rests upon you. R. Alleluia, alleluia.	1–2, Ps 119:159–165 11 Prov 21–22, 1 Macc 8:16–32, Heb 3, Ps 119:166–172 12 Prov 23, 1 Macc 9:1–24, Heb 4, Ps 119:173–176
	The great exchange	Gospel LK 14:25-33	13 Prov 24–25, 1 Macc 9:25–44, Heb 5–6, Ps 120 14 Prov 26–27, 1 Macc 9:45–73,
Abortion isn't a lesser evil,	If you prize something of great value and want to possess it, it's natural to ask what it will cost you before you make a commitment to invest in it. Jesus was utterly honest and spared no words to tell his disciples that it would cost them dearly to be his disciples - it would cost them their whole	Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother,	Heb 7:1–12, Ps 121 15 Prov 28, 1 Macc 10:1–11, Heb 7:13–28, Ps 122 16 Prov 29–30, 1 Macc 10:12– 31, Heb 8:1–9:15, Ps 123
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.	lives and all they possessed in exchange for the new life and treasure of God's kingdom. The Lord Jesus leaves no room for compromise or concession. We either give our lives over to him entirely or we keep them for ourselves. Paul the Apostle reminds us, "We are not our own. We were bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 6:19b,20). We were once slaves to sin	wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and	17 Prov 31, 1 Macc 10:32–51, Heb 9:16–28, Ps 124 18 Eccles 1–3, 1 Macc 10:52–72, Heb 10, Ps 125
Pope Francis	and a kingdom of darkness and oppression, but we have now been purchased with the precious blood of Jesus Christ who has ransomed us from a life of darkness and destruction so we could enter his kingdom of light and truth. Christ has set us free to choose whom we will serve in this present life as	come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost	19 Eccles 4–6, 1 Macc 10:73–89, Heb 11:1–13, Ps 126 20 Eccles 7–8, 1 Macc 11:1–23, Heb 11:14–40, Ps 127 21 Eccles 9–12, 1 Macc 11:24–
Visit <u>Our Website</u>	well as in the age to come - God's kingdom of light, truth, and a goodness or Satan's kingdom of darkness, lies, and deception. There are no neutral parties - we are either for God's kingdom or against it.	to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work	43, Heb 12:1–17, Ps 128 22 Song 1–2, 1 Macc 11:44–63, Heb 12:18–29, Ps 129 23 Song 3–6, 1 Macc 11:64–74,
www.missionofjesus.com	Who do you love first - above all else? The love of God compels us to choose who or what will be	the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not	Heb 13, Ps 130:title–4 24 Song 7–8, 1 Macc 12:1–29, James 1, Ps 130:5–131:3
Face book	first in our lives. To place any relationship or any possession above God is a form of idolatry - worshiping the creature in place of the Creator and Ruler over all he has made. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who and what they love	first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king	25 Wisd of Sol 1–3, 1 Macc 12:30–53, James 2, Ps 132:title– 5 26 Wisd of Sol 4–6, 1 Macc 13:1
<u>Mission of Jesus</u>	first and foremost. We can be ruled and mastered by many different things - money, drugs, success, power or fame. Only one Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, can truly set us free from the power of sin, greed, and destruction. The choice is ours - who will we serve and follow - the path and destiny the Lord	advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask far page	-17, James 3, Ps 132:6-12 27 Wisd of Sol 7, 1 Macc 13:18- 37, James 4, Ps 132:13-18 28 Wisd of Sol 8-10, 1 Macc
WhatsApp group Mission Prayer	Jesus offers us or the path we choose in opposition to God's will and purpose for our lives. It boils down to choosing between life and death, truth and falsehood, goodness and evil. If we choose for the Lord Jesus and put our trust in him,	he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, everyone of you who does not renounce all his	13:38–53, James 5, Ps 133–134 29 Wisd of Sol 11–12, 1 Macc 14:1–24, 1 Pet 1, Ps 135:1–7 20 Wied of Sol 12, 14, 1 Macc
(+918281778684) Prayer requests to	he will show us the path that leads to true joy and happiness with our Father in heaven. "Lord Jesus, your are my Treasure, my Life, and my All. There	cannot be my disciple."	30 Wisd of Sol 13–14, 1 Macc 14:25–49, 1 Pet 2, Ps 135:8–14
Email: mojcounselor@gmail.com	Lord Jesus, your are my freasure, my Life, and my All. Inere is nothing in this life that can outweigh the joy of knowing, loving, and serving you all the days of my life. Take my life and all that I have and make it yours for your glory now and forever."		-
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## Today's Saints



St. Leonard

Saint Leonard was born towards the end of the fifth century of illustrious parents, residing in the part of the province of Gaul which was then beginning to be called France. Several historians believe that with his brother Saint Lifard, his origins can be traced to the castle of Vendome in the region of Orleans. He belonged to the nation of the Franks, and at the court of Clovis his relatives were dignitaries, baptized at the same time as the king by Saint Remi. That monarch himself stood as sponsor in Baptism for this child of predilection. As Leonard grew he was so moved by the holy examples of the bishop of Rheims that he renounced the world in order to lead a more perfect life. When Saint Remi had trained Leonard in virtue and conferred on him the tonsure, he began to exercise his charity on behalf of prisoners. Clovis, in response to a prayer of Saint Remi, had already issued an edict that prisoners in Rheims might be freed whenever his royal highness would pass through that city. Leonard asked the kind monarch to grant him personally the right to liberate prisoners whom he would find worthy of it, any time at all.

The reputation of Saint Leonard's goodness and sanctity soon spread, and the sick came to him for healing and alms. He did not fail to teach them also the value of Christian patience and to console them by the divine doctrine. The king desired to attach him permanently to his court, but Saint Leonard, in a discourse brilliant by its humility, replied that he preferred to live in the obscurity Christ had chosen for Himself for so many years, and he retired to a monastery. Saint Maximin, its abbot, saw to it that he was ordained a deacon, which office he accepted out of obedience, but he did not aspire to any additional ecclesiastical dignities. He recognized that his role was not to remain always in the monastery, and departed to preach to the pagans of the province of Limoges. He found on a nearby mountain a forested solitude where he decided to remain, and there he built a cell of branches and considered himself rich in the possession of God, joyous in his freedom to devote himself to meditation, prayer and mortification. He continued to obtain miracles when solicited by the suffering members of Jesus Christ. The spouse of a king living nearby had a successful delivery of a child by his prayers, when her very life was despaired of; and the king in gratitude gave him a part of the forest to dispose of as he wished. He then built an oratory to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Two disciples joined him in this sanctuary, continuing to pray without interruption when their master went on pilgrimage to the tombs of the Saints.

Soon the sick came to Saint Leonard here also, and prisoners who invoked him from their cells saw their chains break before their eyes. Many came to him afterwards, bringing their heavy chains and irons to offer them in homage. A considerable number wished to remain with him, and he often gave them part of his vast forest to clear and make ready for the labors of the fields, that they might have the means to live an honest life. He continued to be their guardian and father and preached the religion of our Saviour to them; and those who had once been malefactors were transformed by prayer and labor. Seven families of persons who were his relatives in the north heard of his reputation and decided to come to him and remain with him. He was surprised but encouraged their good resolutions, saying: A fare of dry bread, eaten in the joy of a pure conscience, is of more worth than a house abundantly furnished, where quarrels and divisions prevail. After increasing in holiness until his last days, he died on the 6th of November in the oratory he had dedicated to Our Lady, after having himself transported there, sometime during the second half of the sixth century. Miracles on behalf of prisoners and the sick followed, as they had preceded, his death. The cult of Saint Leonard has remained extremely popular in France ever since; and throughout all of Europe churches and monasteries have been placed under his invocation.

## St. Winnoc of Wormhoult

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Born to the nobility, possibly a prince, and some sources say his father was Saint Judicael. Raised and educated in Brittany, his family running there to escape the Saxons. Monk. Founded Saint Winnow's church in Cornwall, England. Monk at Sithiu (Saint Omer) under abbot Saint Bertin. Founded the monastery, church and hospital of Wormhoult, Belgium, served as abbot, and used it as a base to evangelize the area.

Humble, and ever mindful of the apostolic precept "if any would not work, neither should he eat", Winnoc threw himself into the manual labour of the monasteries, doing as much of the tough and disagreeable as any monk in the house. When enfeebled by old age, Winnoc prayed for help to continue his work; he received divine help to work a hand corn mill, making flour for his brothers and the poor. Another monk, out of curiosity, peeped through a crack in the mill-house door to see how the old man did so much work; he was stuck blind for his impertinence, but was healed by Winnoc's intercession.

Born: 7th century Wales

Died: • 6 November 716 or 717 at Wormhoult, Belgium of natural causes• originally buried at Wormhoult• relics translated to Bergues-Saint-Winnoc in 899• people who stood along the route taken by the monks were reported to have been healed of many illnesses, especially coughs and fevers, and they have been brought out to stop drought• the monastery was burned by Protestants in 1558 destroying some relics

Patronage: • against fever • against whooping cough • millers

## Bl. Thomas Ochia Jihyoe



Born to a Christian family, his parents were both catechists, and both died as martyrs. Thomas attended a Jesuit school in Arima, Japan, and when he felt a call to religious life, he continued his studies in Macao. In 1622 he went to Manila, Philippines to study, and there he joined the Augustinians, making his profession in 1624. He studied theology at Cebú, Philippines, and was ordained a priest. Father Thomas returned to Japan in 1631 to minister to Christians during an imperial persecution. Authorities who did not realize his vocation let him visit Christian prisoners, many of whom were missionaries. When the government realized he was conducting a ministry to them, he was forced flee and lived for a while in a cave, the subject of an intense man-hunt. From there, he used disguises, tricks and the name Kintsuba to minister to Christians in the region for years until finally caught, tortured for months, ordered repeatedly to denounce Christianity, and when he would not, he was executed. Martyr.

Born: c.1602 in Omura, Nagasaki, Japan

BI. Thomas Ochia Jihyoe

Died: hanged upside down on 6 November 1637 in Hill of Martyrs, Nishizaka, Nagasaki, Japan

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