

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 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.**





Wednesday, January 3, when before Epiphany, 2024, Volume 171. Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading:

1 JN 2:29-3:6 **Responsorial Psalm:** PS 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6

Gospel: Jn 1:29-34

Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading: <u>1 Corinthians 3:5-9,</u> 21-23

Gospel: Luke 11:27-32 e Syro-Malankara Rite 1st Reading: <u>9, Hebrews 11:23-31</u>

> Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Meditation: He Was Called Jesus

What's the significance of a name? For the Jewish people the giving of a name had great importance. When a name was given it represented what that person should be in the future. An unknown name meant that someone could not be completely known. To not acknowledge someone's name meant both denial of the person, destruction of their personality, and change in their destiny. A person's name expressed the reality of his or her being at its deepest level. A Jewish male child was named at the time of circumcision, eight days after birth. This rite was instituted by God as an outward sign to single out those who belonged to the chosen people (Genesis 17:10-12). It was a sign of the covenant that God made with Abraham and his posterity. Jesus - the eternal Son of God who was born of a woman to become our Savior In fulfilment of this precept, Mary's newborn child is given the name Jesus on the eighth day according to the Jewish custom. Joseph and Mary gave the name Jesus because that is the name given by God's messenger before Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb (Luke 1:31, Matthew 1:21). This name signifies Jesus' identity and his mission. The literal Hebrew means the Lord saves. Since God alone can forgive sins and free us from death, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son became a man to offer up his life as the atoning sacrifice to save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). The son that Mary bore is both God and man - the "Word who was God" (John 1:1) and who "became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). That is why Mary is not only called the mother of the Christ (the Greek word for Messiah in Hebrew) but also the mother of God or Theotokos in Greek which literally means "God bearer." Jesus - the name above every other name In the birth and naming of this child we see the wondrous design and plan of God in giving us a Savior who would bring us grace (the gift of God's favor), mercy, and freedom from the power of sin and the fear of death. The name Jesus signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son who became man for our salvation. Peter the Apostle exclaimed that there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved (Acts 2:12). In the name of Jesus demons flee, cripples walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. His name is exalted far above every other name (Philippians 2:9-11). The name Jesus is at the heart of all Christian prayer. It is through and in Jesus that we pray to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. Many Christians have died with one word on their lips, the name of Jesus. Do you exalt the name of Jesus and pray with confidence in his name? Lord Jesus Christ, I exalt your name above every other name. For in you I have pardon, mercy, grace and victory over sin and death. You humbled yourself for my sake and for the sake of all sinners by sharing in our humanity and by dying on the cross. Help me to always praise your holy name and to live for your greater glory.

1st Reading: 1 JN 2:29-3:6

If you consider that God is righteous, you also know that everyone who acts in righteousness is begotten by him. See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin commits lawlessness, for sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who remains in him sins; no one who sins has seen him or known him.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6 R. (3cd) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of

God. 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. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God. Sing praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn sing joyfully before the King, the

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Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him he gave power to become the children of God. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Jn 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."





Saint Genevieve Also known as Genovefa

Additional Memorial 28 October (translation of relics)

When she was seven years old, Genevieve met Saint Germanus of Auxerre on his way to England. Germain befriended her because of her insistence on wanting to live her life for God, and prophesied her future sanctity. She took the veil at age 15. Prophesied invasions and disasters for Paris. Could read consciences and calm the possessed. When Paris was besieged by the Franks, she encouraged its defense, organized prayers for God's protection of the city, and led an expedition for food to relieve the siege. Caused a church to be built on the tomb of Saint Denis. In 1129, the procession of her relics through Paris is believed to have ended an epidemic. Born 422 at Nanterre near Paris, France

Died: 500 at Paris, France, interred in the church of Saints Peter and Paul in Paris, relics destroyed in 1871 Patronage: against plague, against disasters, against fever, French security forces (chosen in 1962), Paris, France, WACs, Women's Army Corps. _____



Saint Blitmund of Bobbio

Also known as Blitmund of St-Valéry, Blitmund of Leuconay, Blitmund of Picardië, Blidmundus, Blimond, Blimont, Blimundus, Blithmundus, Blithmund, Blitmond, Gogus

Born to the nobility, as a young man, Blitmund moved to northern France to live as a hermit along the River Somme in Leuconay. In 611 he built a chapel and two cells in the area. He brought a hanged man back to life, which caused the spread of his reputation as a miracle worker and holy man. This, in turn, led to would-be spiritual students gathering around him and living in a nearby monastery. For unexplained reasons, Blitmund lost the use of his legs; he was healed of this paralysis c.615 by his friend and spiritual teacher Saint Valery of Leucone. Blitmund then became a monk at Valery's monastery. When the house was destroyed by local pagans c.620, Blitmund led a group of the monks to Bobbio, Italy where they established the community in a monastery established by Saint Columban, spiritual teacher of Valery. Spritiual student of Saint Attalas of Bobbio. Around 627, Blitmund returned to the area of Leucone, France where he lived for a year as a hermit before receiving permission to build another abbey. He served as its abbot, and made Leucone a site of pilgrimage, piety and learning, and a hub for evanglization that eventually converted the region. The area was later known as Saint-Valery, and now the village of Saint-Valery-sur-Somme. Born: late 6th-century in the Dauphiné region of modern France

Died: 660 of natural causes, relics later enshrined in Leucone in a building he and Saint Valery had built

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Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavar

Also	known	as	Cyriacus	Elias	Chavara,	Cyriac	Elias	Chavara,	Kuriakose	of	the	Holy	Family

Studied with a Hindu teacher until age 10, and learned a variety of languages and regional dialects. Entered the seminary in 1818; ordained on 29 November 1829. Co-founder and first prior-general of the Congregation of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate. The main work of the Congregation is education aiming at the intellectual, social, economic, moral and spiritual advancement of people, especially women and children; it works today in eight countries with almost 5,000 members. Kuriakose made his religious profession in the Congregation in 1855. Vicar-general for the Syro-Malabar church in 1861. Defended ecclesial unity which was threatened by schism by the consecration of Nestorian bishops in his area. Worked to renew the faith in Malabar. Co-founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Mother of Carmel in 1866. Known as a man of prayer with a devotion to the Eucharist and the Virgin Mary. Born: 10 February 1805 at Kainakary, Kersala, India

Died: 3 January 1871 at Koonammuva, India of natural causes, relics transferred to Mannanam in 1889 Canonized: 23 November 2014 by Pope Francis, his canonization miracle involved the cure of an eye disorder suffered by a girl named Maria in 2007.



