

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 t



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 born in Germany in 1263. She was a Benedictine Nun, and meditated on the Passion



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



Daily Highlights, Mass Readings, Daily Saints, Prayers.

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Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading: Jer 20:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 2nd Reading:

Gospel: Mt 16:21-27

Rom 12:1-2

Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading:

Deuteronomy 6:20-25 2nd Reading:

Isaiah 31:4-9 3rd Reading:

Thessalonians 1:3-10 Gospel:

Luke 18:

Meditation: Gifts of the Holy Spirit in Superabundance

"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.'" Matthew 25:20–21

Oftentimes, when we are presented with a story of success versus tragedy, our attention goes to the tragedy first. The parable we are given today, the Parable of the Talents, presents us with three persons. Two of the people display stories of great success. One, however, offers a story that is more tragic. The tragic story ends by the master telling the servant who buried his money that he is a "wicked, lazy servant!" But both of the success stories end with the master saying, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." Let's focus upon these success stories.

Both of the servants who were successful doubled the master's money. Even from a secular point of view, that is very impressive. If you were investing money with a financial advisor and shortly after investing you were told that your money had doubled, you'd be quite pleased. Such a rate of return is rare. This is the first message we should take from this parable. Doubling the gifts and graces God gives us is very doable. The reason for this is not primarily because of us; rather, it's because of God. By their very nature, God's gifts to us are meant to grow. By its very nature, grace flows in superabundance; and, when we cooperate with God's grace, then it grows in an exponential way.

When you consider your own life, what gifts has God given to you that He wants you to use for His glory? Are there gifts buried away that remain stagnant or, even worse, are used for purposes that are contrary to the divine plan for your life? Some of the more obvious gifts you were given within your very nature are your intellect and will. Additionally, you may be extra-talented in one way or another. These are all gifts given on a natural level. In addition to these, God often bestows supernatural gifts in abundance when we begin to use what we have for His glory and for the salvation of others. For example, if you work to share the truths of our faith with others, God will begin to deepen your supernatural gifts of Counsel, Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding so that you will be able to speak about God and His will. All seven of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are among the clearest examples of supernatural gifts given by God as follows: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord. The prayer that concludes this reflection comes from a traditional novena to the Holy Spirit and not only asks for these gifts but also gives a short description of them for a better understanding.

Reflect, today, upon the fact that what God has given to you, both on a natural and supernatural level, must be devoted to the service of God and others. Do you do this? Do you try to use every talent, every gift, every part of who you are for God's glory and the eternal good of others? If you don't, then those gifts dwindle away. If you do, you will see those gifts of God's grace grow in manifold ways. Strive to understand the gifts you have received and firmly resolve to use them for God's glory and the salvation of souls. If you do, you will also hear our Lord say to you one day, "Well done, my good and faithful servant.

Oh, Lord Jesus Christ, grant me the Spirit of Wisdom, that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal; the Spirit of Understanding, to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth; the Spirit of Counsel, that I may choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining Heaven; the Spirit of Fortitude, that I may bear my cross with Thee and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation; the Spirit of Knowledge, that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints; the Spirit of Piety, that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable; the Spirit of Fear of the Lord, that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Jesus, I trust in profitable, service oriented website, This site belongs to each and every Christian who view this website. This is our 23rd Year of Service on the

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The Bible in one year: September

Svro-Malankara Rite

1st Reading:

Mark 10:35-45

Gospel:

Matthew 20:20-28

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1st Reading: Jer 20:7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

. (2b) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, for your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading: Rom 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."



Pope Saint Gregory the Great

Also known as Gregory I, Gregory Dialogos, Gregory the Dialogist, Father of the Fathers

Son of Gordianus, a Roman regionarius, and Saint Silvia of Rome. Nephew of Saint Emiliana and Saint Tarsilla. Greatgrandson of Pope Saint Felix III. Educated by the finest teachers in Rome, Italy. Prefect of Rome for a year, then he sold his possessions, turned his home into a Benedictine monastery, and used his money to build six monasteries in Sicily and one in Rome. Benedictine monk. Upon seeing English children being sold in the Roman Forum, he became a missionary to England. Elected 64th Pope by unanimous acclamation on 3 September 590, the first monk to be chosen. Sent Saint Augustine of Canterbury and a company of monks to evangelize England, and other missionaries to France, Spain, and Africa. Collected the melodies and plain chant so associated with him that they are now known as Gregorian Chants. One of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church. Wrote seminal works on the Mass and Divine Office, several of them dictated to his secretary, Saint Peter the Deacon. **Born:** c.540 at Rome, Italy Papal Ascension 3 September 590

Died: 12 March 604 at Rome, Italy of natural causes

Patronage: against gout, against plague, choir boys, educators, teachers, stone masons, stonecutters, students, school children, popes, the papacy, musicians, singers, England, West Indies, Legazpi, Philippines, diocese of Order of Knights of Saint Gregory, Kercem, Malta, Montone, Italy, San Gregorio nelle Alpi, Italy.



Saint Marinus

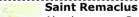
Also known as Marinus of San Marino, Marinus the Dalmatian, Marinus of Dalmatia, Marino, Marinao

Stonemason who worked at Monte Titano in modern San Marino. Layman preacher who converted many, and ministered to Christians who had been sentenced to quarry work as punishment for their faith. Deacon, ordained by Saint Gaudentius of Rimini. Bishop of Rimini, Italy. Though he belonged to no order that required it, he was a confirmed, life-long bachelor. Falsely accused by an insane woman of Rimini of being her estranged husband, he fled to a cave on Monte Titano, and lived there as a hermit. The small country of San Marino is named for him.

Born: 5th century Albe, Dalmatia

Died: of natural causes, relics in the Basilica of Saint Marinus

Patronage: bachelors, deacons, falsely accused people, San Marino.



Also known as Remacle, Remaculus, Rimagilus



Born to the nobility, Remaclus grew up in and around the royal court of Aquitaine (in modern France. Studied under Saint Sulpicius of Bourges. Benedictine monk in 625. Priest. First abbot at Solignac Abbey near Limoges, France, appointed by Saint Eligius. Abbot of the monastery at Cugnon, duchy of Luxembourg. Advisor to King Sigebert II of Austrasia. Convinced the king to found the double abbey of Stavelot, Belgium, and Malmedy, Ardennes, France, in 648; Remaclus served as its first abbot. Missionary bishop of Maastricht, Netherlands from 652 to 663, a diocese frequently out of touch with the Church and known to murder its bishops. He worked to spread monasticism in the region. Friend and co-worker with Saint Hadelin. Spiritual teacher of Saint Trond, Saint Babolen, Saint Theodard of Maastricht, and Saint Lambert of Maestricht. In his later years retired to the abbey at Stavelot to spend his final days as a prayerful monk. Born early 7th century Aquitaine, France

Died: c.663 at Stavelot Abbey, Belgium of natural causes.

