



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 indebted-  
ness 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.**

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

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent, March 19, 2024, Volume 173.

Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
Ez 47:1-9, 12  
Responsorial Psalm:  
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

Syro-Malabar Rite  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
[Colossians 1:24-29](#)

Gospel:  
[John 15:18-27](#)

Syro-Malankara Rite  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading:  
[2 Kings 4:38-44](#)

Gospel:  
[Matthew 1:18-25](#)

Gospel: Jn 5:1-16

Meditation: The Greatness of Saint Joseph

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. Matthew 1:24 What is it that made Saint Joseph so great? He wasn't immaculately conceived as our Blessed Mother was. He was not divine like Jesus. But he was the head of the Holy Family, its guardian and its provider. He became the legal father of the Savior of the World and the spouse of the Mother of God. But Joseph is not great only because he was given such incredible privileges. First and foremost, he was great because of the choices he made in life. Today's Gospel refers to him as a "righteous man" and as a man who "did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Thus, his greatness is primarily on account of his moral righteousness and obedience to the will of God. Joseph's obedience is especially seen in the fact that he obeyed the voice of God given to him in the four dreams recorded in Scripture. In his first dream, Joseph is told "do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:20-21). In his second dream, Joseph is told, "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" (Matthew 2:13). In his third dream, Joseph is told, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead" (Matthew 2:20). And in his fourth dream, Joseph is warned to go instead to Galilee rather than Judea (Matthew 2:22). When these dreams are read in succession, it is clear that Saint Joseph was attentive to the voice of God. We all have dreams, but Joseph's dreams were different. They were clear communications from God, and they required a willing recipient. Joseph was open to the voice of God and listened in faith as that willing recipient. Joseph also responded with complete submission and full determination. The commands Joseph received were not insignificant. His obedience required that he and his family travel great distances, take up residence in strange lands and do so all in faith. It's also clear that Joseph took his vocation seriously. Pope Saint John Paul II gave him the title "Guardian of the Redeemer." Over and over, he showed his unwavering commitment to his role as the guardian of his legal Son, Jesus, and of his wife, Mary. His life was spent providing for them, protecting them and offering them a father's heart. Reflect, today, upon the unique vocation of Saint Joseph. Ponder, especially, the early years of his marriage and the raising of Jesus. Consider his fatherly commitment to care for, provide for and protect his Son. We all must seek to imitate Saint Joseph's virtues by protecting the presence of Christ within our own hearts, the hearts of our family and friends and in the world as a whole. Pray to Saint Joseph, asking him to help you follow his example so that the hidden presence of our Lord in our lives will grow and come to full maturation.

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen. (Prayer from Patris Corde)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ez 47:1-9, 12

The angel brought me, Ezekiel, back to the entrance of the temple of the LORD, and I saw water flowing out from beneath the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the façade of the temple was toward the east; the water flowed down from the right side of the temple, south of the altar. He led me outside by the north gate, and around to the outer gate facing the east, where I saw water trickling from the right side. Then when he had walked off to the east with a measuring cord in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and had me wade through the water, which was ankle-deep. He measured off another thousand and once more had me wade through the water, which was now knee-deep. Again he measured off a thousand and had me wade; the water was up to my waist. Once more he measured off a thousand, but there was now a river through which I could not wade; for the water had risen so high it had become a river that could not be crossed except by swimming. He asked me, "Have you seen this, son of man?" Then he brought me to the bank of the river, where he had me sit. Along the bank of the river I saw very many trees on both sides. He

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The Bible in one year:

March

- 01 Lev 6-7, Isa 61-62, Mark 6:24-45, Ps 31:title-4
- 02 Lev 8, Isa 63, Mark 6:46-7:11, Ps 31:5-11
- 03 Lev 9-10, Isa 64, Mark 7:12-37, Ps 31:12-18
- 04 Lev 11-12, Isa 65, Mark 8:1-17, Ps 31:19-24
- 05 Lev 13, Isa 66, Mark 8:18-38, Ps 32:title-7
- 06 Lev 14, Jer 1, Mark 9:1-23, Ps 32:8-11
- 07 Lev 15, Jer 2:1-19, Mark 9:24-50, Ps 33:1-10
- 08 Lev 16-17, Jer 2:20-37, Mark 10:1-17, Ps 33:11-17
- 09 Lev 18, Jer 3, Mark 10:18-38, Ps 33:18-22
- 10 Lev 19-20, Jer 4:1-17, Mark 10:39-52, Ps 34:title-8
- 11 Lev 21-22, Jer 4:18-31, Mark 11, Ps 34:9-15
- 12 Lev 23, Jer 5, Mark 12:1-19, Ps 34:16-22
- 13 Lev 24, Jer 6:1-16, Mark 12:20-44, Ps 35:title-6
- 14 Lev 25, Jer 6:17-30, Mark 13:1-18, Ps 35:7-13
- 15 Lev 26-27, Jer 7, Mark 13:19-37, Ps 35:14-20
- 16 Num 1, Jer 8, Mark 14:1-25, Ps 35:21-28
- 17 Num 2, Jer 9:1-10, Mark 14:26-47, Ps 36:title-6
- 18 Num 3, Jer 9:11-26, Mark 14:48-72, Ps 36:7-12
- 19 Num 4, Jer 10, Mark 15:1-18, Ps 37:title-7
- 20 Num 5, Jer 11, Mark 15:19-47, Ps 37:8-14
- 21 Num 6:1-7:26, Jer 12, Mark 16, Ps 37:15-21
- 22 Num 7:27-89, Jer 13, Luke 1:1-17, Ps 37:22-28
- 23 Num 8, Jer 14, Luke 1:18-39, Ps 37:29-35
- 24 Num 9-10, Jer 15, Luke 1:40-60, Ps 37:36-40
- 25 Num 11-12, Jer 16, Luke 1:61-80, Ps 38:title-8
- 26 Num 13, Jer 17:1-10, Luke 2:1-24, Ps 38:9-15
- 27 Num 14, Jer 17:11-27, Luke 2:25-52, Ps 38:16-22
- 28 Num 15, Jer 18, Luke 3:1-16, Ps 39:title-6
- 29 Num 16-17, Jer 19, Luke 3:17-38, Ps 39:7-13
- 30 Num 18-19, Jer 20, Luke 4:1-21, Ps 40:title-6
- 31 Num 20-21, Jer 21:1-22:14, Luke 4:22-44, Ps 40:7-13

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said to me, "This water flows into the eastern district down upon the Arabah, and empties into the sea, the salt waters, which it makes fresh. Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live, and there shall be abundant fish, for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh. Along both banks of the river, fruit trees of every kind shall grow; their leaves shall not fade, nor their fruit fail. Every month they shall bear fresh fruit, for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary. Their fruit shall serve for food, and their leaves for medicine."

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9**  
**R. (8) The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob.**

God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Therefore we fear not, though the earth be shaken and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea.

**R. The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob.**

There is a stream whose runlets gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High. God is in its midst; it shall not be disturbed; God will help it at the break of dawn.

**R. The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob.**

The LORD of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob. Come! behold the deeds of the LORD, the astounding things he has wrought on earth.

**R. The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob.**

**Verse Before the Gospel**

A clean heart create for me, O God; give me back the joy of your salvation.

**Gospel: Jn 5:1-16**

There was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem at the Sheep Gate a pool called in Hebrew Bethesda, with five porticoes. In these lay a large number of ill, blind, lame, and crippled. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been ill for a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your mat, and walk." Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and walked. Now that day was a sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." He answered them, "The man who made me well told me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who told you, 'Take it up and walk'?" The man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away, since there was a crowd there. After this Jesus found him in the temple area and said to him, "Look, you are well; do not sin any more, so that nothing worse may happen to you." The man went and told the Jews that Jesus was the one who had made him well. Therefore, the Jews began to persecute Jesus because he did this on a sabbath.

**Today's Saints**



**Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Also known as Joseph of Nazareth, Joseph the Artisan, Joseph the Betrothed, Joseph the Worker

Additional Memorials 1 May (Joseph the Worker), 3rd Wednesday after Easter (patronage of Saint Joseph of the Universal Church), 29 October (Armenian), 20 July (Coptic)

Descendant of the house of David. Layman. Builder by trade; traditionally a carpenter, but may have been a stone worker. Earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Foster and adoptive father of Jesus Christ. Visionary who was visited by angels. Noted for his willingness to immediately get up and do what God told him to do.

**Died:** 1st century, prior to the Passion, of natural causes

**Patronage:** against doubt, against hesitation, accountants, attornies, barristers, bursars, cabinetmakers, carpenters, cemetery workers, children, civil engineers, confectioners, craftsmen, dying people, educators, emigrants, exiles, expectant mothers, families, fathers, furniture makers, grave diggers, happy death, holy death, house hunters, immigrants, interior souls, joiners, laborers, lawyers, married people, orphans, people in doubt, people who fight Communism, pioneers, pregnant women, social justice, solicitors, teachers, travellers, unborn children, wheelwrights, workers, working people, Catholic Church, Oblates of Saint Joseph, for protection of the Church, Universal Church, Vatican II, Americas, Austria, Belgium, Bohemia, Canada, China, Croatian people, Korea, Mexico, New France. New World, Peru, Philippines, Vatican City, Viet Nam, Canadian Armed Forces, Papal States, 48 dioceses, 87 cities.



**Saint Alkmund of Northumbria**

Also known as Alcmund, Alchmund, Alcumundus, Ealhmund

Born a prince, the son of the Northumbrian King Alcred. King of Northumbria after the murders of his father and his brother Osred. Known for his charity to the poor and orphaned. Exiled to the area of Pictish Scotland and later murdered by agents of the usurping king Eardwulf of Northumbria. There are six churches in England dedicated to him.

**Born:** 774 in northern England

**Died:** martyred in c.800 in Mercia (in modern Shropshire, England), buried at Northworthy (modern Derby), England, relics later translated to Shrewsbury abbey by Ethelfleda, the Lady of the Mercians, relics returned to the White Church in Derby in 1140, during the move his tomb was reported to exude a perfume

**Patronage:** Derby, England.



**Saint Lanoald of Maastricht**

Also known as Lanoald of Ghent, Lanoald of Haspengau, Lanoald of Wintershoven, Landoald, Landoaldus, Landoalt, Landowaldus

Priest in Rome, Italy. With Saint Amantius of Wintershoven, he evangelized areas of modern France and Belgium. Founded the church at Wintershoven, Belgium.

**Born:** Lombardy, Italy

**Died:** c.668.

