

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

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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... Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter, April 24, 2024, Volume 174. Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading:

Acts 12:24–13:5a **Responsorial Psalm:** 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading: Phil 1:21-25 Syro-Malankara Rite

Heb 8:1-6; Mk 12:35-

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Gospel: <u>Jn 1:35-42</u>

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Meditation: The Oneness of God

Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me." John 12:44–45 Note that Jesus' words in the above quoted passage start by stating that "Jesus cried out..." This intentional addition by the Gospel writer adds emphasis to this statement. Jesus didn't just "say these words, He "cried out." For that reason, we should be extra attentive to these words and allow them to speak to us all the more. This Gospel passage takes place during the week prior to Jesus' Passion. He entered Jerusalem triumphantly and, then, throughout the week, spoke to various groups of people while the Pharisees plotted against Him. The emotions were tense, and Jesus spoke with greater and greater vigor and clarity. He spoke about His pending death, the unbelief of many, and His oneness with the Father in Heaven. At one point during the week, as Jesus was speaking of His oneness with the Father, the voice of the Father spoke audibly for all to hear. Jesus had just said, "Father, glorify your name." And then the Father spoke, saying, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." Some thought it was thunder and others thought it was an angel. But it was the Father in Heaven. This context is useful when reflecting upon today's Gospel. Jesus passionately wants us to know that if we have faith in Him, then we also have faith in the Father, because the Father and He are one. Of course, this teaching on the oneness of God is nothing new to us today we should all be very familiar with the teaching on the Most Holy Trinity. But in many ways, this teaching on the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit must be seen as new and pondered anew every day. Imagine Jesus speaking to you, personally, and with great vigor, about His unity with the Father. Consider carefully how deeply He desires that you understand this divine mystery of Their oneness. Allow yourself to sense how much Jesus wants you to understand Who He is in relation to His Father. Prayerfully understanding the Trinity teaches us much, not only about Who God is but about who we are. We are called to share in the oneness of God by becoming united with Them through love. The early Church Fathers often spoke of our calling to be "divinized," that is, to share in the divine life of God. And though this is a mystery beyond complete comprehension, it's a mystery that Jesus deeply desires us to prayerfully ponder. Reflect, today, upon the passion in the heart of Jesus to reveal to you Who He is in relation to the Father. Be open to a deeper understanding of this divine truth. And as you open yourself to this revelation, allow God to also reveal to you His desire to draw you into Their holy life of unity. This is your calling. This is the reason Jesus came to earth. He came to draw us into the very life of God. Believe it with much passion and conviction. My passionate Lord, You spoke long ago about Your oneness with the Father in Heaven. You speak again, today, to me, about this glorious truth.

Draw me in, dear Lord, not only to the great mystery of Your oneness with the Father but also to the mystery of Your calling to me to share in Your life. I accept this invitation and pray that I become more fully one with You, the Father and the Holy Spirit. Most Holy Trinity, I trust in You.

1st Reading: Acts 12:24-13:5a

The word of God continued to spread and grow. After Barnabas and Saul completed their relief mission, they returned to Jerusalem, taking with them John, who is called Mark. Now there were in the Church at Antioch prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Symeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who was a close friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then, completing their fasting and prayer, they laid hands on them and sent them off. So they, sent forth by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and from there sailed to Cyprus. When they arrived in Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues.

Responsorial Psalm: 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 R. (4) O God, let all the nations praise you! or: R. Alleluia.

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation. **R. O God, let all the nations praise you! or: R. Alleluia.**

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May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you! or: **R. Alleluia**. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him! R. O God, let all the nations praise you! or: R. Alleluia.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia, I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. R. Alleluia, alleluia,

Gospel: Jn 12:44-50

Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me. I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness. And if anyone hears my words and does not observe them, I do not condemn him, for I did not come to condemn the world but to save the world. Whoever rejects me and does not accept my words has something to judge him: the word that I spoke, it will condemn him on the last day, because I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. So what I say, I say as the Father told me."

Today's Saints



Saint Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad Also known as Maria Elizabetta Hesselblad

Fifth of thirteen children born to Augusto Roberto Hesselblad and Cajsa Pettesdotter Dag. Raised in the Reformed Church of Sweden. Due to economic hard times, the family moved regularly. Maria emigrated to New York at age 18 to seek work to support her family back in Sweden. She studied nursing at Manhattan's Roosevelt Hospital where she worked as a nurse from 1888, and did home care for the sick and aged. Her work took her into the large Catholic population of New York; her interest in the Church grew, and she came to see it as the place closest to Christ. She converted to Catholicism, receiving conditional baptism on 15 August 1902 by the Jesuit priest Giovani Hagen at Washington. Pilgrim to Rome, Italy in late 1902, receiving Confirmation there. She returned briefly to New York, but then sailed back to Rome to start a religious life. Settled at the Carmelite House of Saint Bridget of Sweden on 25 March 1904. In 1906 she got permission from Pope Pius X to take the habit of the Brigittines (Order of the Most Holy Saviour of Saint Bridget). She worked to restore the Order in Sweden and Italy, especially in Rome. She returned to her homeland in 1923, ministered to the poor, and tried to revitalize the Brigittine movement there. Received control of Rome's Brigittine house and church in 1931. Established Brigittine foundations in India in 1937. Saved Jews and others persecuted by the Nazis by giving them refuge in Rome; in 2004 she was recognized by Yad Vashem as one of the Righteous Among the Nations for this work.

Born: 4 June 1870 at Faglavik, Alvsborg province, Sweden

Died: 24 April 1957 in Rome, Italy of natural causes **Canonized:** 5 June 2016 by Pope Francis.

-----Saint Mary Euphrasia Pelletier



Also known as Euphrasia Pelletier, Marie of Saint Euphrasia, Mary Sainte-Euphrasie Pelletier, Rose Virginie Pelletier, Rose-Virginie Pelletier

Born during the French Revolution. Studied at Tours, France. Joined the Refuge of Our Lady of Charity at Tours on 20 October 1814, an order devoted to rescuing "fallen" women and those in danger of going on the game. She took the name Marie-Euphrasie, and made her religious profession on 9 September 1817. Superioress on 26 May 1825. Founder of The Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd (Good Shepherd Sisters) at Tours on 11 November 1825, and established their monastery at Angers, France on 31 July 1829; this congregation has the same mission, but is a contemplative order. She was recognized as Superior-General of the Congregation on 9 January 1831, and received approval from Pope Gregory XVI on 16 January 1835. The Congregation has sisters working in Italy, Germany, Belgium, England, Algeria, the United States, Canada, Egypt, Ireland, Austria, India, Chile, Malta, the Netherlands, Australia, and Myanmar. By the end of her life, there were over 2,000 sisters established in 100+ houses on five continents; this rapid expansion led to her being known as a patron of travellers. Born: 31 July 1796 at Noirmoutier, Vendée, France as Rose Virginie Pelletier Died: 24 April 1868 at Angers, Maine-et-Loire, France of natural causes Canonized: 2 May 1940 by Venerable Pope Pius XII Patronage: travellers.



Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Also known as the poor man's lawyer, Mark Rey

Lawyer and philosophy teacher. Disgusted by the greed, corruption, and lack of interest in justice by his fellow lawyers, Mark Rey abandoned the law, became a priest, became a Franciscan friar with his brother George, changed his name to Fidelis, and gave away his worldly wealth to poor people in general and poor seminarians in particular. He was served his friary as guardian, and worked in epidemics, especially healing soldiers. He led a group of Capuchins to preach to Calvinists and Zwinglians in Switzerland. The success of this work, and lack of violence suffered by mission was attributed to Fidelis spending his nights in prayer. He was, however, eventually martyred for his preaching.

Born: 1577 at Sigmaringen, Hohenzollern, Germany as Mark Rey Died: murdered 24 April 1622 at Grusch, Grisons, Switzerland Beatified: 24 March 1729 by Pope Benedict XIII Canonized: 29 June 1746 by Pope Benedict XIV.

