

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 for all souls

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."

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 an absolute evil. **Pope Francis.**

We dedicate this website to the Generous Heart of Mother Mary



Daily Highlights, Mass Readings, Daily Saints, Prayers.

Saturday of the Second Week of Advent, Volume 170, December 16, 2023.

Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 80:2ac and 3b. 15-16. 18-19

Svro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading: Colossians 1:12-19

Gospel: <u>John</u> 8:48-58 Svro-Malankara Rite 1st Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

> Gospel: Luke 9:18-20

Gospel: Mt 17:9a, 10-

-----Meditation: Elijah Must First Come

God gives signs to show what he is about to do. John the Baptist is one such sign, who pointed to Jesus and prepared the way for his coming. John fulfilled the essential task of all the prophets: to be fingers pointing to Jesus Christ. John is the last and greatest prophet of the old kingdom, the old covenant. The Jews expected that when the Messiah would come, Elijah would appear to announce his presence. John fills the role of Elijah and prepares the way for the coming of Jesus Christ by preaching a baptism of repentance and renewal.

As watchful servants, we, too must prepare for the Lord's coming again by turning away from sin and from everything that would keep us from pursuing his will. Are you eager to do God's will and are you prepared to meet the Lord Jesus when he returns in glory?

Lord Jesus, stir my zeal for your righteousness and for your kingdom. Free me from complacency and from compromising with the ways of \sin and worldliness that I may be wholeheartedly devoted to you and to your kingdom.

1st Reading: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

In those days, like a fire there appeared the prophet Elijah whose words were as a flaming furnace. Their staff of bread he shattered, in his zeal he reduced them to straits; By the Lord's word he shut up the heavens and three times brought down fire. How awesome are you, Elijah, in your wondrous deeds! Whose glory is equal to yours? You were taken aloft in a whirlwind of fire, in a chariot with fiery horses. You were destined, it is written, in time to come to put an end to wrath before the day of the LORD, To turn back the hearts of fathers toward their sons, and to re-establish the tribes of Jacob. Blessed is he who shall have seen you and who falls asleep in your friendship.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 R. (4) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, From your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; Take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the salvation of God. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 17:9a, 10-13

As they were coming down from the mountain, the disciples asked Jesus, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" He said in reply, "Elijah will indeed come and restore all things; but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him but did to him whatever they pleased. So also will the Son of Man suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

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Saint Adelaide of Burgundy

Also known as Adelaide of Italy, Adelheid, Alice

Born a princess, the daughter of King Rudolf II (Rupert II) of Upper Burgundy. Promised at age two in an arranged marriage as part of a treaty between Rudolf and Hugh of Provence. Married at age 16 to Lothair of Italy, who eventually became king of Italy. Widowed in 950 while still a teenager; Lothair was probably poisoned by his successor to the throne, Berengarius. As part of his attempt to solidify his grip on power, Berengarius ordered Adelaide to marry his son; she refused, and was imprisoned. She was freed soon after when the German king Otto the Great defeated Berengarius. Adelaide married Otto in Pavia, Italy in 951. He was crowned Emperor in Rome, Italy in 952, and Adelaide reigned with him for 20 years. Widowed in 973, she was ill-treated by her step-son, Emperor Otto II and his wife Theophano, but eventually reconciled with her royal in-laws. When Otto II died in 983, he was succeeded by his infant son, Otto III. Theophano acted as regent, and since she still did not like Adelaide, used her power to exile her from the royal court. Theophano died in 991, and Adelaide returned once again to the court to act as regent for the child emperor. She used her position and power to help the poor, to evangelize, especially among the Slavs, and to build and restore monasteries and churches. When Otto III was old enough, Adelaide retired to the convent of Selta near Cologne, a house she had built. Though she never became a nun, she spent the rest of her days there in prayer.

Born: c.931 at Burgundy, France

Died: 999 at the monastery of Selta (Seltz), Alsace of natural causes

Canonized: 1097 by Pope Urban II

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Saint Ado of Vienne



Also known as Adon, Adonis Profile Born to the French nobility. Educated at Ferrières Abbey. Ado renounced his title and inheritence, and became a Benedictine monk at Ferrières. He taught at Prüm Abbey at the request of its abbot, but dissension among the brothers forced him to return home. Pilgrim to Rome, Italy for two years. He moved to Ravenna, Italy where he revised and published a version of the Roman Martyrology in 858. Pastor of Saint Romanus church at Lyon, appointed by the archbishop, Saint Remigius. Archbishop of Vienne, France in 859, appointed by Pope Saint Nicholas I. Noted reformer in his diocese. He wrote biographies of Saint Desiderius and Saint Theuderius, and a world history text. He opposed the efforts of Lothair II of Lorraine to put aside his wife, Theutberga, in favour of his mistress, and he led the effort to annul the synod of Metz's approval of Lothair's actions.

Born: Sens, France

Died: 875 in Vienne, France of natural causes, relics destroyed by the Huguenots.

Saint Albina of Caesarea



Young Christian maiden martyred in the persecutions of Decius. Greeks maintain that her body was miraculously translated after death.

Born: Caesarea

Died: martyred c.250 at Formiae, Gata, Campagna, Italy, relics in the cathedral of Gaeta.



