

3 O' Clock Prayer The Hour of Great Mercy Prayers from the diary of Saint Faustina

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 out upon us.

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

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us and on the whole world. (3 times)

JESUS, King of mercy, I trust in You!



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 indebted-ness 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 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 an absolute evil. **Pope Francis.**





Daily Highlights, Mass Readings, Daily Saints, Prayers.

Saturday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time, Volume 165, July 29, 2023. Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite

55, 56

1st Reading: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading: 1 John 4:7-16

Gospel: John 11:7-16 1st Reading: Hebrews 13:1-6

Svro-Malankara Rite

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Gospel: Mt 13:10-17

Meditation: Vigilance with the Gospel

Jesus proposed a parable to the crowds. "The Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off." Matthew 13:24–25

This parable begins in a very good way. It states that good seed was sown. In other words, the pure Gospel was preached into good soil. This should be understood as any situation where the preacher is truly effective and where the Gospel reaches many ears and is planted in many hearts. This is worth rejoicing over. But this parable quickly points out that those responsible for guarding the good soil in which the Word of God was planted, failed in their duty to protect it. As a result, the "enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat." In other words, the evil one also had sown his lies into the hearts of those who heard the Word of God, and those lies took root and began to grow.

This is a clear description of the world we live in today. First, it's a description of the hearts of many Christians who have heard the Word of God and have responded, only to also struggle with doubts, confusions and lies sown by the evil one. But it is also a clear description of the world as a whole and even of the Church on earth. There are many divisions within societies and even within the Church. There are many competing voices. And among those whose hearts are good soil, it can be hard to distinguish between that which is from God and that which is a subtle deception from the evil one.

The weed referred to in this parable is called cockle. Cockle was a weed that, as it grew, looked much like wheat. It was very difficult to distinguish from wheat until the grain began to appear. But when the grain did begin to appear, it was clearly distinguishable. And if the cockle were to accidentally be ground in with the wheat, it would cause nausea when eaten.

The parable is quite clear. The lies that the evil one sows in the hearts of the faithful, those with fertile hearts, are very subtle, especially at first. It is easy for those subtle lies to confuse us. The evil one rarely succeeds in misleading the faithful through grave and obvious errors. Therefore, he deceives with small errors. As a result, the error is often not understood until much later as the fruit is born. The result is division, confusion, conflict and the like-conflict within our own souls, within our world and even within our Church. What is the solution? Vigilance. We, as followers of Christ, must be exceptionally vigilant in regard to that which we allow our hearts to receive. Just because something sounds good at first doesn't make it good. This is why we have the Scripture, the Magisterium of the Church and the teachings of the saints. We must constantly examine all that we allow into our hearts, our families, our world and our churches in the light of the pure and consistent teachings of our faith. And when we see divisions, this is a clear sign of some subtle error that has crept in. In the end, at the harvest time, when we all face Christ our Lord at our judgments, He will separate the good from the bad. But for our part, vigilance is essential so that only the pure seed of God's Word is received by us and sown by us. Reflect, today, on your own soul as fertile ground. What "seed" is sown there? What do you allow to penetrate your heart and take root? Are you vigilant, remaining attentive to the ways that the evil one tries to mislead you through subtle lies and errors? Ponder these questions honestly, and if you find conflict and confusion in your life, look more deeply at the source of these troubles. If there are lies that you have allowed into your own life, then turn them over to our Lord so that He can remove them at the proper time.

Most holy Word of God, You are the living Word who sows seed upon the fertile ground of our Hearts. You plant Yourself in the hearts of those who believe so that Your life can bear good fruit in the faithful. Please sow the seed of Your Word in my own heart, dear Lord, and protect me from the deceptions of the evil one. As You do, I pray that You bring forth an abundance of good fruit through me. Jesus, I trust in You.

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1st Reading: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b

In the third month after their departure from the land of Egypt, on its first day, the children of Israel came to the desert of Sinai. After the journey from Rephidim to the desert of Sinai, they pitched camp. While Israel was encamped here in front of the mountain, the LORD told Moses, "I am coming to you in a dense cloud, so that when the people hear me speaking with you, they may always have faith in you also." When Moses, then, had reported to the LORD the response of the people, the LORD added, "Go to the people and have them sanctify themselves today and tomorrow. Make them wash their garments and be ready for the third day; for on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people." On the morning of the third day there were peals of thunder and lightning, and a heavy cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. But Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stationed themselves at the foot of the mountain. Mount Sinai was all wrapped in smoke, for the LORD came down upon it in fire. The smoke rose from it as though from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. The trumpet blast grew louder and louder, while Moses was speaking and God answering him with thunder. When the LORD came down to the top of Mount Sinai, he summoned Moses to the top of the mountain.

Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

R. (52b) Glory and praise for ever!

- "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever; And blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.
- R. Glory and praise for ever!
- "Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, praiseworthy and glorious above all forever."
- **R.** Glory and praise for ever!

"Blessed are you on the throne of your Kingdom, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever."

- R. Glory and praise for ever!
- "Blessed are you who look into the depths from your throne upon the cherubim, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever."
- R. Glory and praise for ever!

"Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven, praiseworthy and glorious forever."

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 13:10-17

The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Why do you speak to the crowd in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted and I heal them. "But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."



Saint Martha of Bethany

Also known as Wonder Worker of Southern Gaul



Sister of Saint Lazarus and Saint Mary of Bethany. Friend of Jesus, and hostess to him in her house. May have been part of an early mission to France. **Died:** c.80 of natural causes

Patronage: butlers, Congregation of Martha and Mary (founded in 1979), cooks (proclaimed on 1 July 1963 by Pope Paul VI), dieticians, domestic servants, homemakers, hotel-keepers, housemaids, housewives, innkeepers (proclaimed on 1 July 1963 by Pope Paul VI), laundry workers, maids, manservants, servants, servers, single laywomen, travellers, Villajoyosa, Spain (chosen after a flash flood saved the village from Moorish invaders on her feast day in 1538).

Saint Olaf II

Also known as Heilag-Olav, Holy Olaf, Olaf Haraldson, Olaf Haraldsson, Olaf of Norway, Olaf the Fat, Olaf the Holy, Olaf the Thick, Olaus, Olavs, Tola, óláfr

Additional Memorials 16 October (conversion of Saint Olaf), 3 August (translation of relics)

Son of Harald Grenske King of Norway and Åsta Gudbrandsdatter. Viking pirate. Convert to Christianity, baptised in 1010. Helped Ethelred of England against pagan Danish invaders. King of Norway from 1015 to 1028. Brought missionaries, including Blessed Theodgar of Vestervig, to Norway to evangelize his people. Olaf tried to force Christianity on them, but they revolted in 1029, and drove him first to Sweden and then to Kiev (in modern Russia). There he gathered his forces, and in 1030 tried to re-take his throne. He was killed in battle, and regarded by Norwegians as the great champion of national independence and a martyr. Born: 995

Died: killed in battle at Stiklestadt on 29 July 1030 while trying to recover his throne, buried at the Trondheim Cathedral, miracles reported at his tomb, and it became a noted place of pilgrimage for Scandanavians Canonized 1164 by Pope Alexander III

Patronage: carvers, difficult marriages, kings, Norway. Saint William of Saint-Brieuc



Also known as William Pinchon, William of San Brieuc

Born to a peasant family. Priest. Canon of the cathedral of Tours, France. Bishop of San-Brieuc, Brittany, France in 1220; he served for 14 years. Known for his simplicity, charity, and his fight to defend the faithful and the rights of the Church against civil authority; it led to him being exiled, imprisoned and tortured before finally returning to his diocese in 1230. Worked to construct the cathedral. Had the ability to heal by prayer. Born 11 October 1180 in Saint-Alban, San-Brieuc, Brittany (in France) Died: 29 July 1234 of natural causes, body found incorrupt in 1236 Canonized: 24 March 1247 by Pope Innocent IV Patronage: diocese of Saint-Brieuc, France.



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