

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 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



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 Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time, Volume 167, September 02, 2023. Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading: 1 Thes 4:9-11 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Gospel: Mt 25:1-13 Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:13-18

Gospel: Mark 2:13-17 Syro-Malankara Rite 1st Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Meditation: The Master Will Settle His Account with Them

What can economics and productivity teach us about the kingdom of heaven? Jesus' story about a businessman who leaves town and entrusts his money with his workers made perfect sense to his audience. Wealthy merchants and businessmen often had to travel abroad and leave the business to others to handle while they were gone.

Why did Jesus tell this story and what can it teach us? Most importantly it tells us something about how God deals with us, his disciples and servants. The parable speaks first of the Master's trust in his servants. While he goes away he leaves them with his money to use as they think best. While there were no strings attached, this was obviously a test to see if the Master's workers would be industrious and reliable in their use of the money entrusted to them. The master rewards those who are industrious and faithful and he punishes those who sit by idly and who do nothing with his money.

The essence of the parable seems to lie in the servants' conception of responsibility. Each servant entrusted with the master's money was faithful up to a certain point. The servant who buried the master's money was irresponsible. One can bury seeds in the ground and expect them to become productive because they obey natural laws. Coins, however, do not obey natural laws. They obey economic laws and become productive in circulation. The master expected his servants to be productive in the use of his money.

God rewards those who use their gifts for serving him and the good of others $% \left({{{\left[{{{\rm{s}}} \right]}}_{{\rm{s}}}}_{{\rm{s}}}} \right)$

What do coins and the law of economics have to do with the kingdom of God? The Lord entrusts the subjects of his kingdom with gifts and graces and he gives his subjects the freedom to use them as they think best. With each gift and talent, God gives sufficient means (grace and wisdom) for using them in a fitting way. As the parable of the talents shows, God abhors indifference and an attitude that says it's not worth trying. God honors those who use their talents and gifts for doing good. Those who are faithful with even a little are entrusted with more! But those who neglect or squander what God has entrusted to them will lose what they have.

There is an important lesson here for us. No one can stand still for long in the Christian life. We either get more or we lose what we have. We either advance towards God or we slip back. Do you seek to serve God with the gifts, talents, and graces he has given to you?

Lord Jesus, be the ruler of my heart and thoughts, be the king of my home and relationships, and be the master of my work and service. Help me to make good use of the gifts, talents, time, and resources you give me for your glory and your kingdom.

1st Reading: 1 Thes 4:9-11 Brothers and sisters: On the subject of fraternal charity you have no need

for anyone to write you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another. Indeed, you do this for all the brothers throughout Macedonia. Nevertheless we urge you, brothers and sisters, to progress even more, and to aspire to live a tranquil life, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your own hands, as we instructed you.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 R. (9) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm. R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Let the sea and what fills it resound, the world and those who dwell in it; Let the rivers clap their hands, the mountains shout with them for joy. **R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.** Before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to rule the earth; He will rule

Before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to rule the earth; He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with equity. **R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

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Alleluia R. Alleluia, alleluia. I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one- to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made five nore to a talent. Since you great responsibilities. Come, share your great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'''

Today's Saints



Saint Brocard Also known as Brocardo, Brocardus, Burchard, Brochard

Monk on Mount Carmel who was chosen prior of his house. Around the year 1210, he asked Saint Albert, patriarch of Jerusalem, to write a Rule for the monks. This Rule became the foundation for the Carmelite Order. Pope Honorius III objected to its use because it did not have his prior approval. The Pope received a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary who supported the rule; Honorius gave his approval. Brocard ruled his house for 35 years, setting an example for devotion to the Rule, and gaining great respect from the region's Muslims.

Born: French Died: 1231 of natural causes

Beatified: added to the Carmelite breviary in 1564.



Saint Nivard of Rheims Also known as Nivardo, Nivo

Born to the wealthy Gallic nobility, a member of the ruling Merovingians. He served in the imperial court, and was the brother-in-law of King Childeric II of Austria. Priest. Archbishop of Reims, France in 657; he served there for over 20 years. Helped found the abbey of San Pietro di Hautvillers in 662, supported houses in Corbie, Soissons, Fontenelle, and financed the construction of several churches. He finally retired, and spent his final years at the abbey of Hautvillers.

Born: early 7th century near Reims, Gaul (modern France)



Died: 1 September 673 at the abbey of San Pietro di Hautvillers of natural causes, and was buried there. Saint Terentian of Todi

Also known as Nonnosus of Monte Soracte, Nonnoso, Nonosius, Nonoso, Nonossus Additional Memorials • 12 May (discovery of his relics) • 19 August (enshrining of relics in Bamberg, Germany)

Benedictine monk, then prior at the San Silvestre monastery on Monte Soratte north of Rome, Italy. Known to have suffered great abuse and harassment from his abbot, but was the only person who could calm the man down and reason with him. Nonnosus became abbot of Soratte himself c.560. Pope Saint Gregory the Great wrote about him. **Born:** c.500

Died: c.575 of natural causes, buried on Monte Soratte in the Viterbo, Italy, relics transferred to Castel Sant'Elia, Italy in the 9th century to prevent their destruction by invading Muslims, relics enshrined in Freising, Germany in c.1050 by Bishop Nitker, where they became the site of pilgrimages, relics re-buried there in a stone coffin in 1161, oil from the eternally burning grave lamp is reported to have healing powers, some relics taken to Bamberg, Germany in the mid 17th century; his head is known to have been enshrined by 1660, his stone coffin in Freising was moved to the cathedral crypt in 1708; it is raised off the floor, and a tradition developed of crawling around it or under it lengthwise while praying for the intercession of Nonnosus, especially for kidney problems, some relics enshrined in the church of San Antonio Abate in Castel Sant'Elia, Italy **Patronage:** against infirmities or weakness, against kidney ailments, Diocese of Nepi-Sutri, Italy, Castel Sant'Elia,

Italy, Freising, Germany.





