

You died, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fountain of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, I

mercy on us and whole world. (3 tin



Prayer of St. Gertrude the

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."

Gertrude the Great was 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 16th is her



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 absolute evil. **Pope Francis.** It's an

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Daily Highlights, Mass Readings, Daily Saints, Prayers...

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Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14

Gospel: Jn 16:12-15

Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading: Ephesians 5:1-5

Gospel: John 15:11-17 Svro-Malankara Rite 1st Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 15:8-10

Meditation: The Best is Yet to Come

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." John 16:12-13

This passage still rings true for all of us today. God wants to reveal to us, within the depths of our consciences, the deepest, most profound and transforming truths that flow from the mind of the Father in Heaven. But we cannot bear it all now. Not fully. And eternity will be spent continually deepening our understanding of all that God reveals. And the process of this ongoing and deepening discovery will fill us with an ongoing and deepening joy. This will be our Heaven, but it must begin now.

First of all, it's important to understand that God does "have much more to tell you." Interestingly, coming to know how much you do not already know is itself a form of knowledge. Knowing that there is so much more, that God's wisdom is infinitely beyond you, that the mind of God compared to yours is incomparable is itself a beautiful truth that must be understood. This truth should both humble you and also fill you with a holy awe of God and the infinite depth of wisdom, truth, beauty and glory contained within Him. This is an essential first step.

Furthermore, by saying that "you cannot bear it now" does not mean that you should not try to bear more and more of the truth that God wants to reveal. In fact, it's a form of invitation, in that it indicates that there will come a time when you will be able to comprehend more. This should once again foster a hope and anticipation for all that remains hidden to be revealed. Humility in the face of the infinite God is necessary for growth in wisdom and knowledge of God.

How does this growth in wisdom and the knowledge of God happen? It happens by the power and working of the Holy Spirit. It is the "Spirit of truth" who will "guide you to all truth." But even this statement, once again, implies that this is a process. It is the Spirit Who will "guide" you. And this guidance will continue throughout this life and on into eternity.

This teaching of our Lord begs the question: Have you begun the process? Have you begun to allow the Holy Spirit to guide you into the truth? Have there been concrete moments in your life when you came to know God in a new and profound way that could only have been possible by the power and working of God Himself?

Reflect, today, upon these essential questions. If you have had God the Holy Spirit speak clearly to You, then humble yourself before that truth. Pray for more wisdom and more knowledge of all that you do not know. And if you cannot relate to the idea of there being so much more that is beyond you, then humbly turn to our Lord and beg Him to begin to open your mind to all that He wants to say to you. The infinite mind of our God awaits you to be discovered and embraced. Begin the process today and let Him guide you into all truth.

God of all truth, You, Your wisdom, Your love and all of Your glorious attributes are infinite in nature and are beyond my complete comprehension. As I humble myself before these holy truths, dear Lord, please bestow upon me the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, so that I may open my mind more fully to You by Your grace. May the process of deep discovery be one of great joy and become for me a process that continues into eternity. Jesus, I trust in You.

1st Reading: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1

After Paul's escorts had taken him to Athens, they came away with instructions for Silas and Timothy to join him as soon as possible. Then Paul stood up at the Areopagus and said: "You Athenians, I see that in every respect you are very religious. For as I walked around looking carefully at your shrines, I even discovered an altar inscribed, 'To an Unknown God.' What therefore you unknowingly worship, I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and all that is in it, the Lord of heaven

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and earth, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands because he needs anything. Rather it is he who gives to everyone life and breath and everything. He made from one the whole human race to dwell on the entire surface of the earth, and he fixed the ordered seasons and the boundaries of their regions, so that people might seek God, even perhaps grope for him and find him, though indeed he is not far from any one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being,' as even some of your poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since therefore we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the divinity is like an image fashioned from gold, silver, or stone by human art and imagination. God has overlooked the times of ignorance, but now he demands that all people everywhere repent because he has established a day on which he will 'judge the world with justice' through a man he has appointed, and he has provided confirmation for all by raising him from the dead." When they heard about resurrection of the dead, some began to scoff, but others said, "We should like to hear you on this some other time." And so Paul left them. But some did join him, and became believers. Among them were Dionysius, a member of the Court of the Areopagus, a woman named Damaris, and others with them. After this he left Athens and went to Corinth.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14

R. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. or: R. Alleluia.

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all you his angels; praise him, all you his hosts.

R. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. or: R. Alleluia.

Let the kings of the earth and all peoples, the princes and all the judges of the earth, Young men too, and maidens, old men and boys. R. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. or: R. Alleluia.

Praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.

R. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. or: R. Alleluia.

He has lifted up the horn of his people; Be this his praise from all his faithful ones, from the children of Israel, the people close to him.

R. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. or: R. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always. R. Alleluia.

Gospel: Jn 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."



Saint Pascal Baylon

Also known as Paschal

Son of the pious peasants Martin Baylon and Elizabeth Jubera. From youth he displayed great devotion to the Eucharist. Worked as a shepherd from ages 7 to 24, and was a good influence on his shepherd friends, an often rowdy group. Franciscan lay brother with friars of the Alcantarine Reform, often serving as cook or doorkeeper. His charity to the poor and afflicted, his unfailing courtesy and humility were remarkable even by Franciscan standards. While travelling in France, he defended the Real Presence against the blasphemies of a Calvinist preacher, and narrowly escaped death at the hands of a Huguenot mob. Poorly educated, he was still a counselor sought by rich and poor alike. His cultus is especially strong in Spain and southern Italy, in Central and South América

Born: 24 May 1540 (feast of Pentecost) at Torre Hermosa, Aragon, (modern Spain)

Died: 15 May 1592 (feast of Pentecost) at Villa Reale, Spain of natural causes

Canonized: 16 October 1690 by Pope Alexander VIII

Patronage: cooks, shepherds, Eucharistic congresses and organizations (proclaimed by Pope Leo XIII on 28 November 1897), diocese of Segorbe-Castellón de la Plana, Spain, Obado, Bulacan, Philippines.



Saint Rasso of Grafrath

Also known as Ratho of Grafrath

Born to the German nobility, he became a Count (Graf). As a soldier, he fought invading Hungarians. Pilgrim to the Holy Lands and then to Rome, Italy. Returning home, he founded a Benedictine monastery and entered it as a monk; the area around the house became known as Grafrath in his honor.

Born: Bavaria, Germany

Died: 953.



Saint Restituta of Carthage

Virgin-martyr, tortured and killed during the persecutions of Diocletian.

Born: African

Died: burned to death on a boat c.304 off Carthage, Tunisia, the boat grounded on the island of Ischia near Naples, Italy, relics believed housed in the Cathedral of Naples

Patronage: Lacco Ameno, Italy.





