

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 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 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.** 

# We dedicate this website to the Generous Heart of Mother Mary



Daily Highlights, Mass Readings, Daily Saints, Prayers...

Thursday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time, February 8, 2024, Volume 172.

1st Reading:

Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading: 1 Kgs 11:4-13

**Responsorial Psalm:** PS 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40

Gospel: Mk 7:24-30

Matthe

Romans 2:25-29

Gospel:

Matthew 12:15-21

Syro-Malabar Rite

Syro-Malankara Rite 1st Reading:

Romans 8:35-39

Gospel:

John 10:1-6

## Meditation: A Gentile's Faith

Soon a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him. She came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, a Syrophoenician by birth, and she begged him to drive the demon out of her daughter. Mark 7:25-26 A parent's love is powerful. And the woman in this story clearly loves her daughter. It is that love that drives this mother to seek out Jesus in the hope that He will free her daughter from the demon who possessed her. Interestingly, this woman was not of the Jewish faith. She was a Gentile, a foreigner, but her faith was very real and very deep. When Jesus first encountered this woman, she begged Him to free her daughter from the demon. Jesus' response was at first surprising. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first. For it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." In other words, Jesus was saying that His mission was first to the people of Israel, the chosen people of the Jewish faith. They were the "children" of whom Jesus was speaking, and the Gentiles, such as this woman, were the ones referred to as "the dogs." Jesus spoke this way to this woman not out of rudeness but because He could see her deep faith, and He wanted to give her an opportunity to manifest that faith for all to see. And so she did. The woman responded to Jesus, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's scraps." Her words were not only exceptionally humble but were also based on deep faith and a deep love for her daughter. As a result, Jesus responds with generosity and immediately frees her daughter from the demon. In our own lives, it's easy to fall into the trap of thinking we deserve the mercy of God. We can think that we have a right to God's grace. And even though Jesus deeply desires to pour forth His grace and mercy in superabundance on our lives, it is essential that we fully understand our unworthiness before Him. The disposition of this woman's heart sets for us a perfect example of how we must come to our Lord.

Reflect, today, upon the beautiful example of this woman of deep faith. Prayerfully read her words over and over. Try to understand her humility, her hope, and her love for her daughter. As you do, pray that you will be able to imitate her goodness so as to share in the blessings she and her daughter received.

My merciful Lord, I trust in Your perfect love for me and for all peoples. I pray especially for those who carry heavy burdens and for those whose lives are deeply intertwined with evil. Please set them free, dear Lord, and welcome them into Your family so that they become true children of Your Father. May I have the humility and faith I need to help bring forth this abundance of grace for others. Jesus, I trust in You.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kgs 11:4-13

When Solomon was old his wives had turned his heart to strange gods, and his heart was not entirely with the LORD, his God, as the heart of his father David had been. By adoring Astarte, the goddess of the Sidonians, and Milcom, the idol of the Ammonites, Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not follow him unreservedly as his father David had done. Solomon then built a high place to Chemosh, the idol of Moab, and to Molech, the idol of the Ammonites, on the hill opposite Jerusalem. He did the same for all his foreign wives who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods. The LORD, therefore, became angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice (for though the LORD had forbidden him this very act of following strange gods, Solomon had not obeyed him). So the LORD said to Solomon: "Since this is what you want, and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes which I enjoined on you, I will deprive you of the kingdom and give it to your servant. I will not do this during your lifetime, however, for the sake of your father David; it is your son whom I will deprive. Nor will I take away the whole kingdom. I will leave your son one tribe for the sake of my servant David and of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."

# Responsorial Psalm: PS 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 R. (4a) Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

Blessed are they who observe what is right, who do always what is just. Remember us, O LORD, as you favor your people; visit us with your saving help.

R. Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

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But they mingled with the nations and learned their works. They served their idols, which became a snare for them.

R. Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons. And the LORD grew angry with his people, and abhorred his inheritance.

R. Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. R. Alleluia.

### Gospel: Mk 7:24-30

Jesus went to the district of Tyre. He entered a house and wanted no one to know about it, but he could not escape notice. Soon a woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him. She came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, a Syrophoenician by birth, and she begged him to drive the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first. For it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She replied and said to him, "Lord, even the dogs under the table eat the children's scraps." Then he said to her, "For saying this, you may go. The demon has gone out of your daughter." When the woman went home, she found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.



# Saint Josephine Bakhita

Also known as Giuseppina Bakhita, Madre Moretta, Sister Moretta

Born to a wealthy Sudanese family, she was kidnapped by slave-traders at age 9, and given the name Bakhita (lucky) by them. Sold and resold in the markets at El Obeid and Khartoum, finally purchased in 1883 by Callisto Legnani, Italian consul who planned to free her. She accompanied Legnani to Italy in 1885, and worked as a nanny for the family of Augusto Michieli. She was treated well in Italy and grew to love the country. An adult convert the Christianity, she joined the Church on 9 January 1890, she took the name of Josephine as a symbol of her new life. She entered the Institute of Canossian Daughters of Charity in Venice, Italy in 1893, taking her vows on 8 December 1896 in Verona, Italy and serving as a Canossian Sister for the next fifty years. Her gentle presence, her warm, amiable voice, and her willingness to help with any menial task were a comfort to the poor and suffering people who came to the door of the Institute. After a biography of her was published in 1930, she became a noted and sought after speaker, raising funds to support missions. Her feast has been designated the International Day of Prayer to Stop Human Trafficking.

Born: 1868 at Oglassa, Darfur, Sudan

Died: 8 February 1947 of natural causes in Italy

Canonized: 1 October 2000 by Pope John Paul II at Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome, Italy, thought to be the only saint originally from Sudan

Patronage: Sudan.



### Saint Jerome Emiliani

Also known as Geronimo, Gerolamo Miani, Jerom Aemiliani Profile Born wealthy, the son of Angelo and Eleanor Mauroceni Emiliani. His father died when Jerome was a teenager, and he ran away from home at age 15. After a dissolute youth, he became a soldier in Venice, Italy in 1506. Commanded the League of Cambrai forces at the fortress of Castelnuovo in the mountains near Treviso, Italy. Captured by Venetian forces on 27 August 1511, he was chained in a dungeon. He prayed to Our Lady for help, was miraculously freed by an apparition, and hung his chains on a church wall as an offering. Mayor of Treviso while studying for the priesthood. Ordained in the spotted-fever plague year of 1518. Cared for the sick, and housed orphans in his own home. At night he roamed the streets, burying those who had collapsed and died unattended. Jerome contracted the fever himself, but survived. Founded six orphanages, a shelter for penitent prostitutes, and a hospital. Founded the Order of Somaschi (Company of Servants of the Poor, or Somascan Fathers, or Regular Clergy of Somasca) c.1532, a congregation of clerks regular vowed to the care of orphans, and named after the town of Somasca where they started, and where they founded a seminary; the society was given approval by Pope Paul III in 1540, and continue their work today in a dozen countries. Believed to have developed the question-and-answer catechism technique for teaching children religion. Declared the patron of orphans and abandoned children in 1928 by Pope Pius XI.

Born: 1481 at Venice, Italy

**Died:** 8 February 1537 in Italy of a disease caught when tending the sick **Canonized:** 16 July 1767 by Pope Clement XIII

Patronage: abandoned people, orphans (chosen by Pope Pius XI in 1928), Venice, Italy.



# Saint Laureatus of Rome

Also known as Laureatus of Castelpoto

Martyred in the persecutions of Valerian.

Died: c.258 in Rome, Italy, buried in the Santa Ciriaca catacombs in Rome, some relics transferred to the Church of the Holy Cross Biberbach, Bavaria (in modern Germany) in 1687 where they were enshrine in a jewelled urn, but has since been lost, some relics enshrined in Venice, Italy, but was since been lost, a piece of his head was enshrined in Monselice, Padua, Italy, but has since been lost, his leg is enshrined in a reliquary statue in Castelpoto, Italy

Patronage: against cholera (legend says that a procession of his relics ended a cholera epidemic in the town of

Castelpoto, Italy), Castelpoto, Italy.





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