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

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Thursday in the Octave of Easter

Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite	1st Reading	ACTS 3:11-26	Responsorial Psalm	8:2AB AND 5, 6-7, 8-9
	2nd Reading		Gospel	LK 24:35-48
Syro-Malabar Rite	1st Reading	COL 2:12-15	Gospel	MT 10:1-15
Syro-Malankara Rite	1st Reading	1 COR 1:18-25	Gospel	MK 12:28-34

Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures

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:

Aren't we like the apostles? We wont believe unless we can see with our own eyes. The Gospel accounts attest to the reality of the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. Jesus goes to great lengths to assure his disciples that he is no mere ghost or illusion. He shows them the marks of his crucifixion and he explains how the Scriptures foretold his death and rising.

Jerome (347-420 AD), an early church bible scholar, comments:

"As he showed them real hands and a real side, he really ate with his disciples; really walked with Cleophas; conversed with men with a real tongue; really reclined at supper; with real hands took bread, blessed and broke it, and was offering it to them... Do not put the power of the Lord on the level with the tricks of magicians, so that he may appear to have been what he was not, and may be thought to have eaten without teeth, walked without feet, broken bread without hands, spoken without a tongue, and showed a side which had no ribs." (From a letter to Pammachius against John of Jerusalem 34)

The door to heaven and key to paradise is through the cross

The centrality of the Gospel message is the cross - but fortunately it does not stop there. Through the cross Jesus defeated our enemies - death and Satan and won pardon for our sins. His cross is the door to heaven and the key to paradise. The way to glory is through the cross. When the disciples saw the risen Lord they disbelieved for joy! How can death lead to life, the cross to victory? Jesus shows us the way and he gives us the power to overcome sin and despair, and everything else that would stand in the way of his love and truth. Just as the first disciples were commissioned to bring the good news of salvation to all the nations, so, we, too, are called to be witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to all who live on the face of the earth. Do you witness the joy of the Gospel to those around you?

"Lord Jesus, open our minds to understand the Scriptures that we may fully comprehend the truth of your word. Anoint us with your power and give us joy and boldness to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed."

Reading 1

ACTS 3:11-26

As the crippled man who had been cured clung to Peter and John, all the people hurried in amazement toward them in the portico called "Solomon's Portico." When Peter saw this, he addressed the people, "You children of Israel, why are you amazed at this, and why do you look so intently at us as if we had made him walk by our own power or piety? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence, when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead: of this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, this man, whom you see and know, his name has made strong, and the faith that comes through it has given him this perfect health, in the presence of all of you. Now I know, brothers and sisters, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did: but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away, and that the Lord may grant you times of refreshment and send you the Christ already appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the times of universal restoration of which God spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old. For Moses said:

A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin: to him you shall listen in all that he may say to you. Everyone who does not listen to that prophet will be cut off from the people.

"Moreover, all the prophets who spoke, from Samuel and those afterwards, also announced these days. You are the children of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your ancestors when he said to Abraham, In your offspring all the families of the earth shall be blessed. For you first, God raised up his servant and sent him to bless you by turning each of you from your evil ways."

Responsorial Psalm 8:2AB AND 5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (2ab) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! or: R. Alleluia.
O LORD, our Lord, how glorious is your name over all the earth! What is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him?
R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! or: R. Alleluia.
You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of your hands, putting all things under his feet.
R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! or: R. Alleluia.
All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fishes of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas.
R. O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth! or: R. Alleluia.

Alleluia PS 118: 24
R. Alleluia, alleluia.
This is the day the LORD has made: let us be glad and rejoice in it.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel LK 24:35-48

The disciples of Jesus recounted what had taken place along the way, and how they had come to recognize him in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish: he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

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

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The Bible in one year: APRIL

- 01 Num 22, Jer 22:15-30, Luke 5:1-21, Ps 40:14-17
- 02 Num 23, Jer 23:1-24, Luke 5:22-39, Ps 41
- 03 Num 24-25, Jer 23:25-40, Luke 6:1-25, Ps 42:title-3
- 04 Num 26, Jer 24:1-25:14, Luke 6:26-49, Ps 42:4-11
- 05 Num 27-28, Jer 25:15-38, Luke 7:1-20, Ps 43
- 06 Num 29, Jer 26, Luke 7:21-50, Ps 44:title-7
- 07 Num 30-31, Jer 27, Luke 8:1-14, Ps 44:8-14
- 08 Num 32, Jer 28, Luke 8:15-35, Ps 44:15-21
- 09 Num 33, Jer 29:1-14, Luke 8:36-56, Ps 44:22-26
- 10 Num 34, Jer 29:15-32, Luke 9:1-23, Ps 45:title-8
- 11 Num 35-36, Jer 30, Luke 9:24-45, Ps 45:9-17
- 12 Deut 1, Jer 31:1-18, Luke 9:46-62, Ps 46:title-4
- 13 Deut 2-3, Jer 31:19-40, Luke 10:1-12, Ps 46:5-11
- 14 Deut 4, Jer 32:1-19, Luke 10:27-42, Ps 47
- 15 Deut 5, Jer 32:20-44, Luke 11:1-28, Ps 48:title-3
- 16 Deut 6-7, Jer 33:1-15, Luke 11:29-54, Ps 48:4-10
- 17 Deut 8-9, Jer 33:16-26, Luke 12:1-18, Ps 48:11-14
- 18 Deut 10-11, Jer 34, Luke 12:19-39, Ps 49:title-10
- 19 Deut 12-13, Jer 35, Luke 12:40-59, Ps 49:11-20
- 20 Deut 14, Jer 36, Luke 13:1-24, Ps 50:title-3
- 21 Deut 15-17, Jer 37, Luke 13:25-14:11, Ps 50:4-10
- 22 Deut 18-19, Jer 38:1-16, Luke 14:12-35, Ps 50:11-17
- 23 Deut 20-21, Jer 38:17-28, Luke 15:1-19, Ps 50:18-23
- 24 Deut 22-23, Jer 39-40, Luke 15:20-32, Ps 51:title-7
- 25 Deut 24-25, Jer 41, Luke 16, Ps 51:8-14
- 26 Deut 26-27, Jer 42, Luke 17:1-22, Ps 51:15-19
- 27 Deut 28, Jer 43, Luke 17:23-37, Ps 52
- 28 Deut 29, Jer 44, Luke 18:1-28, Ps 53
- 29 Deut 30-31, Jer 45, Luke 18:29-43, Ps 54
- 30 Deut 32, Jer 46, Luke 19:1-29, Ps 55:title-4



Today's Saints

St. Bernadette Soubirous



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Oldest of six children born to François and Louise Casterot, and grew up very poor. Hired out as a servant from age 12 to 14. Shepherdess. On 11 February 1858, around the time of her first Communion, she received a vision of the Virgin; her own account of it is in the Readings section below. She received seventeen more in the next five months, and was led to a spring of healing waters. She moved into a house with the Sisters of Nevers at Lourdes where she lived, worked, and learned to read and write. The sisters cared for the sick and indigent, and at age 22 they admitted Bernadette into their order since she was both. Always sick herself, and often mistreated by her superiors, she died with a prayer for Mary's aid. Since the appearances of Mary to young Bernadette in 1858, more than 200 million people have visited the shrine of Lourdes.

Born: 7 January 1844 at Lourdes, Hautes-Pyrénées, France

Died: • 16 April 1879, Nevers, Nièvre, France of natural causes • body incorrupt • the sisters covered the body in wax, and it is on display in Nevers

Canonized: 8 December 1933 by Pope Pius XI

Patronage: • against bodily ills, illness and sickness • against poverty • Lourdes, France • people ridiculed for their piety • poor people • shepherdesses • shepherds • sick people

St. Engratia & 18 Companions, Martyrs



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The church celebrates on this day the triumph of Saint Engratia, a virgin martyr who was a native of Portugal. Her father had promised her in marriage to a man of quality in Rousillon, Gaul, and to accompany her there, he sent as her escort for the marriage her uncle Lupercius and a brilliant suite of sixteen other noblemen, as well as a servant named Julie.

When they arrived at Saragossa, she learned of the horrible massacre of Christians being carried on at that time, and of the torments they were enduring at the hand of Dacian, who governed that region in the name of the emperors Diocletian and Maximian. Inspired with a divine heroism, she resolved to attempt to change his dispositions, or if she could not do so, to take part herself in the glory of these generous soldiers of Christ, and mingle her blood with theirs.

She obtained an audience with the persecutor. Saying she was moved with compassion for her brethren who, despite their innocence, were being slain without mercy, she asked him, How can you shed the blood of so many persons who have done nothing but adore the true God and despise vain idols? Dacian, hearing her gentle reproaches, immediately had her imprisoned and sought out her companions, whom he also cast into prison. They affirmed at his tribunal that they too were Christians, and all were cruelly scourged. Saint Engratia was subjected to the most cruel and barbarous torments; abandoned in prison, she died of her wounds which festered there. Her death occurred in April of the year 303.

Saint Lupercius, with the seventeen nobles and Julie, had already been decapitated. Dacian, still not satiated with blood, massacred great numbers of other Christians of Saragossa who are honored on November 3rd under the title of the Countless Martyrs of Saragossa. Their bodies were burned with those of several malefactors, imprisoned at the same time, but it is said that the ashes of the martyrs separated and formed a lot apart, called the masse blanche.

The relics of Saint Engratia, who was buried by the Christians of Saragossa, have always been held in high honor in Spain, at Saragossa in particular.

Reflection. Men do not pursue in a haphazard manner temporal goods, or by fits and starts. Let us be just as punctual and orderly in the service of God, not searching for new paths but perfecting our ordinary devotions. If we persevere in these, Paradise is ours.

St. Fructuosus of Braga



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Son of a Gothic general, and member of a noble military family. Studied at the seminary in Palencia. From an early age, Fructuosus felt a call to the religious life. Orphaned when young. When he came of age, Fructuosus gave away his family fortune to the poor, bought the freedom of slaves, and founded several monasteries. By 647 he had founded houses in Lusitania, Asturia, Spanish Galicia, and the island of Gades.

Feeling that he lacked contact with God, Fructuosus left the houses and friends, and became a hermit in the desert of Galacia. His reputation for holiness and wisdom attracted students, sometimes entire families. He built monasteries for them, placed them under the Benedictine Rule, and served as abbot. He attracted so many disciples that the king limited the number of men who could join: he feared there would not be enough young men to man the army.

Again feeling that the outside world was taking too much of this time, Fructuosus planned to flee further into the wilderness, this time to the deserts in Egypt. However, the king got word of the plan, decided too many people depended on his leadership, and ordered him not to leave the country. Bishop of Dumium in 654. Archbishop of Braga, Portugal in 656. Wrote two monastic rules, one of which was designed to allow families to remain together, yet live monastic lives.

Born: early 7th century Spain

Died: • 16 April 665 • his deathbed was a pile of ashes he had placed before the altar • relics translated to Santiago de Compostela, Spain in 1102 • his tomb became a place for pilgrimages, and a scene of miracles

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