



**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 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<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.**

**Mission of Jesus**



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

Monday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time, Volume 166, August 28, 2023.

**Today's Bible Readings**

**Latin Rite**

**1st Reading:**

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10

**Responsorial Psalm:**

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

**Gospel:** Mt 23:13-22

**Syro-Malabar Rite**

**1st Reading:**

[2 Corinthians 5:14-21](#)

**Gospel:**

[Matthew 5: 13-19](#)

**Syro-Malankara Rite**

**1st Reading:**

[Romans 8:26-30](#)

**Gospel:**

[John 15:1-10](#)

**Meditation: Unity of Truth and Virtue**

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You lock the Kingdom of heaven before men. You do not enter yourselves, nor do you allow entrance to those trying to enter." Matthew 23:13

Today begins Jesus' "Woe to you..." condemnations of the scribes and Pharisees. He issues seven subsequent condemnations. The one quoted above is His first. At the time, Jesus' condemnations of these religious leaders fell mostly on deaf ears. They were obstinate and would not listen to what Jesus had to say. But it's useful to note that these condemnations appear to actually be spoken about the scribes and Pharisees to the disciples and the crowds to whom Jesus was speaking.

Though there are many lessons we can learn from our Lord, let's consider the first thing He says. He condemns hypocrisy. Hypocrisy is essentially saying one thing and doing another. It's a disconnect between what we say and what we do. Hypocrisy can also come in the form of trying to present oneself as if one has every virtue under Heaven but in reality cares little for the clear doctrine and moral precepts given us by God. In the scripture passage, the scribes and Pharisees claimed to be leading people to salvation, but they were condemning the very source of salvation. On one hand, some of what they taught was true, but they failed to teach with the virtue that comes from God. On the other hand, some of what they taught was flat-out erroneous, because they were more concerned about their public persona than they were about the truth. Essentially, they were hypocrites, because their words and actions were neither united in the truth nor lived through the virtues given by God.

These two opposing tendencies seem to be a source of much division within our Church today. On the extreme "right," we have those who preach doctrine but fail to exercise the necessary virtue so as to be effective instruments of those truths. And on the extreme "left" are those who act as if so-called virtue is all that matters. They deemphasize the clear and unambiguous moral and doctrinal truths that were given to us by our Lord, so that others will praise them for appearing kind, accepting and compassionate toward all. The problem is that one cannot exclude truth from virtue or virtue from truth. Compassion is not compassionate if it lacks truth, and the truth is not true if it is not presented with the virtues by which our Lord wants them brought forth. And though the scribes and Pharisees appear to be more focused upon their interpretations of various truths to the exclusion of virtue, their struggle with hypocrisy is just as real for those on both extremes today.

Reflect, today, upon the importance of embracing each and every moral and doctrinal precept given by our Lord. We must embrace everything He says with every fiber of our being. Reflect, also, upon how you express these teachings of Jesus to others. Do you strive to present the full Gospel with the greatest virtue? The deeper the truth, the more necessary is the virtue with which it is presented. And the more virtue you have, the better instrument of the full truth you will be. Strive to overcome every form of hypocrisy within your life by working toward true holiness. Holiness is wholeness. The Truth united to virtue. Only then will you escape from the condemnation of our Lord, but you will also thrive as a pure instrument of His saving grace.

My saving Lord, You desired deeply that the religious leaders of the time be powerful instruments of Your saving Gospel by presenting all truth in pure love. Please free me from every error so that Your holy Word will be alive in me and will be sent forth to others through the manifestation of the many virtues You wish to bestow. Jesus, I trust in You.

**1st Reading: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the Church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and

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**The Bible in one year:**

**August**

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  
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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 19 1 Chron 28-29, Dan 10, Rom 9, Ps 97:1-7 20 2 Chron 1-3, Dan 11:1-13, Rom 10, Ps 97:8-12 21 2 Chron 4-5, Dan 11:14-33, Rom 11:1-14, Ps 98 22 2 Chron 6-7, Dan 11:34-12:13, Rom 11:15-36, Ps 99 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: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 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:title-9 31 2 Chron 26-27, Hos 5, 1 Cor 3, Ps 103:10-16

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sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our Gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction. You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. In every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b**  
**R. (see 4a) The Lord takes delight in his people. or: R. Alleluia.**

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.

**R. The Lord takes delight in his people. or: R. Alleluia.**

Let 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. or: R. Alleluia.**

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!

**R. The Lord takes delight in his people. or: R. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia**

R. Alleluia, alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel: Mt 23:13-22**

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You lock the Kingdom of heaven before men. You do not enter yourselves, nor do you allow entrance to those trying to enter. "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You traverse sea and land to make one convert, and when that happens you make him a child of Gehenna twice as much as yourselves. "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If one swears by the temple, it means nothing, but if one swears by the gold of the temple, one is obligated.' Blind fools, which is greater, the gold, or the temple that made the gold sacred? And you say, 'If one swears by the altar, it means nothing, but if one swears by the gift on the altar, one is obligated.' You blind ones, which is greater, the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred? One who swears by the altar swears by it and all that is upon it; one who swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it; one who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who is seated on it."

**Today's Saints**



**Saint Augustine of Hippo**

Also known as Aurelius Augustinus, Doctor of Grace

Additional Memorial 5 May (his conversion) Profile Son of a pagan father who converted on his death bed, and of Saint Monica, a devout Christian. Raised a Christian, he lost his faith in youth and led a wild life. Lived with a Carthaginian woman from the age of 15 through 30. Fathered a son whom he named Adeotadus, which means the gift of God. Taught rhetoric at Carthage and Milan, Italy. After investigating and experimenting with several philosophies, he became a Manichaean for several years; it taught of a great struggle between good and evil, and featured a lax moral code. A summation of his thinking at the time comes from his Confessions: "God, give me chastity and continence - but not just now." Augustine finally broke with the Manichaeans and was converted by the prayers of his mother and the help of Saint Ambrose of Milan, who baptized him. On the death of his mother he returned to Africa, sold his property, gave the proceeds to the poor, and founded a monastery. Monk. Priest. Preacher. Bishop of Hippo in 396. Founded religious communities. Fought Manichaeism, Donatism, Pelagianism and other heresies. Oversaw his church and his see during the fall of the Roman Empire to the Vandals. Doctor of the Church. His later thinking can also be summed up in a line from his writings: Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you.

**Born:** 13 November 354 at Tagaste, Numidia, North Africa (Souk-Ahras, Algeria) as Aurelius Augustinus

**Died:** 28 August 430 at Hippo, North Africa

**Patronage:** against sore eyes, against vermin, brewers, printers, theologians, 7 dioceses, 7 cities.



**Saint Junipero Serra**

Also known as Apostle of California, Miguel José Serra Ferrer

Additional Memorial 1 July (United States)

Entered the Franciscan University at Palma, Spain at age 15, and joined the Order at age 17, taking the name Junipero after the friend of Saint Francis. Ordained in 1737, and taught philosophy and theology at the Lullian University. In 1749, Serra was sent to the missionary territories of the west of North America. A mosquito bite he received early in his trip to the New World left one leg swollen; this and his asthma made walking a painful process for the rest of his life. In 1768 he took over missions in the Mexican provinces of Lower and Upper California, missions the Jesuits were forced to abandon by order of King Charles III. A tireless worker, Serra was largely responsible for the foundation and spread of the Church on the West Coast of the United States. Founded twenty-one missions, converted thousands of Native Americans, and trained many of them in European methods of agriculture, cattle husbandry, and crafts. Dedicated religious and missionary, penitent and austere in all areas of his life. Blessed Junipero Serra is the namesake of the Serra Club, an international Catholic organization dedicated to the promotion of vocations, and the support of seminarians and religious novices. Many of his letters and other writings have survived, and the diary of his travels to the west was published in the early 20th century.

**Born:** 24 November 1713 at Petra, Spanish Majorca as Miguel Jose Serra

**Died:** 28 August 1784 of tuberculosis at Mission San Carlos, California of natural causes, buried at Carmel, Monterey, California

**Canonized:** 23 September 2015 by Pope Francis, canonization recognition celebrated at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, presided by Pope Francis.



**Saint Julian of Auvergne**

Also known as Julian of Brioude

Officer in the imperial Roman army, and a closet Christian. He retired from the army and fled to Auvergne, France during the persecutions of Diocletian. At one point he was hidden by Saint Ferreolus the Tribune. Julian later surrendered to pursuing Christian-hunters, and made a public announcement of his faith. Martyr. At least 80 French townships have some variant of his name.

**Born:** at Vienne, Dauphiny, Gaul (modern France)

**Died:** beheaded near Brionde, Gaul, water from a spring that grew nearby was later believed to cure headaches, relics enshrined at the monastery of Saint Julian until destroyed by Norse invaders, the site of the relics became known for miraculous cures, especially in the family of Saint Gregory of Tours, who wrote about them.

