



**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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...

Fourth Day of the Octave of Christmas, December 28, 2023, Volume 170.

**Today's Bible Readings**

**Latin Rite**  
**1st Reading:**

1 Jn 1:5-2:2

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8

**Gospel:** Mt 2:13-18

**Syro-Malabar Rite**  
**1st Reading:**

[Hebrews 11:32-38](#)

**Gospel:**

[Matthew 2:13-18](#)

**Syro-Malankara Rite**  
**1st Reading:**

[Galatians 5:1-6](#)

**Gospel:**

[Matthew 22:41-46](#)

**Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

**Meditation: Rachel Weeping for Her Children**

Who can explain suffering, especially the suffering of innocent children? Herod's massacre of children who gave their lives for a person and a truth they did not know seemed so useless and unjust. What a scandal and stumbling block for those who can't recognize God's redeeming love. Why couldn't God prevent this slaughter? Suffering is indeed a mystery. No explanation seems to satisfy our human craving to understand.

First martyrs for Christ

These innocent children who died on Christ's behalf are the first martyrs for Christ. Suffering, persecution, and martyrdom are the lot of all who chose to follow Jesus Christ. There is no crown without the cross. It was through Jesus' suffering, humiliation, and death on a cross, that our salvation was won. His death won life - eternal life for us. And his blood which was shed for our sake obtained pardon and reconciliation with our heavenly Father.

Suffering can take many forms - illness, disease, handicap, physical pain and emotional trauma, slander, abuse, poverty, and injustice. Paul the Apostle states: We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called to his purpose (Romans 8:28)? Jesus exclaimed that those who weep, who are reviled and persecuted for righteousness sake are blessed (Matthew 5:10-12). The word blessed [makarios in the Greek] literally means happiness or beatitude. It describes a kind of joy which is serene and untouchable, self-contained and independent from chance and changing circumstances of life.

**Supernatural joy in the face of suffering**

There is a certain paradox for those blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. She received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. But her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises. Jesus promised his disciples that "no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22).

The Lord gives each of us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away. Do you know the joy of a life fully given over to God with faith and trust?

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for my sake, to redeem me from slavery to sin and death. Help me to carry my cross with joy that I may willingly do your will and not shrink back out of fear or cowardice when trouble besets me.

**1st Reading: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2**

Beloved: This is the message that we have heard from Jesus Christ and proclaim to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say, "We have fellowship with him," while we continue to walk in darkness, we lie and do not act in truth. But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the Blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin. If we say, "We are without sin," we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing. If we say, "We have not sinned," we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8**

**R. (7) Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare.** Had not the LORD been with us— When men rose up against us, then would they have swallowed us alive, When their fury was inflamed against us.

**R. Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare.** Then would the waters have overwhelmed us; The torrent would have swept over us; over us then would have swept the raging waters.

**R. Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare.**

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Broken was the snare, and we were freed. Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

**R. Our soul has been rescued like a bird from the fowler's snare.**

### Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; the white robed army of martyrs praise you. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel: Mt 2:13-18

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, Out of Egypt I called my son. When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the magi. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet: A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more.

### Today's Saints



#### Holy Innocents

Also known as Childermas, Children's Mass

Additional Memorials 28 December (Roman Catholic; Church of England; Lutheran Church), 27 December (Syriac Orthodox Church; Syro-Malankara Catholic Church; Maronite Church; Chaldeans; Syro-Malabar Catholic Church), 29 December (Eastern Orthodox Church)

The children slaughtered by Herod the Great when he tried to kill the infant Christ. When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the magi. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet: "A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more." - Matthew 2:16-18

**Patronage:** against ambition, against jealousy, altar servers, babies, children, children's choir, choir boys, foundlings, students, school children.



#### Saint Caterina Volpicelli

Also known as Katarina Volpicelli

Born into an upper middle-class family, Caterina was well educated at the Royal Educational Institute of San Marcellino. Initially concerned with making a name for herself in society, in her teens Caterina felt drawn more and more to the spiritual life. Friend and spiritual student of Blessed Ludovico of Casoria, who led her to become a Franciscan tertiary. On 28 May 1859 Caterina joined the Perpetual Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament, but developed serious health problems and left. Member of the Apostleship of Prayer. Founded the Institute of Handmaidens of the Sacred Heart on 1 July 1874, which received the approval of Pope Leo XIII on 13 June 1890. She opened the orphanage of the Margherites, founded a lending library, and with the help of Venerable Rosa Carafa Traetto, she set up the Association of the Daughters of Mary.

**Born:** 21 January 1839 in Naples, Italy

**Died:** 28 December 1894 in Naples, Italy of natural causes

**Canonized:** 26 April 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI.



#### Saint Anthony of Lérins

Also known as Antony of Lérins, Anthony the Hermit

Anthony's father died when the boy was eight years old, and he was raised for several years by Saint Severinus of Noricum. Severinus, however, died when the boy was in his early teens, and Antony moved in with his uncle, Bishop Constantius of Lorsch, Bavaria (in modern Germany). When he was of age, Anthony became a monk. Hermit in the area of Lake Como, Italy. He and some other solitaries gained such a reputation for sanctity that they attracted would-be students. Anthony, wanting to live the life of a hermit moved to the Isle of Lerins, France where he lived his last two years. Known as a miracle worker. Saint Ennodius of Pavia wrote a Life of Saint Anthony.

**Born:** c.468 at Valeria, Lower Pannonia (in modern Hungary)

**Died:** c.520 at Lerins, Provence, France of natural causes.

