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

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Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite

2nd Reading

Syro-Malabar Rite

Syro-Malankara Rite

1st Reading

1st Reading

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DT 30:15-20

ROM 3:9-20

ROM 3:1-8

Responsorial 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Gospel

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LK 9:22-25

MT 6:25-34

JN 14:1-6

The Father's Witness to Jesus

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.

Pope Francis

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Meditation:

Do you know the joy of the Gospel - the good news of Jesus Christ - and a life freely submitted to the wisdom and knowledge of God's word? Jesus' opponents refused to accept his authority to speak and act in the name of God. And they refused to believe that he was sent from the Father in heaven. They demanded evidence for his claim to be equal with God. Jesus answers their charges with the supporting evidence of witnesses. The law of Moses had laid down the principle that the unsupported evidence of one person shall not prevail against a man for any crime or wrong in connection with any offence he committed (see Deuteronomy 17:6). At least two or three witnesses were needed.

Witnesses to Jesus' true identity

Jesus begins his defense by citing John the Baptist as a witness, since John publicly pointed to Jesus as the Messiah and had repeatedly borne witness to him (see John 1:19, 20, 26, 29, 35, 36). Jesus also asserts that a greater witness to his identity and equality with God the Father are the signs and miracles he performed. He cites his works, not to point to himself but to point to the power of God the Father working in and through him. He cites God the Father as his supreme witness.

Jesus asserts that the Scriptures themselves, including the first five books of Moses, point to him as the Messiah, the promised Savior. The problem with the scribes and Pharisees was that they did not believe what Moses had written. They desired the praise of their own people and since they were so focused on themselves, they became blind-sighted to God. They were so preoccupied with their own position as authorities and interpreters of the law that they became hardened and unable to understand the word of God. Their pride made them deaf to God's voice.

God reveals himself to the lowly of heart

Scripture tells us that God reveals himself to the lowly, to those who trust not in themselves but in God alone. The lowly of heart listen to God's word with an eagerness to learn and to obey. The Lord Jesus reveals to us the very mind and heart of God. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit he opens our ears so that we may hear his voice and he fills our hearts and minds with the love and knowledge of God. Do you believe that God's word has power to set you free from sin and ignorance and to transform you to be like him?

Saint Augustine of Hippo (430-543 A.D.) wrote:

"As Christians, our task is to make daily progress toward God. Our pilgrimage on earth is a school in which God is the only teacher, and it demands good students, not ones who play truant. In this school we learn something every day. We learn something from commandments, something from examples, and something from sacraments. These things are remedies for our wounds and materials for study."

Are you an eager student of God's word and do you listen to it with faith and obedience?

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may listen to your word attentively and obey it joyfully.

Reading 1

DT 30:15-20

Moses said to the people:

"Today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and doom. If you obey the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin on you today, loving him, and walking in his ways, and keeping his commandments, statutes and decrees, you will live and grow numerous, and the LORD, your God, will bless you in the land you are entering to occupy. If, however, you turn away your hearts and will not listen, but are led astray and adore and serve other gods, I tell you now that you will certainly perish: you will not have a long life on the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and occupy. I call heaven and earth today to witness against you: I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the LORD, your God, heeding his voice, and holding fast to him. For that will mean life for you, a long life for you to live on the land that the LORD swore he would give to your fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

Responsorial Psalm

1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

R. (40:5a) Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked Nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, But delights in the law of the LORD and meditates on his law day and night. R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. He is like a tree planted near running water, That yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade. Whatever he does, prospers. R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. Not so the wicked, not so: they are like chaff which the wind drives away. For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes. R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Verse before the Gospel
Mt 4:17
Repent, says the Lord: the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Gospel

LK 9:22-25

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised."

Then he said to all,

"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?"

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
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The Bible in one year: FEBRUARY

01 Gen 50, Isa 33, Matt 21:1–16, Ps 18:26–32

02 Exod 1–3, Isa 34, Matt 21:17–46, Ps 18:33–39

03 Exod 4–5, Isa 35, Matt 22:1–13, Ps 18:40–46

04 Exod 6, Isa 36, Matt 22:14–35, Ps 18:47–50

05 Exod 7–8, Isa 37:1–27, Matt 22:36–23:11, Ps 19:title–9

06 Exod 9–10, Isa 37:28–38, Matt 23:12–39, Ps 19:10–14

07 Exod 11:1–12:25, Isa 38–39, Matt 24:1–15, Ps 20

08 Exod 12:26–13:22, Isa 40:1–20, Matt 24:16–37, Ps 21:title–5

09 Exod 14–15, Isa 40:21–31, Matt 24:38–51, Ps 21:6–13

10 Exod 16, Isa 41, Matt 25:1–30, Ps 22:title–5

11 Exod 17–18, Isa 42, Matt 25:31–46, Ps 22:6–13

12 Exod 19–20, Isa 43:1–15, Matt 26:1–27, Ps 22:14–20

13 Exod 21:1–22:1, Exod 22:4, Exod 22:2–31, Isa 43:16–28, Matt 26:28–49, Ps 22:21–27

14 Exod 23, Isa 44, Matt 26:50–75, Ps 22:28–31

15 Exod 24–25, Isa 45, Matt 27:1–18, Ps 23

16 Exod 26, Isa 46, Matt 27:19–40, Ps 24

17 Exod 27–28, Isa 47, Matt 27:41–66, Ps 25:title–5

18 Exod 29, Isa 48, Matt 28, Ps 25:6–12

19 Exod 30, Isa 49, Mark 1:1–19, Ps 25:13–22

20 Exod 31–32, Isa 50, Mark 1:20–45, Ps 26:title–3

21 Exod 33–34, Isa 51, Mark 2, Ps 26:4–12

22 Exod 35, Isa 52–53, Mark 3:1–11, Ps 27:title–4

23 Exod 36, Isa 54, Mark 3:12–35, Ps 27:5–14

24 Exod 37–38, Isa 55–56, Mark 4:1–20, Ps 28:title–3

25 Exod 39, Isa 57, Mark 4:21–41, Ps 28:4–9

26 Exod 40, Isa 58, Mark 5:1–23, Ps 29:title–7

27 Lev 1–3, Isa 59, Mark 5:24–43, Ps 29:8–11

28 Lev 4–5, Isa 60, Mark 6:1–23, Ps 30



Today's Saints

Bl. Edvige Carboni



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A relative of Jesus, possibly a first cousin. He is mentioned in the Gospel of Matthew, and was one of the 72 disciples. He was present at the Ascension, and is one of the brethren of Christ mentioned in Acts who was present at the birth of the Church on the first Pentecost.

Reported to have been at the martyrdom of Saint James the Lesser, he was chosen to succeed James as bishop of Jerusalem where he served for over 40 years. In 66, before the city fell to the Romans, the Christians received a divine warning, and evacuated to nearby Pella with Simon as their leader.

In the aftermath of the destruction of Jerusalem, Simon led the Christians back to the city where they flourished, performed miracles, and converted many. Simon was eventually arrested, tortured and martyred for the twin crimes of being Jewish and Christian during the persecutions of Trajan.

Died: crucified in 106

St. Jean-François-Régis Clet



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Tenth of fifteen children; his father was a farmer and merchant, and the boy was named after Saint John Francis Regis. He was raised in a pious family; one brother became a priest, one sister a nun. Studied at the Jesuit Royal College at Grenoble, France. Joined the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) in Lyons, France on 6 March 1769, making his final vows in 1771. Ordained in 1773. Professor of moral theology at the Vincentian seminary in Annecy, France. Nicknamed "the walking library" due to his encyclopedic knowledge. Rector of Annecy in 1786. Director of novices in Paris in 1788.

Director of the internal seminary at mother-house of the Congregation of the Lazarists in Paris, France. His community was disbanded, and their house destroyed by the French Revolutionists. Missionary to China in 1791. Assigned to Kiang-si in October 1792, the only European in the area; in 28 years of work, he never mastered the language. In 1793 Clet moved to Hou-Kouang in the Hopei Province where he served as superior of an international group of Vincentian missionaries scattered over a very large territory; his pastoral area covered 270,000 square miles.

In 1811 government anti-Christian persecutions intensified; the missionaries were accused of inciting rebellion, and had to pursue their work while on the run, often hiding in the mountains. On 16 June 1819, with a bounty on his head, Francis was betrayed by a Christian schoolmaster whose behavior the missionary had tried to correct. Force marched hundreds of miles in chains to trial. On 1 January 1820 he was found guilty of deceiving the Chinese people by preaching Christianity. Martyr.

Born: 1748 at Grenoble, France

Died : • slowly strangled to death with a rope while tied on a cross on 18 February 1820 at Au-tshung-fu, China• buried on Red Mountain by local Christians• re-interred at the Vincentian motherhouse, Paris, France• relics moved to Saint Lazare church, Paris

Canonized: 1 October 2000 by Pope John Paul II

Bl. Jerzy Kaszyra



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Raised in an Orthodox family, George converted to Roman Catholicism in 1922 at age 18. He joined the Marians of the Immaculate Conception in 1924 in Druja, Belarus, and made his profession on 2 August 1929. He studied theology and philosophy in Rome, Italy, then at the seminary of Vilnius, Lithuania. Ordained a priest on 20 June 1935. He taught catechism in Druja, and in the seminary in Vilnius.

In 1938, Polish authorities ordered Father George to end his pastoral work in western Belarus: he moved to the monastery of Rasno in eastern Belarus and continued his work. In 1940, Soviet authorities, in line with their atheist ideology, kicked him out of the monastery; Father George travelled the area of Belarus and Lithuania, staying at assorted monasteries and continuing his work. On 18 February 1943 the occupation Nazis accused him of helping the partisans, and with several other Catholics, he was locked in the basement of a church which was then set on fire, killing them all. Martyr.

Born: 4 April 1904 in Aleksandravele, Vilniaus rajonas, Lithuania

Died: burned alive on 18 February 1943 in Rositsa (Rosica), Vitebskaya voblasts', Belarus

Beatified: 13 June 1999 by Pope John Paul II

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