



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 16th 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-fifth Week in Ordinary Time, Volume 167, September 25, 2023.

Today's Bible Readings

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

Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6

Gospel: Lk 8:16-18

Syro-Malabar Rite
1st Reading:
[1 John 5:13-21](#)

Gospel:
[John 8: 39-47](#)

Syro-Malankara Rite
1st Reading:
[1 Corinthians 15:12-19](#)

Gospel:
[Mark 13:14-23](#)

Meditation: Growth in Understanding

"Take care, then, how you hear. To anyone who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he seems to have will be taken away." Luke 8:18

Do you have much? Or little? According to Jesus' words, if you have much, then you will receive much more; but if you have little, then you will lose even what you have. Does this seem fair?

Of course, our Lord is not speaking in worldly terms. He's not saying that if you have much money, then you will gain more, or if you are poor, then you will become poorer. Instead, Jesus is speaking about the grace that comes from understanding His holy Word. Notice that the passage above begins by saying, "Take care, then, how you hear."

To "hear" the Word of God implies that you truly receive what Jesus teaches. Hearing is not just hearing the words spoken with your ears. One early Church Father, Saint Bede, explains that truly hearing the Word of God with our minds leads us to love that Word, and loving the Word leads to understanding. This is not accomplished by an intellectual exercise alone, as if our natural gifts are the primary means by which we comprehend all that Jesus teaches. Rather, it comes through spiritual insight gained by the supernatural gift of the Spirit Who teaches us all things.

If you want "more" understanding of the mysteries of God, then commit yourself to engaging the holy Scriptures with your mind. Read the Scriptures, ponder them and pray with them. It's easy to forget that the Word of God is a Living Word. This means that when we prayerfully immerse ourselves in the Scriptures, we are prayerfully encountering God Himself. God is alive in His holy Word. We meet Him, personally, and this happens only by a special grace that we must be open to receive.

The beautiful aspect of this teaching of Jesus is that the more we understand His Word by this grace, the more we will immerse ourselves in it, and it will continue to grow within us. If, however, we devote little time to engaging the Word of God in prayer, we will begin to "forget," so to speak, the spiritual depths of the wisdom of God. We will lose the little understanding we have and when this happens, we will be prone to engaging and accepting the many confusions and deceptions alive in our world.

Reflect, today, upon your practice of prayerfully meditating upon the Scriptures. If this is not your current practice, resolve to make it so. Perhaps start with one of the Gospels and commit yourself to prayerfully reading it little by little every day. The goal is not to get through the books of the Bible. The goal is to enter into each book. Every chapter and every line provides us with a depth of spiritual insight and understanding just waiting to be given and received. Commit yourself to this holy practice, and you will be amazed at the spiritual riches our Lord bestows upon you.

Living Word of God, my Lord and my King, I thank You for the way in which You come to me and all Your children through Your written Word. Fill me with a love for that Word so that I will daily engage my mind in the deep truths revealed within it. May I meet You, dear Lord, and grow in an understanding of Who You are and what You wish to reveal to me. Jesus, I trust in You.

1st Reading: Ezr 1:1-6

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: 'All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Therefore, whoever among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him! Let everyone who has survived, in whatever place he may have dwelt, be assisted by the people of that place with silver, gold, goods, and cattle, together with free-will offerings for the house of God in

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Jerusalem." Then the family heads of Judah and Benjamin and the priests and Levites— everyone, that is, whom God had inspired to do so— prepared to go up to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem. All their neighbors gave them help in every way, with silver, gold, goods, and cattle, and with many precious gifts besides all their free-will offerings.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6

R. (3) The Lord has done marvels for us.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done marvels for us.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

R. The Lord has done marvels for us.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done marvels for us.

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

R. The Lord has done marvels for us.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Lk 8:16-18

Jesus said to the crowd: "No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed; rather, he places it on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible, and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light. Take care, then, how you hear. To anyone who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he seems to have will be taken away."

Today's Saints



Saint Firminus of Amiens

Also known as Farmin, Firmin, Firmins, Firmino, Fermin

Son of a Roman senator. Converted to Christianity by Saint Saturninus. Ordained by Saint Honestus at Toulouse, France. Missionary to France. First bishop of Amiens at age 24. Martyred at age 31.

Born: c.272 at Pamplona, Spain

Died: beheaded 25 September 303 in Amiens, France, most relics still in Amiens, France some relics translated to Pamplona, Spain in 1196

Patronage: Amiens, France, city of Amiens, France, diocese of Lesaka, Spain, Navarre, Spain, Pamplona, Spain.



Saint Sergius of Moscow

Also known as Sergius of Radonezh, Bartholomew

Born to the nobility, his family moved to Radonezh to escape attack against the city of Rostov, losing their fortune and becoming peasants in the process. Following the deaths of his parents, Sergius and his brother Stephen became hermits at Makovka in 1335, then each left separately to become a monk. As Sergius's reputation for holiness spread, he attracted so many students that he founded the Holy Trinity monastery for them; following his ordination at Pereyaslav Zalesky, he served as its first abbot. His brother joined the monastery, but when he opposed Sergius's strict rule, Sergius left the community to live again as a hermit. However, the monastery began to decline, causing the metropolitan of Moscow to order Sergius to return as abbot. Advisor to the Prince of Moscow, he encouraged the campaign that ended with the Battle of Kulikovo in 1380 which ended the Mongol domination of Russia. In the Russia that followed he founded forty monasteries. Late in life he resigned his position and retired to live his last few months as a prayerful monk. He is venerated as the foremost saint of Russia.

Born: c.1314 near Rostov, Yaroslavl Oblast, Russia as Bartholomew of Radonezh

Died: 25 September 1392 at the Trinity Lavra of Saint Sergius of natural causes

Canonized: 1449 by Pope Nicholas V.



Saint Finbar

Also known as Bairre, Barr, Barrocius, Finbarr, Findbar, Finnbar, Fionnbharr, Lochan, Finbarro

Son of an artisan named Amergin and a lady of the Irish royal court. Educated at Kilmacahil monastery, Kilkenny, Ireland. He had very light hair, which led to the nickname Fionnbharr, "white hair". Made multiple pilgrimages to Rome, Italy, visiting Saint David of Wales on one trip. Preached throughout southern Ireland, and possibly in Scotland. Hermit on a small island at Lough Eiroe and at Gougane Barra. Founded a school at Eirce, Ireland. Founded a monastery on the river Lee; it developed into the city of Cork, Ireland. First bishop of Cork. Extravagant miracles were attributed to him. Legend says that the sun did not set for two weeks after his death.

Born: c.550 at Connaught, Ireland as Lochan

Died: 25 September 623 at Cloyne, Ireland of natural causes, interred in the cathedral at Cork, Ireland

Patronage: Cork, Ireland, diocese of Barra, Scotland, Cork, Ireland.

