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


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Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, priest

Latin Rite	1st Reading 2nd Reading	ACTS 20:17-27	Responsorial Psalm Gospel	68:10-11, 20-21 JN 17:1-11A
Syro-Malabar Rite	1st Reading	1 COR 8:8-13	Gospel	LK 12:13-21
Syro-Malankara Rite	1st Reading	GAL 5:7-12	Gospel	JN 6:48-59

" This is eternal life - to know the Father the only true God"

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:

In his Last Supper discourse with his beloved disciples Jesus speaks of his glory and the glory of his Father. What is this glory? It is the cross which Jesus speaks of here and the willing offering of his life for us. How does the cross reveal this glory? In the cross God reveals the breadth of his great love for sinners and the power of Jesus' redemptive sacrifice which cancels the debt of sin and reverses the curse of our condemnation (Romans 8:1). Jesus gave his Father the supreme honor and glory through his obedience and willingness to go to the cross for our sake. In times of defense the greatest honor belongs not to those who fought and survived but to those who gave the supreme sacrifice of their own lives for their fellow citizens.The Lord Jesus freely and willingly offered up his life out of obedience to his Father and love for us.

Jesus reveals the glory of God to us

Jesus speaks of the Father bringing glory to the Son through the great mystery of the Incarnation - the eternal Word who became flesh for our sake (John 1:14) - and the Cross of Christ which won for us pardon, freedom, and new life in the Holy Spirit. God the Father gave us his only begotten Son to set us free from slavery to sin, guilt, and condemnation. His sacrificial death brings us new life - the abundant life of peace and joy which God wishes to share with each one of us. There is no greater proof of God's love for each and every person on the face of the earth than the Cross of Jesus Christ. In the cross we see a new way of love - a love that is merciful, sacrificial, and generous beyond measure.

Jesus offers abundant life without end

Jesus offers us eternal life. What is eternal life? It is more than simply a life without end or an eternal state of being. Science and medicine look for ways to extend the duration of human life - but God offers us something vastly greater and more surpassing than a simple extension of physical life. Eternal life is qualitative more than quantitative. To have eternal life is to have the very life of God within us. When we possess eternal life we experience here and now something of God's majesty, glory, and holiness which he shares with us. Through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit, God fills us with the abundant fruit of his peace, joy and love.

We can know God personally

Jesus also speaks of the knowledge of God. Jesus tells his disciples that they can know the only true God. Knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally and be united with God in a personal relationship of love and friendship. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from Judaism and other religions, is the personal and experiential knowledge of God as our eternal Father - the one who knew us before creation (Ephesians 1:4 and Romans 8:29) and who knit us in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13 and Jeremiah 1:5). Jesus makes it possible for each of us to personally know God as our Father. To see Jesus is to see what God is like.

A unity of love that endures forever

In Jesus Christ we see the perfect love of God - a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God - a God who loves us completely, unconditionally and perfectly. Do you hunger to know God personally and to be united with the Father in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through the unity of the Holy Spirit who dwells with us? The Lord Jesus invites each of us to enter more deeply into a personal relationship of love and oneness of mind, heart, and spirit with the eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who created us in love for love.

"If only I possessed the grace, good Jesus, to be utterly at one with you! Amidst all the variety of worldly things around me, Lord, the only thing I crave is unity with you. You are all my soul needs. Unite, dear friend of my heart, this unique little soul of mine to your perfect goodness. You are all mine; when shall I be yours? Lord Jesus, my beloved, be the magnet of my heart; clasp, press, unite me for ever to your sacred heart. You have made me for yourself; make me one with you. Absorb this tiny drop of life into the ocean of goodness whence it came." (Prayer of Francis de Sales, 1567-1622)

Reading 1 ACTS 20:17-27

From Miletus Paul had the presbyters of the Church at Ephesus summoned. When they came to him, he addressed them, "You know how I lived among you the whole time from the day I first came to the province of Asia. I served the Lord with all humility and with the tears and trials that came to me because of the plots of the Jews, and I did not at all shrink from telling you what was for your benefit, or from teaching you in public or in your homes. I earnestly bore witness for both Jews and Greeks to repentance before God and to faith in our Lord Jesus. But now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem. What will happen to me there I do not know, except that in one city after another the Holy Spirit has been warning me that imprisonment and hardships await me. Yet I consider life of no importance to me, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to bear witness to the Gospel of God's grace.

"But now I know that none of you to whom I preached the kingdom during my travels will ever see my face again. And so I solemnly declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, for I did not shrink from proclaiming to you the entire plan of God."

Resources

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- ♦ The Real Meaning of Christmas
- ♦ Why should I Confess?
- ♦ History & Devotion-Sacred Heart

Prayers ♦ Prayer

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- ♦ Intercession Prayers & Other Prayers

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- ♦ Divine Songs - Tamil
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Pope Francis

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01 Deut 33-34, Jer 47:1-48:12, Luke 19:30-48, Ps 55:5-11
02 Josh 1-3, Jer 48:13-32, Luke 20:1-25, Ps 55:12-18
03 Josh 4-5, Jer 48:33-47, Luke 20:26-47, Ps 55:19-23
04 Josh 6-7, Jer 49:1-26, Luke 21:1-21, Ps 56:title-8
05 Josh 8-9, Jer 49:27-39, Luke 21:22-38, Ps 56:9-13
06 Josh 10, Jer 50:1-27, Luke 22:1-27, Ps 57
07 Josh 11-12, Jer 50:28-46, Luke 22:28-49, Ps 58:title-4
08 Josh 13-14, Jer 51:1-21, Luke 22:50-71, Ps 58:5-11
09 Josh 15, Jer 51:22-41, Luke 23:1-21, Ps 59:title-6
10 Josh 16-17, Jer 51:42-64, Luke 23:22-43, Ps 59:7-13
11 Josh 18-19, Jer 52:1-18, Luke 23:44-56, Ps 59:14-17
12 Josh 20, Jer 52:19-34, Luke 24:1-31, Ps 60
13 Josh 21-22, Lam 1, Luke 24:32-53, Ps 61:title-3
14 Josh 23-24, Lam 2, John 1:1-21, Ps 61:4-8
15 Judg 1, Lam 3:1-20, John 1:22-51, Ps 62:title-8
16 Judg 2-3, Lam 3:21-40, John 2:1-14, Ps 62:9-12
17 Judg 4-5, Lam 3:41-66, John 2:15-31, Ps 63
18 Judg 6, Lam 4, John 3:12-36, Ps 64:title-4
19 Judg 7, Lam 5, John 4:1-18, Ps 64:5-10
20 Judg 8:1-9:30, Baruch 1, John 4:19-40, Ps 65:title-7
21 Judg 9:31-10:18, Baruch 2:1-10, John 4:41-54, Ps 65:8-13
22 Judg 11-12, Baruch 2:11-35, John 5:1-30, Ps 66:title-8
23 Judg 13-14, Baruch 3:1-16, John 5:31-47, Ps 66:9-15
24 Judg 15-16, Baruch 3:17-37, John 6:1-26, Ps 66:16-20
25 Judg 17-18, Baruch 4:1-19, John 6:27-48, Ps 67
26 Judg 19, Baruch 4:20-37, John 6:49-71, Ps 68:title-7
27 Judg 20-21, Baruch 5:1-6:13, John 7:1-21, Ps 68:8-14
28 Ruth 1-2, Baruch 6:14-33, John 7:22-42, Ps 68:15-21
29 Ruth 3-4, Baruch 6:34-53, John 7:43-8:11, Ps 68:22-28
30 1 Sam 1-2, Baruch 6:54-73, John 8:12-33, Ps 68:29-35
31 1 Sam 3-4, Ezek 1, John 8:34-59, Ps 69:title-6

Today's Saints

St. Philip Neri



Though he was related to Italian nobility, Philip came from a poor family. His father, Francisco Neri, worked as a notary. Philip's brother died in childhood, but his two sisters, Caterina and Elisabetta survived. Known as a pious youth, Philip was taught humanities by the Dominicans. The family moved to San Germano in 1533 to help some relatives with their business, and while there Philip would escape to a local Dominican chapel in the mountains. Having received a vision that he had an apostolate in Rome, Philip cut himself off from his family, and went there. He was befriended by Galeotto Caccia who took Philip in and paid him to tutor his two sons. Wrote poetry in Latin and Italian. He studied philosophy and theology, and when he tired of learning, he sold all his books and gave the money to the poor.


Philip began to visit and care for the sick, and impoverished pilgrims, and founded a society of like-minded folk to do the same. He became a friend of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. A layman, he lived in the city as a hermit. During Easter season of 1544, while praying in the catacomb of San Sebastiano, he received a vision of a globe of fire that entered his chest, and he experienced an ecstasy that physically enlarged his heart. With Persiano Rose, he founded the Confraternity of the Most Holy Trinity. He began to preach, with many converts. In 1550 he considered retiring to the life of a solitary hermit, but received further visions that told him his mission was in Rome. Later he considered missionary work in India, but further visions convinced him to stay in Rome. He entered the priesthood in 1551. Father Philip heard confessions by the hour, could tell penitents their sins before they confessed, and had the gift of conferring visions. He began working with youth, finding safe places for them to play, becoming involved in their lives.

Pope Gregory XIV tried to make him a cardinal, but Philip declined. His popularity was such that he was accused of forming his own sect, but was cleared of this baseless charge. In 1575 he founded the Congregation of the Oratory (Oratorians, a group of priests dedicated to preaching and teaching, but which suffered from accusations of heresy because of the involvement of laymen as preachers. In later years he was beset by several illnesses, each of which was in turn cured through prayer.

Born: 22 July 1515 at Florence, Italy Died: 26 May 1595 at the church of San Maria in Vallicella, Italy of natural causes

Canonized: 12 March 1622 by Pope Gregory XV San Giovanni Patronage: • Gravina, Italy• Rome, Italy• archdiocese of Manfredonia-Vieste-Rotondo, Italy• United States Army Special Forces

St. Mary Ann de Paredes



Daughter of Don Girolamo Flores Zenel de Paredes, a nobleman of Toledo, and Doña Mariana Cranobles de Xaramilo; her birth was accompanied by unusual celestial phenomena. Orphaned very young, she was raised by her older sister and her husband. Mary Ann was a pious child with a devotion to Mary. She was miraculously saved from death several times.


Attracted to religious life at an early age, at ten she made vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. She initially wanted to be a Dominican nun, but instead became a hermit in home of her sister. Her life changed at that point, and except to attend church, she never left the house again. Given to severe austerities, she slept little, and ate an ounce of dry bread every eight or ten days, surviving solely on the Eucharist which she received during daily Communion. Given to ecstasies; had gifts of prophecy, remote viewing, reading of hearts, healing by making the Sign of the Cross or sprinkling with holy water, and at least once restored a dead person to life.

During a series of earthquakes in 1645, and inevitable epidemics that followed them, in Quito, Ecuador she publicly offered herself as a victim for the city and died shortly after. Immediately after her death there blossomed a pure white lily from her blood. The Republic of Ecuador has declared her a national heroine.

Born: 31 October 1618 at Quito, Ecuador Died: 26 May 1645 at Quito, Ecuador

Canonized: 9 July 1950 by Pope Pius XII people rejected Patronage: • against bodily ills or sickness; sick people• against the loss of parents• by religious orders• Americas

Bl. Eva of Liege



When Blessed Juliana was prioress of Mount Cornillon, one of her closest friends was a holy recluse, Eva, or Heva, of Liege, whom she inspired with her own enthusiastic purpose to obtain the institution of a feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament.

It was in Eva's cell near the church of St. Martin that Juliana found refuge when she was driven for the first time from Cornillon, and it was Eva who took up her mission after she died. The accession of Pope Urban IV raised her hopes, for he had formerly shown himself sympathetic when, as archdeacon James Pantaleon, he had been approached on the subject by Blessed Juliana.

Eva's hopes were fulfilled. Not only did he institute the festival of Corpus Christi, but he sent to her the bull of authorization as well as a special office for the day St. Thomas Aquinas had compiled at his desire. The cultus of Blessed Eva was confirmed in 1902. Her feast day is May 26.

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