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

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Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Today's Bible Readings			
Latin Rite 9bc-10	1st Reading 2nd Reading	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22	Responsorial Psalm Gospel
Syro-Malabar Rite	1st Reading	EPH 4:7-12	Mt :22:34-40
Syro-Malankara Rite	1st Reading	HEB 13:20-25	JN 15:18-25 MK 6:7-13

What Is the Greatest Rule of Life?

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 is the purpose of God's law and commandments? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law of Moses and the ritual requirements of the law. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Torah - the books of the Old Testament containing the Law of Moses - along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries on the law. The religious authorities tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose.

God's love rules all

Jesus summarized the whole of the law in two great commandments found in Deuteronomy 6:5 - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" - and Leviticus 19:18 - "you shall love your neighbor as yourself". God's love directs all that he does - His love is holy, just, and pure because it seeks only what is good, beneficial, and life-giving - rather than what is destructive, evil, or deadly. That is why he commands us to love - to accept and to give only what is good, lovely, just, and pure and to reject whatever is contrary.

God puts us first in his thoughts

God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us (1 John 3:1, 4:7-8, 16). God puts us first in his thoughts and concerns - do we put him first in our thoughts? God loved us first (1 John 4:19) and our love for him is a response to his exceeding goodness and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love, truth, and goodness, the more we love what he loves and reject whatever is hateful and contrary to his will. God commands us to love him first above all else - his love orients and directs our thoughts, intentions, and actions to what is wholly good and pleasing to him. He wants us to love him personally, wholeheartedly, and without any reservation or compromise.

The nature of love - giving to others for their sake

What is the nature of love? Love is the gift of giving oneself for the good of others - it is wholly other oriented and directed to the welfare and benefit of others. Love which is rooted in pleasing myself is self-centered and possessive - it is a selfish love that takes from others rather than gives to others. It is a stunted and disordered love which leads to many hurtful and sinful desires - such as jealousy, greed, envy, and lust. The root of all sin is disordered love and pride which is fundamentally putting myself above God and my neighbor - it is loving and serving self rather than God and neighbor. True love, which is wholly directed and oriented to what is good rather than evil, is rooted in God's truth and righteousness (moral goodness).

How God loves us

God loves us wholly, completely, and perfectly for our sake - there is no limit, no holding back, no compromising on his part. His love is not subject to changing moods or circumstances. When God gives, he gives generously, abundantly, freely, and without setting conditions to the gift of his love. His love does not waver, but is firm, consistent, and constant. He loves us in our weakness - in our fallen and sinful condition. That is why the Father sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to redeem us from slavery to sin and its disordered cravings, desires, passions, and addictions. God the Father always seeks us out to draw us to his throne of mercy and help. God the Father corrects and disciplines us in love to free us from the error of our wrong ways of thinking and choosing what is harmful and evil rather than choosing what is good and wholesome for us. Do you freely accept God's love and do you willingly choose to obey his commandments?

We do not earn God's love - it is freely given

How can we possibly love God above all else and obey his commandments willingly and joyfully, and how can we love our neighbor and willing lay down our life for their sake? Paul the Apostle tells us that "hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). We do not earn God's love - it is freely given to those who open their heart to God and who freely accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord Jesus to flood your heart with his love through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Love grows with faith and hope

What makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord Jesus, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves. Paul the Apostle writes, "For freedom Christ has set us free... only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh [sinful inclinations], but through love be servants of one another" (Galatians 5:1,13). Do you allow anything to keep you from the love of God and the joy of serving others with a generous heart?

Lord Jesus, your love surpasses all. Flood my heart with your love and increase my faith and hope in your promises. Help me to give myself in generous service to others as you have so generously given yourself to me.

Reading 1 Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22

Once in the time of the judges there was a famine in the land; so a man from Bethlehem of Judah departed with his wife and two sons to reside on the plateau of Moab. Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons, who married Moabite women, one named Orpah, the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion died also, and the woman was left with neither her two sons nor her husband. She then made ready to go back from the plateau of Moab because word reached her there that the LORD had visited his people and given them food.

Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye, but Ruth stayed with her.

Naomi said, "See now! Your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her god. Go back after your sister-in-law!" **But Ruth said, "Do not ask me to abandon or forsake you!** For wherever you go, I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God."

Thus it was that Naomi returned with the Moabite daughter-in-law, Ruth, who accompanied her back from the plateau of Moab. They arrived in Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Responsorial Psalm 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10

R. (1b) Praise the Lord, my soul! Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD, his God, Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them.
R. Praise the Lord, my soul! The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.
R. Praise the Lord, my soul! The LORD gives sight to the blind. The LORD raises up those who were bowed down: The LORD loves the just. The LORD protects strangers.
R. Praise the Lord, my soul! The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.
R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Alleluia Ps 25: 4b, 5a R. Alleluia, alleluia. Teach me your paths, my God, guide me in your truth. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking,

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him, **"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."**

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- 01 1 Chron 1, Ezek 48:13-35, Acts 24, Ps 89:28-34
- 02 1 Chron 2, Dan 1, Acts 25:1-13, Ps 89:35-41
- 03 1 Chron 3-4, Dan 2:1-16, Acts 25:14-27, Ps 89:42-48
- 04 1 Chron 5, Dan 2:17-37, Acts 26, Ps 89:49-52
- 05 1 Chron 6, Dan 2:38-49, Acts 27:1-20, Ps 90:1-9
- 06 1 Chron 7, Dan 3:1-23, Acts 27:21-44, Ps 90:10-17
- 07 1 Chron 8, Song of Three 1-25, Acts 28:1-19, Ps 91:1-6
- 08 1 Chron 9, Song of Three 26-45, Acts 28:20-31, Ps 91:7-16
- 09 1 Chron 10-11, Song of Three 46-68, Rom 1, Ps 92:1-3
- 10 1 Chron 12, Dan 3:24-30, Rom 2, Ps 92:4-10
- 11 1 Chron 13-15, Dan 4, Rom 3:1-14, Ps 92:11-15
- 12 1 Chron 16, Dan 5:1-14, Rom 3:15-31, Ps 93:1-94:5
- 13 1 Chron 17-18, Dan 5:15-31, Rom 4, Ps 94:6-12
- 14 1 Chron 19-21, Dan 6, Rom 5, Ps 94:13-19
- 15 1 Chron 22-23, Dan 7:1-15, Rom 6, Ps 94:20-23
- 16 1 Chron 24, Dan 7:16-28, Rom 7, Ps 95
- 17 1 Chron 25-26, Dan 8, Rom 8:1-20, Ps 96:1-6
- 18 1 Chron 27, Dan 9, Rom 8:21-39, Ps 96:7-13
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- 20 2 Chron 1-3, Dan 11:1-13, Rom 10, Ps 97:8-12
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- 23 2 Chron 8-9, Dan 13:1-15, Rom 12, Ps 100
- 24 2 Chron 10-11, Dan 13:16-36, Rom 13, Ps 101:1-4
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- 26 2 Chron 15-17, Dan 14:1-12, Rom 15, Ps 102:1-9
- 27 2 Chron 18-19, Dan 14:13-42, Rom 16, Ps 102:10-16
- 28 2 Chron 20, Hos 1, 1 Cor 1:1-13, Ps 102:17-23
- 29 2 Chron 21-23, Hos 2, 1 Cor 1:14-31, Ps 102:24-28
- 30 2 Chron 24-25, Hos 3-4, 1 Cor 2, Ps 103:1-9
- 31 2 Chron 26-27, Hos 5, 1 Cor 3, Ps 103:10-16



Today's Saints

St. Bernard of Clairvaux



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Born to the French nobility; brother of Saint Humbeline. At age 22, fearing the ways of the world, he, four of his brothers, and 25 friends joined the abbey of Cîteaux; his father and another brother joined soon after. Benedictine. Founded and led the monastery of Clairvaux which soon had over 700 monks and eventually 160 daughter houses. Revised and reformed the Cistercians. Advisor to, and admonisher of, King Louis the Fat and King Louis the Young. Attended the Second Lateran Council. Fought Albigensianism. Helped end the schism of anti-Pope Anacletus II.

Preached in France, Italy, and Germany. Helped organize the Second Crusade. Friend and biographer of Saint Malachy O'More. Spiritual advisor to Pope Eugene III, who had originally been one of his monks. First Cistercian monk placed on the calendar of saints. Proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius VIII.

Every morning Bernard would ask himself, "Why have I come here?", and then remind himself of his main duty - to lead a holy life.

Born: 1090 at Fontaines-les-Dijon, Burgundy, France

Died: 20 August 1153 at Clairvaux Abbey, Ville-sous-la-Ferté, Aube, France

Canonized: 1170 by Pope Alexander III

Patronage: • beekeepers• bees• Burgundy, France• candlemakers• chandlers• Cistercian Order• Cistercians• Gibraltar• Knights Templar• Queens College, Cambridge, England• Speyer Cathedral• wax-melters• wax refiners

Bl. Manuel López Álvarez



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Born to a peasant family, Manuel was baptized on the day he was born. Ordained as a priest in the archdiocese of Granada, Spain on 16 July 1905. Parish priest in Alcolea, Spain. In the time leading up to the Spanish Civil War, Father Manuel came increasingly in conflict with anti-Catholic elements - he had a shotgun pulled on him for officiating at a funeral, and had to sleep in his church to run off would-be arsonists.

On 20 August 1936, he was reported by Communist sympathizers to the militia who seized him along with eight other Catholics. The group was loaded into a truck, driven to a cemetery and murdered. Martyr.

Born: 26 March 1881 in Mairena, Granada, Spain

Died: • shot, dragged to a pit, and then his skull crushed with a gravedigger's tool on 20 August 1936 at the cemetery in Berja, Almería, Spain• buried in a mass grave in Berja with other murdered Catholics

Beatified: • 25 March 2017 by Pope Francis• beatification celebrated in the Palacio de Exposiciones y Congresos de Aguadulce, Almería, Spain, presided by Cardinal Angelo Amato

St. Bernardo Tolomei



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Giovanni early changed his name to Bernard on admiration for Bernard of Clairvaux. Educated by his Dominican uncle. His father prevented Bernard from entering religious life. Lawyer. Theologian. Soldier. Politician and government official. Struck blind, Bernard recovered his sight through the intervention of the Blessed Virgin Mary, after which he gave up worldly life to become a hermit.

Accused of heresy, Bernard soon cleared his name. Priest. Founder of the Benedictine Congregation of the Blessed Virgin of Monte Oliveto (Olivetans Congregation: Olivetans). During a bout of the plague, Bernard and his monks cared for any who needed it; none of the brothers became sick.

Born: 10 May 1272 at Siena, Tuscany as Giovanni Tolomei

Died: 20 August 1348 in Siena, Italy of natural causes

Beatified: 24 November 1644 by Pope Innocent X (cultus confirmed)

Canonized: 26 April 2009 Pope Benedict XVI

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