

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."

St. 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

We dedicate this website to the Generous Heart of Mother Mary



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

Sunday, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Volume 167, September 24, 2023.

Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading: Is 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 2nd Reading:

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Mt 20:1-16a

Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 9:1-6

2nd Reading: Isaiah 25<u>:1-8</u>

3rd Reading: Philippians 3:1-11 Gospel:

Matthew 17:14-21

Svro-Malankara Rite 1st Reading: Matthew 15:1-9

Gospel:

Matthew 16:5-12

Meditation: Do You Begrudge My Generosity?

What can work and wages, welfare and the unemployed tell us about the kingdom of God? In the parable of the laborers in the vineyard we see the extraordinary generosity and compassion of God (Matthew 20:1-16). There is great tragedy in unemployment, the loss of work, and the inability to earn enough to live and support oneself or one's family. In Jesus' times laborers had to wait each day in the marketplace until someone hired them for a day's job. No work that day usually meant no food on the family table. The laborers who worked all day and received their payment complain that the master pays the late afternoon laborers the same wage. The master, undoubtedly, hired them in the late afternoon so they wouldn't go home payless and hungry.

God is generous and gives us work for his kingdom God is generous in opening the doors of his kingdom to all who will enter, both those who have labored a life-time for him and those who come at the last hour. While the reward is the same, the motive for one's labor can make all the difference. Some work only for reward. They will only put in as much effort as they think they will get back. Others labor out of love and joy for the opportunity to work and to serve others. The Lord Jesus calls each one of us to serve God and his kingdom with joy and zeal and to serve our neighbour with a generous spirit as well.

Empowered to serve with a joyful and generous spirit

The Lord Jesus wants to fill each one of us with the power and strength of the Holy Spirit so we can bear great fruit for God's kingdom (the fruit of peace, joy, righteousness, and love) and also bring the fruit of his kingdom to our neighbour as well. We labor for the Lord to bring him praise, honor, and glory. And we labor for our neighbour for their welfare with the same spirit of loving-kindness and compassion which the Lord has shown to us.

Paul the Apostle reminds us, "Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not others, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward - you are serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24). Do you perform your daily tasks and responsibilities with cheerfulness and diligence for the Lord's sake? And do you give generously to others, especially to those in need of your care and support?

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may serve you joyfully and serve my neighbor willingly with a generous heart, not looking for how much I can get, but rather looking for how much I can give.

1st Reading: Is 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 R. (18a) The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever-Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

2nd Reading: Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary

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R. Alleluia, alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."



Saint Gerard Sagredo

Also known as Apostle of Hungary, Gerard of Hungary, Collert, Gerardo, Gellért

Benedictine monk. Abbot at San Giorgio Maggiore abbey, Venice, Italy. He passed through Hungary while on a pilgrimage to Palestine. There he met with King Saint Stephen who persuaded him to stay and minister to the Magyars. Tutor of Prince Saint Emeric. First bishop of Csanad, Hungary in 1035. Martyred during the pagan backlash that followed the death of Saint Stephen.

Born: 23 April 980 in Venice, Italy

Died: stabbed to death with a lance on 24 September 1046 at Buda, Hungary, body thrown into the Danube River, surviving relics enshrined in the Basilica of San Donato in Murano, Venice, Italy

Canonized: 1083 by Pope Saint Gregory VII

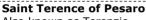
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Saint Pacificus of San Severino

Son of Antonio M Divini and Mariangela Bruni, both of whom died when Pacificus was about 3 years old, leaving him to be raised by an uncle. Joined the Franciscans in December 1670. Ordained in 1678. Professor of philosophy, teaching novices. Parish mission preacher. His health failed and he spent his final 29 years lame, deaf and blind, leading a contemplative life. Received visions and ecstasies. Miracle worker.

Born: 1 March 1653 at San Severino, Italy **Died:** 24 September 1721 at San Severino, Italy **Beatified:** 4 August 1786 by Pope Pius VI Canonized: 26 May 1839 by Pope Gregory IX



Also known as Terenzio



Fled to across the Adriatic Sea Italy to escape persecutions in Pannonia (modern Hungary in the early 3rd century. Bishop of Pesaro, Italy. Martyr.

Born: c.210 in Pannonia (modern Hungary)

Died: 24 September 247 at Pesaro, Italy, relics enshrined in the cathedral of Pesaro Patronage Pesaro, Italy.





