

aint 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, 1 st in You.

oly God, Holy Mighty O oly Immortal One, e mercy on us and whole world. (3 t

SUS, King of mercy, I ist in You!





Prayer for all souls

Prayer of St. Gertrude the tated by Our Lady 1,000 Souls their live

'Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus in union with the Masses said throughout 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 st, which many times ist, which many times t floods of tears to her She did many res, and Our Lady ed to her many times. Iy Soul passed away in 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 absolute evil. **Pope Francis.** It's an





Syro-Malabar Rite

1st Reading:

2 Cor 5:14-20

Syro-Malankara Rite

2 Tim 3:1-5; Jn 7:40-

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Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter, April 26, 2024, Volume 174. Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading: Acts 13:26-33 **Responsorial Psalm:** 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab

Gospel: Jn 3:1-12

Gospel: Jn 14:1-6

Meditation: Overcoming a Troubled Heart

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." John 14:1 In John's Gospel, Chapters 14–17 present us with what is referred to as Jesus' "Last Supper Discourses," or His "Final Discourses." These are a series of sermons given by our Lord to the disciples the night He was arrested. These discourses are deep and filled with symbolic imagery. He speaks of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the vine and the branches, the world's hatred, and these discourses conclude with Jesus' High Priestly Prayer. These discourses begin with today's Gospel in which Jesus addresses the coming fear, or troubled hearts, that He knows His disciples will experience. Let's begin by considering this first line spoken by Jesus above: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." This is a command. It's a gentle command but a command nonetheless. Jesus knew that His disciples would soon see Him arrested, falsely accused, mocked, beaten and killed. He knew they would be overwhelmed by what they would soon experience, so He took this opportunity to gently and lovingly rebuke the fear that they would soon face. Fear can come from many different sources. Some fear is helpful to us, such as the fear present in a dangerous situation. In this case, that fear can heighten our awareness of the danger so that we proceed with caution. But the fear that Jesus was speaking of here was of a different kind. It was a fear that could lead to irrational decisions, confusion, and even despair. This was the kind of fear that our Lord wanted to gently rebuke. What is it that causes you to fear at times? Many people struggle with anxiety, worry, and fear for many different reasons. If this is something you struggle with, it's important to allow Jesus' words to resonate within your mind and heart. The best way to overcome fear is to rebuke it at its source. Hear Jesus say to you, "Do not let your heart be troubled." Then listen to His second command: "You have faith in God; have faith also in me." Faith in God is the cure for fear. When we have faith, we are under the control of the voice of God. It is God's truth that directs us rather than the difficulty we are facing. Fear can lead to irrational thinking, and irrational thinking can lead us deeper and deeper into confusion. Faith pierces through the irrationality we are tempted with, and the truths that faith presents to us bring clarity and strength. Reflect, today, upon whatever it is that causes you the most anxiety, worry and fear in your life. Allow Jesus to speak to you, to call you to faith and to rebuke those troubles gently but firmly. When you have faith in God, you can endure all things. Jesus endured the Cross. The disciples eventually endured their crosses. God wants to strengthen you, too. Let Him speak to you so that you will overcome whatever is most troublesome to your heart. My loving Shepherd, You know all things. You know my heart and the difficulties I face in life. Give me the courage I need, dear Lord, to face every temptation to fear with confidence and trust in You. Bring clarity to my mind and peace to my troubled heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

1st Reading: Acts 13:26-33

When Paul came to Antioch in Pisidia, he said in the synagogue: "My brothers, children of the family of Abraham, and those others among you who are God-fearing, to us this word of salvation has been sent. The inhabitants of Jerusalem and their leaders failed to recognize him, and by condemning him they fulfilled the oracles of the prophets that are read sabbath after sabbath. For even though they found no grounds for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him put to death, and when they had accomplished all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and placed him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. These are now his witnesses before the people. We ourselves are proclaiming this good news to you that what God promised our fathers he has brought to fulfillment for us, their children, by raising up Jesus, as it is written in the second psalm, You are my Son; this day I have begotten you."

Responsorial Psalm: 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab R. (7bc) You are my Son; this day I have begotten you. or: R. Alleluia.

``I myself have set up my king on Zion, my holy mountain." I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: The LORD said to me, ``You are my Son; this day I

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have begotten you.

R. You are my Son; this day I have begotten you. or: R. Alleluia. "Ask of me and I will give you the nations for an inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. You shall rule them with an

iron rod: you shall shatter them like an earthen dish."

R. You are my Son; this day I have begotten you. or: R. Alleluia.

And now, O kings, give heed; take warning, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice before him; with trembling reioice.

R. You are my Son; this day I have begotten you. or: R. Alleluia.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way and the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father except through me. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Jn 14:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Saint Paschasius Radbertus

Also known as Radbertus, Paschasius Radbert



A foundling whose background is completely unknown. Raised by monks after being found by nuns on the steps of Notre Dame of Soissons. Unruly in his youth, even with the brothers. Benedictine monk under Saint Adalard of Corbie. Deacon. Teacher. Moved to Corbie Abbey in 822, and helped make its school at one of the most famous places of learning in its day. Spiritual teacher of Saint Ansgar. Paschasius travelled Europe, speaking at councils, negotiating political and religious conflicts. Against his will he was elected abbot of the Corbie in 844. During undescribed trouble in the monastery in 851, he resigned his position to settle the dispute. He retired as a hermit to the Saint Riquiet monastery in Cenula where he spent the rest of his life writing on history, philosophy, and theology. His The Body and Blood of Christ started the first controversy on the Eucharist, and cleared the way for a precise understanding of Transubstantiation.

Born: c.790 at Soissons, France

Died: c.860 of natural causes, buried in the church of Saint John at Corbie Abbey, relics re-interred at Saint Peter's church at Corbie on 12 July 1073.



Saint Richarius of Celles

Also known as Ricario, Riquier

Additional Memorial 9 October (translation of relics)

Born a pagan. As a young man he protected Cadoc and Frichor, Irish missionaries in danger from local non-Christians. While in hiding, the missionaries converted Richardius. He became a priest, travelling the country on a donkey and preaching the Gospel. Worked in England for several years, then returned to France to found an abbey at Centula and serve as its first abbot. When King Dagobert visited him, Richarius was so frank and blunt with his advice that the king gave him a large reward; Richarius passed it on to the poor. He was among the first to work on ransoming captives. Eventually resigned all offices to live his final years as a prayerful hermit. Born: at Centula, France

Died: 26 April 645 at Foret-Moutier, France of natural causes, initially buried in a hollowed-out tree because that's all his disciple Sigobart could afford.

Saint Rafael Arnáiz Barón



Also known as María Rafael

An artistic young man, he studied architecture in Madrid, Spain. However, he felt a call to the religious life, and on 15 April 1934 Rafael became an oblate friar of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance (Trappist). Suffered from acute diabetes, a condition that forced him to leave the monastery three times, but each time, as soon as he was sufficiently healed, he returned to the monastic life. Born: 9 April 1911 in Burgos, Spain

Died: 26 April 1938 in Dueñas, Palencia, Spain

Canonized: 11 October 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI

Patronage: against diabetes, diabetics, World Youth Day 2011.



