

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 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."

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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Syro-Malabar Rite

1st Reading:

Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading: Rom 4:20-25 **Responsorial Psalm:**

Hebrews 10:19-25 Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Gospel:

Matthew 18:10-14

1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:26-33

Svro-Malankara Rite

Gospel: Luke 9:1-6

Gospel: Lk 12:13-21

Meditation: Give to God What Belongs to God

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:13–15 What's interesting in Jesus' statement is that of all the people who ever walked the earth, no one is more worthy to be a "judge and arbitrator" of an injustice than Jesus Himself. Yet He refuses to intervene. Why is that? It appears to be a just request from the person, but instead of intervening Jesus tells a parable about greed. Material possessions can be very seductive. That's a fact. Yet many people have a very hard time admitting their attachment to possessions and money. They rationalize that they have worked hard, have earned what they have and should be able to indulge a bit. Some good-minded people who have many possessions appease their consciences by giving a small portion of what they have to charitable causes and then conclude that they can keep the rest for themselves. But what does Jesus think about that? In and of themselves, material possessions are neither good nor bad. The problem is the sin of greed. Greed is an interior disposition by which a person becomes more attached to the passing things of this world than they are to God and His holy will. Though it might be possible to have many possessions and still remain interiorly detached from them, this is quite difficult. But having possessions is not the ultimate problem. Desiring possessions is the real problem. Therefore, even those with very little can fall into the same trap by becoming attached to what they do not have and by believing that the attainment of more will esticity legus refused to act by believing that the attainment of more will satisfy. Jesus refused to act as "judge and arbitrator" in this case because it was clear to Him that the person making the request was struggling with greed. Jesus was far more concerned about this person's interior attachments than He was about the inheritance being properly shared. Earthly justice means very little from the perspective of eternity. This may be hard for many to understand and accept. Doesn't justice demand fairness? Not if the desire to be treated fairly is based on some sin such as greed. In that case, it is far better for the soul to be cheated out of their inheritance than it is to receive their fair share. In fact, if a person does struggle with greed, one of the best things for their soul might be to be cheated out of their own possessions. This will only be understood when we see that spiritual riches are infinitely greater than material riches. Reflect, today, upon your interior desires. Look at them honestly. What do you desire the most in life? Do you dream of becoming rich? If so, does that desire consume much of your thinking? Reflect upon the scenario in which you were supposed to receive a very large inheritance but were cheated out of it. How would you react? The right reaction would be to care more for the soul of the person who cheated you than to care about actually being cheated. A person who is fully detached from material possessions will care little about losing such an inheritance or gaining one. It will truly matter not. If that is hard to accept, know that this is a sign that your soul is too attached to the things of this world. Pray for freedom from all greed. That is the only way to obtain the true riches of God.

Most generous Lord, You bestow mercy in superabundance. Your grace and love are all I need in life. By obtaining You and Your mercy, I obtain the one and only source of fulfillment in life. Please free me from earthly greed, and help me to see the things of this world as You see them. Jesus, I trust in You.

1st Reading: Rom 4:20-25

Brothers and sisters: Abraham did not doubt God's promise in unbelief; rather, he was empowered by faith and gave glory to God and was fully convinced that what God had promised he was also able to do. That is why it was credited to him as righteousness. But it was not for him alone that it was written that it was credited to him; it was also for us, to whom it will be credited, who believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our transgressions and was raised for our justification.

Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 R. (see 68) Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.

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He has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

R. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

R. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

R. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Lk 12:13-21

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Today's Saints



Saint John of Capistrano

Also known as Giovanni da Capestrano, Ivan Kapistran, Jan Kapistran, John Capistran, Jovan Kapistran, János Kapisztrán

Son of a German knight, his father died when John was still young. The young man studied law at the University of Perugia, and worked as a lawyer in Naples, Italy. Reforming governor of Perugia under King Landislas of Naples. When war broke out between Perugia and the House of Malatesta from Rimini, Italy in 1416, John tried to broker a peace, but when the opponents ignored the truce, John became a prisoner of war. During his imprisonment, John came to the decision to change vocations. He had married just before the war, but the marriage was never consummated, and with his bride's permission, it was annulled. He joined the Franciscans at Perugia on 4 October 1416. Fellow student with Saint James of the Marches. Disciple of Saint Bernadine of Siena. Noted preacher while still a deacon, beginning his work in 1420. Itinerant priest throughout Italy, Germany, Bohemia, Austria, Hungary, Poland, and Russia, preaching to tens of thousands. Established communities of Franciscan renewal. John was reported to heal by making the Sign of the Cross over a sick person. Wrote extensively, mainly against the heresies of the day. After the fall of Constantinople, he preached Crusade against the Muslim Turks. At age 70 he was commissioned by Pope Callistus II to lead it, and marched off at the head of 70,000 Christian soldiers. He won the great battle of Belgrade in the summer of 1456. He died in the field a few months later, but his army delivered Europe from the Muslims.

Born: 1386 at Capistrano, Italy

Died: 23 October 1456 at Villach, Hungary of natural causes Canonized: 16 October 1690 by Pope Alexander VIII

Patronage: judges, jurists, lawyers, military chaplains, military ordinariate of the Philippines, Belgrade, Serbia.



Saint Allucio of Campugliano

Son of Omodeo, a rancher. Shepherd in Pescia, Tuscany, Italy. Director of the alms-house in Valdi Nievole, Italy. Built shelters for travellers in mountain passes and river crossings. His work attracted other people who became the core of the future Brothers of Saint Allucio. Known as a miracle worker, and as a peace maker, ending the war between the Italian city states of Ravenna and Faenza.

Born: c.1070 in Campugliano, Italy

Died: 23 October 1134 in Campugliano, Italy of natural causes, interred by the Brothers in the church of Saint Luke in Campugliano, relics enshrined in a stone urn at the high altar of the cathdral of Campugliano in 1344 by Dominican Brother Paul Lapi by order of Bishop Guglielmo Dulcini of Lucca, Italy, relics moved to the chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary, Cathedral of Pescia, Italy in 1792, relics moved to the new chapel of Saint Allucio in Campugliano, which soon after changed its name to Sant'Allucio di Uzzano, in 1934

Canonized: 23 October 1182 by the bishop of Lucca, Italy

Patronage: Pescia, Italy, diocese of (proclaimed in 2000 by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints).



Saint Ignatius of Constantinople

Also known as Ignatios, Nicetas

Son of the Byzantine emperor Michael I. Imprisoned for political reasons in a monastery in 813 by Leo the Armenian; there he learned about and entered the religious life, taking the name Ignatius. Monk. Priest. Abbot. Patriach of Constantinople in 842. Fought corruption in civil and religious life, even in the highest offices; refused communion to Bardas Caesar due to his acts of incest. Because of his high standards, Ignatius was exiled from 858 to 867, but eventually returned in triumph.

Born: c.799 in Constantinople as Nicetas

Died: 23 October 877 of natural causes, relics in the church of Saint Michael, Constantinople.





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