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

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Thursday of the First Week of Advent

Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite	1st Reading	IS 26:1-6	Responsorial Psalm	118:1 AND 8-9, 19-21, 25-27A
	2nd Reading		Gospel	MT 7:21, 24-27
Syro-Malabar Rite	1st Reading	1 TIM 4:11-16	Gospel	JN 24:45-51
Syro-Malankara Rite	1st Reading	1 COR 3:10-17	Gospel	JN 10:1-6

"Who shall enter the kingdom of heaven?"

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.

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**Meditation:** What's the best security against disaster and destruction? In the ancient world a strong city, an impregnable fortress, and a secure house were built on solid rock because they could withstand the forces of nature and foe alike. Isaiah speaks of God as an "everlasting rock" (Isaiah 26:4). He is the rock of refuge and deliverance (Psalm 18:2) and the rock in whom there is no wrong (Psalm 92:15). Scripture warns that destruction will surely come to those who place their security in something other than God and his kingdom. Jesus' parables invite us to stake our lives on the coming of his kingdom or face the consequences of being unprepared when the day of testing and destruction will surely come.

**The only foundation that can keep us safe**  
When Jesus told the story of the builders he likely had the following proverb in mind: "When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm forever" (Proverbs 10:25). What's the significance of the story for us? The kind of foundation we build our lives upon will determine whether we can survive the storms that are sure to come. Builders usually lay their foundations when the weather and soil conditions are at their best. It takes foresight to know how a foundation will stand up against adverse conditions. Building a house on a flood plain, such as a dry river-bed, is a sure bet for disaster! Jesus prefaced his story with a warning: We may fool humans with our speech, but God cannot be deceived. He sees the heart as it truly is - with its motives, intentions, desires, and choices (Psalm 139:2).

There is only one way in which a person's sincerity can be proved, and that is by one's practice. Fine words can never replace good deeds. Our character is revealed in the choices we make, especially when we must choose between what is true and false, good and evil. Do you cheat on an exam or on your income taxes, especially when it will cost you? Do you lie, or cover-up, when disclosing the truth will cause you pain or embarrassment? A true person is honest and reliable before God, neighbor, and oneself. Such a person's word can be taken as trustworthy.

**Christ is the only rock that can save us**  
What can keep us from falsehood and spiritual disaster? If we make the Lord Jesus and his word the rock and foundation of our lives, then nothing can shake us nor keep us from God's presence and protection. Is the Lord Jesus and his word the one sure foundation of your life?

"Lord Jesus, you are the only foundation that can hold us up when trials and disaster threaten us. Give me the wisdom, foresight, and strength of character I need to do what is right and good and to reject whatever is false and contrary to your will. May I be a doer of your word and not a hearer only."

Reading 1 IS 26:1-6

On that day they will sing this song in the land of Judah:

"A strong city have we: he sets up walls and ramparts to protect us. Open up the gates to let in a nation that is just, one that keeps faith. A nation of firm purpose you keep in peace: in peace, for its trust in you."

Trust in the LORD forever! For the LORD is an eternal Rock. He humbles those in high places, and the lofty city he brings down; He tumbles it to the ground, levels it with the dust. It is trampled underfoot by the needy, by the footsteps of the poor.

Responsorial Psalm 118:1 AND 8-9, 19-21, 25-27A

R. (26a) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

or:  
R. Alleluia. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

R. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

or:  
R. Alleluia.

Open to me the gates of justice; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

This gate is the LORD's: the just shall enter it.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior.

R. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

or:  
R. Alleluia.

O LORD, grant salvation! O LORD, grant prosperity!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD:

we bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

R. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

or:  
R. Alleluia.

Alleluia IS 55:6

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Seek the LORD while he may be found; call him while he is near.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MT 7:21, 24-27

Jesus said to his disciples: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse: it had been set solidly on rock.

And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand.

The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined."

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- 01 Wisd of Sol 15-16, 1 Macc 15:1-15, 1 Pet 3, Ps 135:15-21
- 02 Wisd of Sol 17-18, 1 Macc 15:16-41, 1 Pet 4-5, Ps 136:1-7
- 03 Wisd of Sol 19, 1 Macc 16, 2 Pet 1, Ps 136:8-14
- 04 Sirach Pro-3, 2 Macc 1:11-11, 2 Pet 2, Ps 136:15-21
- 05 Sirach 4, 2 Macc 1:12-36, 2 Pet 3, Ps 136:22-26
- 06 Sirach 5-6, 2 Macc 2:1-15, 1 John 1, Ps 137
- 07 Sirach 7-8, 2 Macc 2:16-32, 1 John 2, Ps 138
- 08 Sirach 9-10, 2 Macc 3:1-24, 1 John 3, Ps 139:1-5
- 09 Sirach 11-14, Sirach 11:17-12:18, 2 Macc 3:25-40, 1 John 4, Ps 139:6-12
- 10 Sirach 13-14, 2 Macc 4:1-24, 1 John 5, Ps 139:13-19
- 11 Sirach 15:1-16:14, Sirach 16:17-30, 2 Macc 4:25-50, 2 John, 3 John, Ps 139:20-24
- 12 Sirach 17, 2 Macc 5:1-14, Jude, Ps 140:1-8
- 13 Sirach 18:1-19:17, Sirach 19:20-30, 2 Macc 5:15-27, Rev 1, Ps 140:9-13
- 14 Sirach 20, 2 Macc 6, Rev 2:1-13, Ps 141
- 15 Sirach 21-22:8, Sirach 22:11-27, 2 Macc 7:1-17, Rev 2:14-29, Ps 142
- 16 Sirach 23-24, 2 Macc 7:18-42, Rev 3-4, Ps 143:1-3
- 17 Sirach 25:1-26:18, Sirach 26:28-29, 2 Macc 8:1-15, Rev 5, Ps 143:4-12
- 18 Sirach 27, 2 Macc 8:16-36, Rev 6, Ps 144:1-4
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- 24 Sirach 38, 2 Macc 12:1-15, Rev 14, Ps 146
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- 27 Sirach 42-43, 2 Macc 13:11-26, Rev 18, Ps 147:15-20
- 28 Sirach 44-45, 2 Macc 14:1-25, Rev 19, Ps 148:1-8
- 29 Sirach 46-47, 2 Macc 14:26-46, Rev 20, Ps 148:9-14
- 30 Sirach 48-49, 2 Macc 15:1-19, Rev 21, Ps 149
- 31 Sirach 50-51, 2 Macc 15:20-39, Rev 22, Ps 150



Today's Saints

St. Sabbas of Mar Saba



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Spiritual student of Saint Euthymius the Great at age 20. Anchorite from age 30, living in a cave, devoting himself to prayer and manual labor. He wove ten willow baskets each day. On Saturday he would take them to the local monastery, led by Saint Euthymius, and trade them for a week's food, and a week's worth of willow wands for more baskets. Took over leadership of the monks upon the death of Saint Euthymius. Co-superior with Saint Theodosius over 1,000 monks and hermits in the region.

Sabbas was a simple man with little education, but with a firm belief in the spiritual benefits of simple living. The combination of his lack of education and his severe austerities caused some of his charges to rebel. Sabbas tired of the squabbling, and he missed his time in prayer, so he fled to Transjordania. There he found a cave inhabited by a lion: the lion moved on, finding a new home, and giving the cave to the holy man. A distorted version of this tale reached the rebellious monks: they seized on it, reported to the patriarch that Sabbas had been killed by a lion, and requested a new leader be appointed. As this message was being formally presented to the patriarch, Sabbas walked into the room. This led to a confrontation during which the complaints of the monks were aired. However, the patriarch took Sabbas's side, and the two restored order and discipline to the lives of the anchorites.

Sabbas led a peaceful uprising of 10,000 monks who demanded the end of the persecutions of Palestinian bishops of Anastatius I. At age 90, Sabbas travelled to Constantinople where he successfully pled for clemency from Justinian for Samaritans who were in revolt.

Born: 439 at Motalala, Cappadocia

Died: • 532 of natural causes• relics enshrined in Venice, Italy

Bl. Philip Rinaldi



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Philip met Don Bosco at age 5, and apparently instinctively understood the importance of the future saint. Though he felt a call to a religious vocation, Philip was torn, and was seriously considering marriage when he decided to become a disciple of Don Bosco at age 22. The Christian Brothers immediately saw something in him, and made him an assistant novice master even before he took his vows as a Salesian on 13 August 1880. Though he had no intention to become a priest, his superiors, who saw his potential better than he did, ordered him to study and take the tests, and he was ordained on 23 December 1882.

In addition to his work as novice master, Philip was placed in charge of the "late" vocations, those like himself who came to the Order as adults. Director of the Salesian community of Sarriá, Spain in 1889; he opened several new houses, and brought in many new vocations. Salesian provincial director in Spain from 1892 to 1901. Began publication of *Lecturas Catolicas* in 1895. Helped the Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians expand in Spain.

Vicar-General of the Salesians on 1 April 1901. Founded centres to minister to the daily and spiritual needs of young women. Helped found the World Federations of Past-Pupils, and assisted the Salesian Sisters. Organized the Salesian International Congress of 1911. With Zelatrici di Maria Ausiliatrice he helped found the group that would evolve into the Volunteers of Don Bosco. Rector Major of the Salesians on 24 May 1922, the third successor to Don Bosco, and the last one to have been personally trained by him. From that position he worked to bring Don Bosco's vision to the 20th century, and the 20th century to the vision, doing all he could to spread Salesian spirituality and trust in God. He sent many young Salesians to learn foreign languages and customs so they would become more effective missionaries, and he asked Pope Pius XI to grant the "indulgence for sanctified work". He travelled extensively, preaching, encouraging vocations and the spiritual life of the laity. During his tenure the number of Salesians went from 6,000 to 10,000, there were 250 new houses and centres opened, and his teacher Don Bosco was recognized as a saint.

Born: 28 May 1856 at Lu, Monferrato, Piedmont, Italy

Died: • 5 December 1931 of natural causes in Turin, Italy• buried in the cemetery in Turin• following the miraculous healing of Sister Mary Carla, he was re-interred in the Basilica of Mary Our Help, Turin

Beatified: • 29 April 1990 by Pope John Paul II• his beatification miracle involved the healing and regeneration of the jaw of Sister Mary Carla who was shot in the face on 20 April 1945 in northern Italy in the waning days of World War II

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Jean-Baptiste grew up in a pious household, the son of Louis Fouque and Adèle Anne Remuzat. He studied at the school run by Servant of God Joseph-Marie Timon-David. Ordained a priest in Marseilles, France on 10 June 1876. Parish priest in the French cities of Auriol and La Major from 1876 to 1888: he was assigned to the Sainte Trinité parish on 15 April 1888, and served there the rest of his life, over 38 years.

In December 1891, his vicar-general asked Father Jean-Baptiste to organize care for orphans and abandoned children. He founded "Le Sainte Famille" home for girls, which was eventually given to the care of Presentationist nuns, and used it as a model for opening other houses around the diocese, some for young girls, some for young boys, and some for those old enough to work as domestics. Opened "L'oeuvre de Salette" home for the elderly and infirm in an old convent in 1905. During World War I, 1914 to 1918, he worked to help the wounded and displaced. There was little money available after the war to continue his work, but Father Jean-Baptiste convinced some physicians to donate their time to care for the poor and neglected. By 1919 the need for their work was so obvious that he was able to start construction on a hospital for the poor, and opened the Saint John Hospital on 20 March 1921.

Born: 12 September 1851 in Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône, France Died: • 5 December 1926 at the Saint John Hospital in Marseille, Bouches-du-Rhône, France of natural causes• re-interred at the Saint Joseph chapel of the hospital on 29 April 1993

Beatified: • 30 September 2018 by Pope Francis• beatification celebrated in the Cathedral of Sainte-Marie-Majeure, Marseille, presided by Cardinal Giovanni Angelo Becciu

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