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

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Friday of the Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Latin Rite	1st Reading	EPH 1: 11-14	Responsorial Psalm	33: 1-2, 4-5, 12-13
Syro-Malabar Rite	2nd Reading		Gospel	LK 12: 1-7
Syro-Malankara Rite	1st Reading	1 PT 4: 2-19	Gospel	JN 10: 1-15
	1st Reading	COL 1: 24-29	Gospel	LK 1: 1-4

Do Not Fear Those Who Kill the Body

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:

What does leaven have to do with hypocrisy? To the Jews leaven was a sign of evil. It was a piece of dough from left-over bread which fermented. Fermentation was associated with decay and rotting - the state of foul-smelling decomposition. Why did Jesus warn his disciples to avoid the ways of the Pharisees? The Pharisees wanted everyone to recognize that they were pious and good Jews because they meticulously and scrupulously performed their religious duties. Jesus turned the table on them by declaring that outward appearance doesn't always match the inward intentions of the heart. Anyone can display outward signs of goodness while inwardly harboring evil thoughts and intentions.

God's light exposes darkness and transforms our minds and hearts

The word hypocrite means actor - someone who pretends to be what he or she is not. But who can truly be good, but God alone? Hypocrisy thrives on making a good appearance and masking what they don't want others to see. The good news is that God's light exposes the darkness of evil and sin in our hearts, even the sin which is unknown to us. And God's light transforms our hearts and minds and enables us to overcome hatred with love, pride with humility, and pretense with integrity and truthfulness. God gives grace to the humble and contrite of heart to enable us to overcome the leaven of insincerity and hypocrisy in our lives.

Godly fear draws us to God's love and truth

What does fear have to do with the kingdom of God? Fear is a powerful force. It can lead us to panic and flight or it can spur us to faith and action. The fear of God is the antidote to the fear of losing one's life.

"I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears... O fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no want! ..Come, O sons, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord." (Psalm 34:4,9,11)

What is godly fear? It is reverence for the One who made us in love and who sustains us in mercy and kindness. The greatest injury or loss which we can experience is not physical but spiritual - the loss of one's soul and life to the power of hell. A healthy fear of God leads to spiritual maturity, wisdom, and right judgment and it frees us from the tyranny of sinful pride, deceit, and cowardice - especially in the face of evil, falsehood, and deception. Do you trust in God's grace and mercy and do you submit to his life-giving word of truth and righteousness (moral goodness)?

Lord Jesus, may the light of your word free my heart from the deception of sin and consume me with a burning love for your truth and righteousness.

Reading 1 EPH 1: 11-14

Brothers and sisters:
In Christ we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ.
In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory.

Responsorial Psalm 33: 1-2, 4-5, 12-13

R. (12) Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.
R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
For upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.
R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.
From heaven the LORD looks down;
he sees all mankind.
R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Gospel LK 12: 1-7

At that time:
So many people were crowding together that they were trampling one another underfoot. Jesus began to speak, first to his disciples, "Beware of the leaven—that is, the hypocrisy—of the Pharisees.

"There is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed on the housetops. I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body but after that can do no more. I shall show you whom to fear.
Be afraid of the one who after killing has the power to cast into Gehenna: yes, I tell you, be afraid of that one. Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins?
Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God.
Even the hairs of your head have all been counted.
Do not be afraid.
You are worth more than many sparrows."

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
- ♦ Wallpapers

The Bible in one year: OCTOBER

01 Jdth 14–16, Hab 3, Gal 3:1–15, Ps 109:20–27
02 Esther 11:2–12:6, Esther 1, Zeph 1, Gal 3:16–29, Ps 109:28–31
03 Esther 2:1–3:13, Esther 13:1–7, Esther 3:14–15, Zeph 2–3, Gal 4, Ps 110
04 Esther 4, Esther 13:8–15:16, Haggai 1, Gal 5, Ps 111
05 Esther 5–7, Haggai 2, Gal 6, Ps 112:1–6
06 Esther 8:1–12, Esther 16, Esther 8:13–17, Zech 1, Eph 1, Ps 112:7–10
07 Esther 9:1–11:1, Zech 2, Eph 2, Ps 113
08 Job 1–3, Zech 3–4, Eph 3, Ps 114
09 Job 4–5, Zech 5, Eph 4:1–20, Ps 115:1–7
10 Job 6–7, Zech 6–7, Eph 4:21–32, Ps 115:8–14
11 Job 8–9, Zech 8, Eph 5, Ps 115:15–18
12 Job 10–11, Zech 9, Eph 6, Ps 116:1–10
13 Job 12–13, Zech 10, Phil 1:1–18, Ps 116:11–19
14 Job 14–15, Zech 11, Phil 1:19–30, Ps 117
15 Job 16–17, Zech 12–13, Phil 2, Ps 118:1–10
16 Job 18–19, Zech 14, Phil 3, Ps 118:11–17
17 Job 20, Mal 1–2, Phil 4, Ps 118:18–24
18 Job 21–22, Mal 3, Col 1, Ps 118:25–29
19 Job 23–25, Mal 4, Col 2, Ps 119:1–10
20 Job 26–27, 1 Macc 1:1–28, Col 3:1–14, Ps 119:11–17
21 Job 28–29, 1 Macc 1:29–48, Col 3:15–4:18, Ps 119:18–24
22 Job 30–31, 1 Macc 1:49–64, 1 Thess 1, Ps 119:25–31
23 Job 32, 1 Macc 2:1–25, 1 Thess 2–3, Ps 119:32–38
24 Job 33–34, 1 Macc 2:26–45, 1 Thess 4, Ps 119:39–45
25 Job 35–36, 1 Macc 2:46–70, 1 Thess 5, Ps 119:46–52
26 Job 37, 1 Macc 3:1–15, 2 Thess 1, Ps 119:53–59
27 Job 38–39, 1 Macc 3:16–35, 2 Thess 2, Ps 119:60–66
28 Job 40, 1 Macc 3:36–60, 2 Thess 3, Ps 119:67–73
30 Prov 1–2, 1 Macc 4:17–36, 1 Tim 3, Ps 119:81–87
31 Prov 3–4, 1 Macc 4:37–61, 1 Tim 4, Ps 119:88–94

Today's Saints

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque



Saint Margaret Mary, a soul of divine predilection, was born at Terreau in Burgundy, on July 22, 1647. During her infancy she showed a wonderfully sensitive revulsion to the very idea of sin, and while still a young child always recited the entire Rosary every day. She lost her father at the age of eight years, and her mother placed her with the Poor Clares. She was often sick and for four years was bedridden, losing almost entirely the use of her members. She made a vow to Our Lady to become one of Her daughters if She cured her, and was suddenly entirely well.

She was of a gay temperament and her heart became easily attached to human affections. God began her purification when the charge of her mother's house was confided to persons who reduced the family to a sort of servitude. Margaret Mary turned to God for strength and consolation when she was accused of various crimes she had not committed. In short, the Saint of the Sacred Heart learned to suffer for Christ, with patience, what innocence can suffer in such situations.

She desired to be a religious, but her mother could not bear to hear a word of that desire. Finally God came to her assistance through a Franciscan priest, who told her brother that he would answer to God for the vocation of his sister. In 1671 she entered the Order of the Visitation of Mary, at Paray-le-Monial, and was professed the following year. She followed all the practices of the monastery in perfect obedience, spending as much time as she could in the chapel with her Lord. After sanctifying her by many trials, Jesus appeared to her in numerous visions, displaying to her His Sacred Heart, sometimes burning as a furnace, and sometimes torn and bleeding on account of the coldness and sins of men. Behold this Heart which has so loved men, and been so little loved by them in return!

In 1675, she was told by Our Lord that she, with the aid of Father Claude de la Colombiere of the Society of Jesus, was to be His instrument for instituting the feast of the Sacred Heart, and for spreading that devotion everywhere. This was not accomplished without great sufferings. The good Jesuit did all in his power to make known and loved the Heart of Jesus, but when it seemed all obstacles were about to disappear, his credit diminished, and his Superiors sent him to England. He returned to France exhausted and soon died.

Saint Margaret Mary was for a time Mistress of Novices, and in this office exercised a true apostolate, working to win for the Heart of Jesus the hearts of the young girls who were aspiring to religious consecration. She was persecuted when she sent one of them home, not having seen in her the indications of a genuine vocation: the family attempted to have her deposed. She remained in the charge but was deprived of Holy Communion on the First Friday of the month. This practice was one of Our Lord's specific requests: for souls who communicate nine First Fridays in succession, He promised the most wonderful graces. The demons also persecuted her visibly: nonetheless her entire Community was finally won over to devotion to the Divine Heart.

Saint Margaret Mary died at the age of forty-two years, on October 17, 1690, and everywhere was heard in the city: The Saint is dead! The Saint is dead! She was beatified in 1864 by Pope Pius IX, and canonized in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV.

Reflection: Love for the Sacred Heart especially honors the Incarnation, and makes the soul grow rapidly in humility, generosity, patience, and union with Its Beloved.

St. Gerard Majella



Son of a tailor who died when the boy was 12, leaving the family in poverty. Gerard tried to join the Capuchins, but his health prevented it. He was accepted as a Redemptorist lay brother serving his congregation as sacristan, gardener, porter, infirmarian, and tailor. Miracle worker. When falsely accused by a pregnant woman of being the father of her child, he retreated to silence; she later recanted and cleared him, and thus began his association as patron of all aspects of pregnancy. Reputed to bilocate and read consciences. His last will consisted of the following small note on the door of his cell: "Here the will of God is done, as God wills, and as long as God wills."

Born: 23 April 1725 at Muro, Italy

Died: • 16 October 1755 at Caposele, Provincia di Avellino, Campania, Italy of tuberculosis • interred in the Basilica di San Gerardo Maiella in Materdomini Caposele, Provincia di Avellino, Campania, Italy

Canonized: 11 December 1904 by Pope Saint Pius X

Patronage: • childbirth • children • expectant mothers • falsely accused people • good confessions • lay brothers • motherhood • mothers • pregnant women • pro-life movement • unborn children • Basilicata, Italy • Muro, Italy

Bl. Augustine Thevarparampil



Priest in the eparchy of Palai, India, ordained on 17 December 1921. Worked the the "untouchable" caste in India, bringing them to the faith, and giving them some basic education to improve their lot in this world.

Born: 1 April 1891 in Ramapuram, Kerala, India

Died: 16 October 1973 in Ramapuram, Kerala, India of natural causes

Beatified: • 30 April 2006 by Pope Benedict XVI • recognition celebrated at Ramapuram, Palai, India

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