

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

e mercy on us and on whole world. (3 times



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

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Daily Highlights, Mass Readings, Daily Saints, Prayers.

Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent, March 13, 2024, Volume 173.

Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading: Is 49:8-15 **Responsorial Psalm:**

145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18

Gospel: Jn 5:1-16

Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Gospel:

Matthew 18:15-20

Syro-Malankara Rite 1st Reading: Nehemiah 9:6-15

Gospel:

John 15:11-17

Meditation: Amazement and Awe

"Amen, amen, I say to you, the Son cannot do anything on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for what he does, the Son will do also. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything that he himself does, and he will show him greater works than these, so that you may be amazed." John 5:25-26 The most central and most glorious mystery of our faith is that of the Most Holy Trinity. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one God yet three distinct Persons. As divine "Persons," each one is distinct; but as one God, each Person acts in perfect union with the others. In today's Gospel, Jesus clearly identifies the Father in Heaven as His Father and clearly states that He and His Father are one. For this reason, there were those who wanted to kill Jesus because He "called God his own father, making himself equal to God." The sad reality is that the greatest and most glorious truth of God's inner life, the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, was one of the primary reasons that some chose to hate Jesus and sought His life. Clearly, it was their ignorance of this glorious truth that drove them to this hatred. We call the Holy Trinity a "mystery," not because they cannot be known but because our knowledge of Who They are can never be fully understood. For eternity, we will enter deeper and deeper into our knowledge of the Trinity and be "amazed" on a continually deepening level. One additional aspect of the mystery of the Trinity is that each one of us is called to share in Their very life. We will forever remain distinct from God; but, as many of the early Church Fathers liked to say, we must become "divinized," meaning, we must share in God's divine life through our union of body and soul with Christ Jesus. That union also unites us with the Father and the Spirit. This truth should also leave us "amazed," as we read in the passage above. As we continue to read this week from the Gospel of John and continue to ponder the mysterious and profound teaching of Jesus on His relationship with the Father in Heaven, it is essential that we not simply gloss over the mysterious language Jesus uses. Rather, we must prayerfully enter the mystery and allow our penetration of this mystery to leave us truly amazed. Amazement and transforming edification is the only good response. We will never fully understand the Trinity, but we must allow the truth of our Triune God to take hold of us and enrichen us, at very least, in a way that knows how much we do not know-and that knowledge leaves us in awe. Reflect, today, upon the sacred mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Pray that God reveals Himself more fully to your mind and more completely consume your will. Pray that you will be able to share deeply in the life of the Trinity so that you will be filled with a holy amazement and awe. Most holy and triune God, the love You share within Your very being of Father, Son and Holy Spirit is beyond my comprehension. The mystery of Your triune life is a mystery of the greatest degree.

Draw me in, dear Lord, to the life You share with Your Father and the Holy Spirit. Fill me with wonder and awe as You invite me to share in Your divine life. Most Holy Trinity, I trust in You.

1st Reading: Is 49:8-15

Thus says the LORD: In a time of favor I answer you, on the day of salvation I help you; and I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, To restore the land and allot the desolate heritages, Saying to the prisoners: Come out! To those in darkness: Show yourselves! Along the ways they shall find pasture, on every bare height shall their pastures be. They shall not hunger or thirst, nor shall the scorching wind or the sun strike them; For he who pities them leads them and guides them beside springs of water. I will cut a road through all my mountains, and make my highways level. See, some shall come from afar, others from the north and the west, and some from the land of Syene. Sing out, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth, break forth into song, you mountains. For the LORD comforts his people and shows mercy to his afflicted. But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 R. (8a) The Lord is gracious and merciful.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.

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The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

R. The Lord is gracious and merciful.

The LORD is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works. The LORD lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

R. The Lord is gracious and merciful.

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The Lord is gracious and merciful.

Verse Before the Gospel

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die.

Gospel: Jn 5:17-30

Jesus answered the Jews: "My Father is at work until now, so I am at work." For this reason they tried all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the sabbath but he also called God his own father, making himself equal to God. Jesus answered and said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, the Son cannot do anything on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for what he does, the Son will do also. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything that he himself does, and he will show him greater works than these, so that you may be amazed. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives life, so also does the Son give life to whomever he wishes. Nor does the Father judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to the Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to the Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation. "I cannot do anything on my own; I judge as I hear, and my judgment is just, because I do not seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me."

Today's Saints



Saint Leander of Seville

Also known as Leandro

Son of Severianus and Theodora, known for their piety. Elder brother of Saint Isidore of Seville, Saint Fulgentius of Ecija, and Saint Florentina of Cartagena. Monk at Seville, Spain. Bishop of Seville. Converted Saint Hermengild and Prince Reccared, sons of the Arian Visigoth king Leovigild, who then exiled Leander to Constantinople from 579 to 582. There he became close friends with the papal legate who later became Pope Saint Gregory the Great; he recommended that Gregory write his famous commentary (Moralia) on the Book of Job. When Reccared ascended the throne, Leander was allowed to return to Seville. He worked against Arianism, and presided over the Third Council of Toledo in 589. He revised and unified the Spanish liturgy, and his boundless energy and steady faith led the Visigoths back to orthodox Christianity. Leander wrote an influential Rule for nuns. He introduced the Nicene Creed to Mass in the west. Honored as a Doctor of the Faith by the Church in Spain.

Born: c.534 at Cartagena, Spain

Died: c.600 at Seville, Spain of natural causes

Patronage: Seville, Spain.



Saint Roderick of Cordoba

Also known as Rodrigo, Rodriguez, Rudericus, Roderic, Ruderic

A Christian priest in Moorish Spain, Roderick had a brother who became Moslem and another with no religion. One day he tried to break up a fight between his brothers; they turned on him and beat him into a coma. The Moslem brother, seeking further revenge, announced to authorities that Roderick had converted to Islam. When Roderick awoke, he was questioned about it, and denied the allegation, claiming allegiance to Christ. The Moslem authorities took this to be apostasy, deciding Roderick was denying his new Moslem faith. He was imprisoned for several months, and then martyred with Saint Salomon of Cordoba.

Born: 9th century southern Spain

Died: beheaded in 857 in Cordoba, Spain.



Saint Ansovinus of Camerino

Also known as Ansovino, Ansuinus, Answin, Oswin

Priest. Hermit at Castel Raimondo near Torcello, Italy. Bishop of Camerino, Italy, consecrated by Pope Leo IV; he accepted the vocation on the condition that his parishioners did not have to recruit soldiers, an obligation imposed on most bishops of the time. Confessor to Emperor Louis the Pious. Attended the Council of Rome called by Pope Saint Nicholas I in 861. Miracle worker. His association with crops come from his work of feeding the poor. Once when the granary was empty, but there were still poor people to feed, he prayed for help; the granary was found to be full, and everyone ate their fill.

Born at Camerino, Italy

Died • 868 at Camerino, Italy from a fever contracted at Rome, Italy, relics enshrined in a 14th century sarcophagus in the crypt of the cathedral in Camerino, Italy

Patronage: gardeners, protection of crops, Camerino-San Severino Marche, Italy.





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