



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!  
Amen.



#### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.**

We dedicate this website to the Generous Heart of Mother Mary

## Mission of Jesus



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

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Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Jos 24:14-29

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8,  
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Gospel: Mt 19:13-15

Syro-Malabar Rite

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

[2 Thessalonians 2:1-4](#)

Gospel:

[Mark 13:3-13](#)

Syro-Malankara Rite

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

[Hebrews 3:12-19](#)

Gospel:

[Mark 5:35-43](#)

#### Meditation: All Are Welcome

Children were brought to Jesus that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them..." Matthew 19:13-14

In the Catechism of the Council of Trent, which was promulgated by Pope Saint Pius V, this passage is linked with infant baptism. It states, "Besides, it is not to be supposed that Christ the Lord would have withheld the Sacrament and grace of Baptism from children, of whom He said: Suffer the little children, and forbid them not to come to me..." (II, 2, 32). This teaching clearly indicates one of the best ways that this passage is fulfilled today. Inviting even infants before they reach the age of reason to receive the Sacrament of Baptism fulfills this loving command of Jesus to "Let the children come to me..."

Young children do not have the ability to rationally understand love in its purest form. That comes with the age of reason, which has traditionally been understood to be around the age of seven. But children, and even infants, are capable of receiving our love and are capable of receiving the love of God, even if they do not yet fully comprehend this gift.

As a child grows, they learn what love means as they witness it and experience it, especially through the mediation of their parents. This helps form their consciences in such a way that they become capable of making their own free choice to love as they mature in age. But if a child is to grow into a loving adult, they need more than just a good example, they need grace. The grace of Baptism is the primary source of that grace in their lives.

It's easy for many to see Baptism only as a nice ceremony to welcome the newly born child into God's family. And though that is true, it is so much more. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that Baptism bestows an indelible mark which "remains for ever in the Christian as a positive disposition for grace, a promise and guarantee of divine protection, and as a vocation to divine worship and to the service of the Church" (CCC #1121). In other words, Baptism bestows upon one's soul a gift that can never be removed and becomes an ongoing source of grace. And when an infant is baptized, it's as if this Scripture passage above is perpetuated throughout that person's life. Because of this sacramental grace, Jesus continually says to this baptized soul, "Come to Me."

In addition to the grace of Baptism, we must all imitate Jesus' action of welcome and acceptance of not only children but of every child of God. Though the disciples initially tried to prevent the children from coming to our Lord, we must not. We must understand that there is a real temptation within our fallen human nature to both withhold the love of God from others and to even prevent others from coming to God. Anger, pride, envy, jealousy and the like can cause us to object to the conversion of others and to God welcoming them to Himself. When that temptation sets in, we must hear Jesus say to us, "Let the children come to me" and "do not prevent them."

Reflect, today, upon these gentle and inviting words of Jesus. As you do, try to call to mind anyone who you might try to prevent from coming to our Lord. Do you desire the holiness of all people? Is there anyone in your life whom you find it difficult to encourage to come to Jesus to be embraced and blessed? Take on the heart of Jesus and see it as your duty to embrace others as He embraced these children. The more you become an instrument of the love of Christ, the more you will daily rejoice in God's blessings as they are bestowed on others.

My tender Lord, You welcome all people to share in Your grace. You welcome every child and every child of God to share in Your loving embrace. Please extend that welcome to me and help me to accept this gift of Your infinite love. And help me to become a better instrument of Your love toward others, never interfering or preventing them from turning to You. Jesus, I trust in You.

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#### The Bible in one year:

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01 1 Chron 1, Ezek 48:13-35,  
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10 1 Chron 12, Dan 3:24-30,  
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Chron 10-11, Dan 13:16-36,  
Rom 13, Ps 101:title-4 25 2  
Chron 12-14, Dan 13:37-64,  
Rom 14, Ps 101:5-8 26 2  
Chron 15-17, Dan 14:1-12,  
Rom 15, Ps 102:title-9 27 2  
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21-23, Hos 2, 1 Cor 1:14-31,  
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1st Reading: Jos 24:14-29

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, and addressed them, saying: "Fear the LORD and serve him completely and sincerely. Cast out the gods your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among all the peoples through whom we passed. At our approach the LORD drove out all the peoples, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." Joshua in turn said to the people, "You may not be able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God who will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If, after the good he has done for you, you forsake the LORD and serve strange gods, he will do evil to you and destroy you." But the people answered Joshua, "We will still serve the LORD." Joshua therefore said to the people, "You are your own witnesses that you have chosen to serve the LORD." They replied, "We are, indeed!" Joshua continued: "Now, therefore, put away the strange gods that are among you and turn your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." Then the people promised Joshua, "We will serve the LORD, our God, and obey his voice." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem, which he recorded in the book of the law of God. Then he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak that was in the sanctuary of the LORD. And Joshua said to all the people, "This stone shall be our witness, for it has heard all the words which the LORD spoke to us. It shall be a witness against you, should you wish to deny your God." Then Joshua dismissed the people, each to his own heritage. After these events, Joshua, son of Nun, servant of the LORD, died at the age of a hundred and ten.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you." O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me. I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

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 19:13-15

Children were brought to Jesus that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." After he placed his hands on them, he went away.

Today's Saints



Saint John Eudes

Also known as Jean Eudes

Farmer's son who attended the Jesuit college at Caen, France at age 14. Joined the Congregation of the Oratory of France. Studied at Paris and Aubervilliers in France. Priest. Ministered to plague victims. Missionary and preacher, working well over 100 missions. Worked against Jansenism. Established seminaries. Founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary Eudists on 25 March 1643 to promote virtuous secular parochial clergy not bound by vows, but dedicated to improving the clergy through seminaries and missions; due to opposition by Oratorians and Jansenists, he never obtained papal approval. Founded the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity who worked for the welfare of penitent women. Author of the liturgical devotion of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Born: 14 November 1601 at Ri, Normandy, France

Died: 19 August 1680 at Caen, Normandy, France

Canonized: 31 May 1925 by Pope Pius XI

Patronage: diocese of Baie-Comeau, Québec.



Saint Sebaldus

Also known as Sebald, Sinibaldo, Siward

Son of a Danish chieftain who had settled in England. Missionary in the Reichswald area of Germany, working with Saint Willibald of Eichstatt, Saint Winibald and Saint Boniface. Popular preacher who converted many, he later retired near Nuremburg, Germany where he would alternate life as a prayerful hermit and then a zealous evangelist. A number of miracle stories are told about him, he converted stones to bread and water to wine to feed his fellow missionaries, he burned icicles as firewood in the dead of winter to keep the poor from freezing, when he was being heckled by a profane blasphemer, Sebaldus prayed, and the earth opened up to swallow the pagan; as he fell into the earth, the heckler asked for forgiveness; the earth spat him back out, when a poor peasant was blind by his lord, Sebaldus restored the man's missing eyes by praying over him

Born: probably in England

Died: c.770

Patronage: against cold weather, Bavaria, Germany, Nuremberg, Germany.



Saint Magnus of Anagni

Also known as Magno di Anagni, Magnus of Fabrateria Vetus, Magnus of Trani

Son of Apollonius, a poor farmer. As a young man he worked as a shepherd to support his family and neighbors who were poorer than himself. Convert, baptized with his father by Bishop Redemptus of Trani, Italy. Magnus succeeded him as bishop of Trani, chosen by popular acclaim of the local laity and clergy. Evangelized in Fondi, Aquino, and Anagni. During the persecutions of Tarquinius, Magnus fled to Rome, Italy, but tried to secretly return to Trani. Found in a cave near Fondi by imperial soldiers. Martyr.

Born: 2nd century at Trani, Italy

Died: beheaded near Fabrateria Vetus, Latium (modern Ceccano, Italy), buried in Fondi, Italy, relics translated from Fondi to Veroli, Italy, relics translated to the cathedral in Anagni, Italy after a wealthy but superstitious Muslim had some horses die when near them in Veroli

Patronage: Anagni-Alatri, Italy, diocese of Anagni, Italy, Colle San Magno, Italy.

