

int 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 ut upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of mercy for us, 1 st in You.

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Prayer for all souls

Prayer of St. Gertrude the their live

'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 editated on the rassion st, which many times t floods of tears to her She did many ies, and Our Lady ed to her many times. IV Soul passed away in the other 160 is her ember



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 absolute evil. **Pope Francis.** It's an





Friday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time, February 9, 2024, Volume 172. **Today's Bible Readings**

Latin Rite

1st Reading: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-**Responsorial Psalm:** PS 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 Gospel: Mk 8:1-10

Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 2nd Reading: Proverbs 15:19-25 3rd Reading: Revelation 20:11-15 Gospel:

John 5:19 Meditation: Hearing and Speaking the Word of God

They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." Mark 7:37 This line is the conclusion to the story of Jesus healing a deaf man who also had a speech impediment. The man was brought to Jesus, Jesus took him off by himself, cried out "Ephphatha!" (that is, "Be opened!"), and the man was cured. And though this was an incredible gift to this man and an act of great mercy toward him, it also reveals that God wants to use us to draw others to Himself. On a natural level, we all lack the ability to hear the voice of God when He speaks. We need the gift of grace for this. As a result, on a natural level, we are also incapable of speaking the many truths that God wants us to speak. This story teaches us that God also desires to heal our ears so as to hear His gentle voice and to loosen our tongues so that we can become His mouthpiece. But this story is not only about God speaking to each one of us; it also reveals our duty to bring others to Christ who do not know Him. The friends of this man brought him to Jesus. And Jesus took the man off by himself. This gives us insight into how we help others to come to know our Lord's voice. Oftentimes when we want to share the Gospel with another, we tend to talk to them and try to rationally convince them to turn their lives to Christ. And though this can bear good fruit at times, the real goal we must have is to help them to go off with our Lord by themselves for a while so that Jesus can do the healing. If your ears have truly been opened by our Lord, then your tongue will also be loosened. And only if your tongue is loosened will God be able to draw others to Himself through you. Otherwise your act of evangelizing will only be based on your effort alone. Therefore, if you have people in your life who do not appear to be listening to the voice of God and following His holy will, then first and foremost commit yourself to listening to our Lord yourself. Let your ears hear Him. And when you do hear Him, it will be His voice that, in turn, speaks through you in the way He desires to reach out to others. Reflect, today, upon this Gospel scene. Ponder, especially, the friends of this man as they are inspired to bring him to Jesus. Ask our Lord to use you in a similar way. Prayerfully ponder those in your life whom God wants to call to Himself through your mediation and place yourself at the service of our Lord so that His voice can speak through you in the way He chooses.

My good Jesus, please open my ears to hear all that You wish to say to me and please loosen my tongue so that I will become a mouthpiece of Your holy word to others. I offer myself to You for Your glory and pray that You will use me in accord with Your holy will. Jesus, I fully trust in You.

1st Reading: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34

Jeroboam thought to himself: "The kingdom will return to David's house. If now this people go up to offer sacrifices in the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem, the hearts of this people will return to their master, Rehoboam, king of Judah, and they will kill me." After taking counsel, the king made two calves of gold and said to the people: "You have been going up to Jerusalem long enough. Here is your God, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt." And he put one in Bethel, the other in Dan. This led to sin, because the people frequented those calves in Bethel and in Dan. He also built temples on the high places and made priests from among the people who were not Levites. Jeroboam established a feast in the eighth month on the fifteenth day of the month to duplicate in Bethel the pilgrimage feast of Judah, with sacrifices to the calves he had made; and he stationed in Bethel priests of the high places he had built. Jeroboam did not give up his evil ways after this, but again made priests for the high places from among the common people. Whoever desired it was consecrated and became a priest of the high places. This was a sin on the part of the house of Jeroboam for which it was to be cut off and destroyed from the earth.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22

R. (4a) Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people. We have sinned, we and our fathers; we have committed crimes; we have done wrong. Our fathers in Egypt considered not your wonders.

R. Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people. They made a calf in Horeb and adored a molten image; They exchanged their glory for the image of a grass-eating bullock.

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

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They forgot the God who had saved them, who had done great deeds in Egypt, Wondrous deeds in the land of Ham, terrible things at the Red Sea.

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

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. R. Alleluia, alleluia. alleluia.

Gospel: Mk 8:1-10

In those days when there again was a great crowd without anything to eat, Jesus summoned the disciples and said, "My heart is moved with pity for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will collapse on the way, and some of them have come a great distance." His disciples answered him, "Where can anyone get enough bread to satisfy them here in this deserted place?" Still he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They replied, "Seven." He ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then, taking the seven loaves he gave thanks, broke them, and gave them to his disciples to distribute, and they distributed them to the crowd. They also had a few fish. He said the blessing over them and ordered them distributed also. They ate and were satisfied. They picked up the fragments left over-seven baskets. There were about four thousand people. He dismissed the crowd and got into the boat with his disciples and came to the region of Dalmanutha.



Saint Miguel Febres Cordero Muñoz

Additional Information, Francisco Luis Febres Cordero Muñoz, Michael Febres Cordero, Miguel of Ecuador

Born to a prominent family, he had an unknown disability, and was unable to stand until age five when he received a vision of Our Lady. At age eight he was miraculously protected from being mauled by a wild bull. In 1863, at age nine, he enrolled in a school run by the Christian Brothers, an Order which had only recently come to Ecuador. Miguel joined the Brothers on 24 March 1868 at age 13. School teacher at El Cebollar School in Quito, a position he held for 32 years. A gentle, dedicated, and enthusiastic teacher. Wrote his own textbooks, the first at age 17; some were adopted by the government, and used throughout the country. Wrote odes, hymns, discourses on teaching methods, plays, inspirational works, and retreat manuals. Elected to the Ecuadoran Academy of Letters in 1892, followed soon after by the Academies of Spain, France, and Venezuela. Conducted religious retreats, and prepared children for their First Communion. Novice director for his house from 1901 to 1904. Sent to Europe in 1905 to translate texts from French to Spanish for use by the Order; worked primarily in Belgium. His health began to fail in 1908, and he was transferred to the school near Barcelona, Spain. He continued to work, but slowly, his health continued to fail, and he died there in 1910. In addition to being a religious role model, Miguel is considered a national hero in Ecuador for his success in so many worthwhile areas.

Born: 7 November 1854 at Cuenca, Ecuador

Died: 9 February 1910 of pneumonia at Premia del Mar, Spain, and buried there, grave disturbed during the Spanish Civil War, and his body found incorrupt, re-interred in Quito, Ecuador, his tomb has become a pilgrimage site Canonized: 21 October 1984 by Pope John Paul II.

Saint Raynald of Nocera



Also known as Rinaldo

Born to the nobility, the eldest son of the the Count of Postignano. He received a good eduction, and his family expected him to have a life in politics, but Raynald felt a call to religious life. He gave away all his possessions and withdrew from the world to live as a hermit on the mountain of Serrasanta near Gualdo Tadino. Italy, Benedictine Camaldolese monk at Fonte-Avellana, Umbria, Italy. Chosen prior of his monstery. Bishop of Nocera, Italy from 1209 to 1213, he worked in the Roman Curia. Titular bishop of Nocera. Noted for his charity to the poor, he was also involved in the promulgation of Indulgence of Portiuncula in August 1216. Born: c.1150

Died: 9 February 1217 in Nocera, Umbria, Italy of natural causes, body discovered incorrupt, relics enshrined in an urn in the church of Santa Maria dell'Arengo, relics enshrined in the cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta in 1456, relics moved to the church of San Felicissimo on 26 September 1997 following earthquake damage to the cathedral Beatified: popular devotion and reports of miracles begin soon after the death of Raynald, Bishop Pelagio Pallavicini approves the cultus in late 1217, when his body was discovered to be incorrupt, he was chosen patron of Nocera, declared co-patron of the diocese of Nocera in 1448

Patronage: Assisi-Nocera Umbra-Gualdo Tadino, Italy, diocese of Nocera, Italy.



Saint Apollonia of Alexandria Also known as Apolline of Alexandria

Consecrated virgin. Deaconess. During an anti-Christian uprising in Alexandria, Egypt caused by a pagan prophecy, the mob seized Apollonia as a leader among the local Christians. After her teeth were broken with pincers, she was given the choice of renouncing Christ or being burned alive; she lept onto the fire herself. Martyr. **Died:** burned to death c.249 at Alexandria, Egypt **Patronage:** against tooth disease, against toothache, dental technicians. Dentists, 3 cities





