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Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Today's Bible Readings

Hg 1:1-8

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1 COR 14:26-33







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Suppressing Truth to Ease a Guilty Conscience

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:

Latin Rite

Syro-Malabar Rite

Syro-Malankara Rite

Who do you most admire and want to be like? People with power, influence, fame, or wealth? Scripture warns us of such danger (see Proverbs 23:1-2). King Herod had respected and feared John the Baptist as a great prophet and servant of God. John, however did not fear to rebuke Herod for his adulterous affair with his brother's wife. Herod, however, was more of a people pleaser than a pleaser of God. Herod not only imprisoned John to silence him, but he also beheaded him simply to please his family and friends.

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God's truth cannot be suppressed

Now when reports of Jesus' miracles and teaching reach Herod's court, Herod became very troubled in conscience. He thought that John the Baptist had risen from the dead! Herod sought to meet Jesus more out of curiosity and fear than out of a sincere desire to know God's will. He wanted to meet Jesus - not to follow him but to prevent him from troubling to Consider your ways! his conscience any further.

and sin by suppressing the truth or by ridding ourselves of anyone or anything that points us to the truth. No power on earth, however, can remove a guilty conscience or free us from slavery to sin - only God can set us free through the atoning sacrifice which his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ made for us on the cross.

We can try to rid ourselves of guilt

Whose voice and message do you follow?

How can we find true peace with ourselves and with God? The Lord Jesus shows us the way. Jesus explained to his followers, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:31-32). Only Jesus can set us free. If we listen to his voice and obey his word, we will find true one comes to the Father except through peace, joy, and freedom to live as sons and daughters of God.

Does God's word take priority in your daily life? Or do you allow other voices and messages to distract you or lead you astray. The Lord Jesus promises to be with us and to guide us continually if we will listen to his voice and obey his word.

Heavenly Father, form in me the likeness of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and deepen his life within me that I may be like him in word and \$\pi\things?" deed. Increase my eagerness to do your will and help me to grow in the knowledge of your love and truth.

Reading 1 Hg 1:1-8

Gospel

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On the first day of the sixth month in the second year of King Darius,

Responsorial Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

Lk 9:7-9

MT 11:11-19

The word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai

to the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel,

and to the high priest Joshua, son of Jehozadak:

Thus says the LORD of hosts:

This people says: "The time has not yet come to rebuild the

house of the LORD."

(Then this word of the LORD came through Haggai, the prophet:) Is it time for you to dwell in your own paneled houses,

Now thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways!

while this house lies in ruins?

You have sown much, but have brought

in little; you have eaten, but have not been

satisfied: You have drunk, but have not been exhilarated;

have clothed yourselves, but not been warmed;

And whoever earned wages earned them for a bag with holes in it.

Go up into the hill country; bring timber, and build the house That I may take pleasure in it and receive my glory, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm 5-6a and 9b

(see 4a) The Lord takes delight in his people.

149:1b-2, 3-4,

Sing to the LORD a new song of praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let Israel be glad in their maker,

let the children of Zion rejoice in their king. . The Lord takes delight in his people. VLet them praise his name in the festive dance, let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the LORD loves his people, and he adorns the lowly with victory. R. The Lord takes delight in his people.

Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy upon their couches; Let the high praises of God be in their throats. This is the glory of all his faithful. Alleluia.

The Lord takes delight in his people.

Jn 14:6 R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way and the truth and the life, says the Lord:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lk 9:7-9

Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening,

and he was greatly perplexed because

some were saying, "John has been raised from the dead"; were saying, "Elijah has others appeared";

has arisen." But Herod said, "John I beheaded.

Who then is this about whom I hear such

still others, "One of the ancient prophets

And he kept trying to see him.

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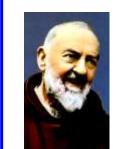
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Today's Saints

St. Padre Pio



Born to a southern Italian farm family, the son of Grazio, a shepherd. At age 15 he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin friars in Morcone, Italy and joined the order at age 19. Suffered several health problems, and at one point his family thought he had tuberculosis. Ordained at age 22 on 10

While praying before a cross, he received the stigmata on 20 September 1918, the first priest ever to be so blessed. As word spread, especially after American soldiers brought home stories of Padre Pio following WWII, the priest himself became a point of pilgrimage for both the pious and the curious. He would hear confessions by the hour, reportedly able to read the consciences of those who held back. Reportedly able to bilocate, levitate,

and heal by touch. Founded the House for the Relief of Suffering in 1956, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year. In the 1920's he started a series of prayer groups that continue today with over 400,000 members worldwide. His canonization miracle involved the cure of Matteo Pio Colella, age 7, the son of a doctor who works in the House for Relief of Suffering, the hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo founded by Padre Pio. On the night of 20 June 2000, Matteo was admitted to the intensive care unit of the hospital with meningitis. By morning, doctors had lost hope for him as nine of the boy's internal organs had ceased to give signs of life. That night, during a prayer vigil attended by Matteo's mother and some Capuchin friars of Padre Pio's monastery, the child's condition improved suddenly. When he awoke from

the coma, Matteo said that he had seen an elderly man with a white beard and a long, brown habit, who said to him: "Don't worry, you will soon be cured." The miracle was approved by the Congregation and Pope John Paul II on 20 December 2001 Born: 25 May 1887 at Pietrelcina, Benevento, Italy as Francesco Forgione

Canonized: 16 June 2002 by Pope John Paul II at Rome, Italy

Died: 23 September 1968 in San Giovanni Rotondo, Foggia, Italy of natural causes

Bl. Francisco de Paula Victor



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Born a slave and trained as a tailor. He early felt a call to the priesthood, but, being a slave, had to have special dispensation to enter seminary, and was shunned by fellow seminarians and the parishioners of his first assignment in the diocese of Campanha, Brazil; his parishioners even refused to accept Communion from his hands. He persevered in his vocation, always patient, always forgiving, always dedicated to the faith and the priesthood, and eventually won the people over to the point that there were protests when the diocese considered transferring him to another parish.

Born: 12 April 1827 in Campanha, Minas Gerais, Brazil

Died: 23 September 1905 in Três Pontas, Minas Gerais, Brazil

Beatified: • 14 November 2015 Pope Francis• beatification celebrated at the parish of Nossa Senhora D'Ajuda, Três Pontas, Minas Gerais, Brazil, presided by Cardinal Angelo Amato

St. Adamnan of Lona

St. Adamnan of Iona

Distant relative of Saint Columba. Monk at Drunhome, Donegal, Ireland. Abbot of Iona in 679. President-general of all the Columban houses in Ireland. Evangelized throughout Ireland.

Adamnan gave sanctuary to Prince Aldfrid when the throne of Northumbria was in dispute following the death of King Oswy. When Aldfrid became king in 686, Aldamnan secured the release of all Irish prisoners taken in the conflict, and visited the monasteries of Wearmouth and Jarrow.

Persuaded by Saint Ceolfrid, Adamnan adopted the Roman calendar for determining Easter, and then worked for the adoption of many Roman liturgical practices in the Celtic region. This so displeased some brother monks at Iona that from 692 on, Adamnan rarely went there.

Attended the Council of Birr and Synod of Tara in 697 at which he helped enact the Canons of Adamnan, laws that helped protect civilian and clerical populations in areas at war, prohibiting the murder or enslavement of non-combatant women and children. A noted scholar, he wrote the biography Life of Saint Columba in the late 680's, a work that survives today (see links below). He also wrote De locis sanctis (On the Holy Places), a popular description of Palestine based on the notes of and interviews with the Frankish pilgrim bishop Arculf. Renovated and revitalized the monastery of Raphoe, Ireland.

Born: c.628 in Drumhome, County Donegal, Ireland

Died: • 23 September 704 at Iona Abbey• relics taken to various Irish sites during the next century during peacemaking conferences• most relics were destroyed during Danish incursions in 830 and 1030

Canonized: • Pre-Congregation• 11 July 1898 by Pope Leo XIII (cultus confirmed) Patronage: • Donegal, Ireland, county of • Raphoe, Ireland, city of • Raphoe, Ireland, diocese of

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