

Mission of Jesus



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

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Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading: Jas 5:1-6 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20 Gospel: Mk 9:41-50	Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading: Rom 15:7-13 Gospel: Lk 10:17-22	Syro-Malankara Rite Eph 6:5-9 ; Lk 11:1-4
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Meditation: Mercy for the Weak

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea." Mark 9:42 St. Bede, an early Church Father, states that "he who is great, whatever he may suffer, departs not from the faith; but he who is little and weak in mind looks out for occasions of stumbling." In other words, the "little ones" here could be understood to be those who are weak in faith and are constantly looking for reasons to depart from the faith. Consider who might struggle with this tendency in your own life. Perhaps there is a family member who continually questions the practice of the faith, perhaps someone you know considers himself or herself a "fallen away Catholic." According to St. Bede, these are the "little ones" of whom Jesus is speaking. When dealing with someone who appears to lack faith, expresses doubts and disagreements, is caught in a life of manifest sin, or has begun to walk away from the practice of the faith, there can be a temptation to criticize, argue or condemn. If this is a temptation you struggle with, then listen closely to Jesus' words: "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin..." We cause those who are weak in faith to sin when we fail to show an abundance of virtue toward them during their struggles. Deep down, most people who are struggling with a life of sin or a weakness of faith do, in fact, have some faith. They do believe in God. But their faith is often easily shaken, and they can be easily pushed further away from God if we fail to exercise the necessary virtues of patience, compassion and mercy they need. With that said, we also have to avoid offering a "compassion" that is not grounded in the truth. On this point, St. Gregory states: "If a stumbling block is laid before men in what concerns the truth, it is better to allow the offense to arise, than that the truth should be abandoned." In other words, it is not compassionate or merciful to show support for another in their error so as to make them feel good. The truth of the Gospel must never be abandoned; instead, that truth must always be offered with the greatest of charity, especially toward those "little ones" who are weak in faith. Reflect, today, upon the important balance that is necessary in the apostolic life. "Balance" does not mean compromise. Rather, it means that we seek to continually bring forth the full truth of the Gospel while also seeking to exercise the fullness of every virtue in the process. Do not become a stumbling block to others in the faith. Seek, instead, to lavish God's grace and mercy upon those in your life who need it the most. If you do, then many of those little ones will one day become truly strong in the grace and truth of our loving God.

Most merciful Lord, You desire that all of Your children come to the full revelation of Your truth and mercy. Please use me as You choose to reach out to those who struggle with their faith and need to be treated with the utmost care. May I never be a stumbling block to them but always be a bridge to You and Your abundance of grace. Jesus, I trust in You.

1st Reading: Jas 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20

R. (Matthew 5:3) Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!

This is the way of those whose trust is folly, the end of those contented with their lot: Like sheep they are herded into the nether world; death is their shepherd and the upright rule over them.

R. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs! Quickly their form is consumed; the nether world is their palace. But God will redeem me from the power of the nether world by receiving me.



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 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 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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01 Deut 33ñ34, Jer47:1ñ 48:12, Luke 19:30ñ48, Ps 55:5ñ11
02 Josh 1ñ3, Jer 48:13ñ32, Luke 20:1ñ25, Ps 55:12ñ18
03 Josh 4ñ5, Jer 48:33ñ47, Luke 20:26ñ47, Ps 55:19ñ23 04 Josh 6ñ7, Jer 49:1ñ26, Luke 21:1ñ21, Ps 56:titleñ8
05 Josh 8ñ9, Jer 49:27ñ39, Luke 21:22ñ38, Ps 56:9ñ13
06 Josh 10, Jer 50:1ñ27, Luke 22:1ñ27, Ps 57
07 Josh 11ñ12, Jer 50:28ñ46, Luke 22:28ñ49, Ps 58:titleñ4 08 Josh 13ñ14, Jer 51:1ñ21, Luke 22:50ñ71, Ps 58:5ñ11
09 Josh 15, Jer 51:22ñ41, Luke 23:1ñ21, Ps 59:titleñ6
10 Josh 16ñ17, Jer 51:42ñ64, Luke 23:22ñ43, Ps 59:7ñ13
11 Josh 18ñ19, Jer 52:1ñ18, Luke 23:44ñ56, Ps 59:14ñ17 12 Josh 20, Jer 52:19ñ34, Luke 24:1ñ31, Ps 60
13 Josh 21ñ22, Lam 1, Luke 24:32ñ53, Ps 61:titleñ3
14 Josh 23ñ24, Lam 2, John 1:1ñ21, Ps 61:4ñ8
15 Judg 1, Lam 3:1ñ20, John 1:22ñ51, Ps 62:titleñ8
16 Judg 2ñ3, Lam 3:21ñ40, John 2:1ñ14, Ps 62:9ñ12
17 Judg 4ñ5, Lam 3:41ñ66, John 2:15ñ3:11, Ps 63
18 Judg 6, Lam 4, John 3:12ñ36, Ps 64:titleñ4
19 Judg 7, Lam 5, John 4:1ñ18, Ps 64:5ñ10
20 Judg 8:1ñ9:30, Baruch 1, John 4:19ñ40, Ps 65:titleñ7
21 Judg 9:31ñ10:18, Baruch 2:1ñ10, John 4:41ñ54, Ps 65:8ñ13
22 Judg 11ñ12, Baruch 2:11ñ35, John 5:1ñ30, Ps 66:titleñ8
23 Judg 13ñ14, Baruch 3:1ñ16, John 5:31ñ47, Ps 66:9ñ15
24 Judg 15ñ16, Baruch 3:17ñ37, John 6:1ñ26, Ps 66:16ñ20
25 Judg 17ñ18, Baruch 4:1ñ19, John 6:27ñ48, Ps 67 26 Judg 19, Baruch 4:20ñ37, John 6:49ñ71, Ps 68:titleñ7
27 Judg 20ñ21, Baruch 5:1ñ6:13, John 7:1ñ21, Ps 68:8ñ14
28 Ruth 1ñ2, Baruch 6:14ñ33, John 7:22ñ42, Ps 68:15ñ21
29 Ruth 3ñ4, Baruch 6:34ñ53, John 7:43ñ8:11, Ps 68:22ñ28
30 1 Sam 1ñ2, Baruch 6:54ñ73, John 8:12ñ33, Ps 68:29ñ35
31 1 Sam 3ñ4, Ezek 1, John 8:34ñ59, Ps 69:titleñ6

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R. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Fear not when a man grows rich, when the wealth of his house becomes great, For when he dies, he shall take none of it; his wealth shall not follow him down.

R. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs! Though in his lifetime he counted himself blessed, "They will praise you for doing well for yourself," He shall join the circle of his forebears who shall never more see light.

R. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the Kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Receive the word of God, not as the word of men, but as it truly is, the word of God. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mk 9:41-50

Jesus said to his disciples: "Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the Kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched. "Everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if salt becomes insipid, with what will you restore its flavor? Keep salt in yourselves and you will have peace with one another."

Today's Saints



Saint Giovanni Battista Rossi

Also known as John Baptist de Rossi, John Baptist Rossi, John Baptist de Rubeis

One of four children born to Charles de Rossi and Frances Anfossi. Taken by a wealthy noble couple to Genoa, Italy for schooling. There he met some Capuchin friars who thought well of him, and helped him continue his education in Rome, Italy. Studied under the Jesuits at the Roman College at age 13. Member of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin and the Ristretto of the Twelve Apostles. Epileptic. His self-imposed acts of austerity nearly broke his health, and he never completely regained his strength. Studied philosophy and theology under the Dominicans. Ordained on 3 March 1721, assigned to Rome. Helped start a hospice for homeless women near Saint Galla's hospice in Rome. Canon of Santa Maria, Cosmedin in 1737; he used his compensation from the position to purchase an organ for the church. Missioner and catechist to the teamsters, farmers, herdsmen, homeless, sick, beggars, prostitutes, and prisoners of the Campagna region. For many years, John was avoided hearing confessions for fear he would have a seizure in the confessional, but the bishop of Civit  Castellana convinced him it was part of his vocation. John relented, and soon became a sought after confessor in Rome; he once said that the shortest road to heaven was to guide others there by the confessional. Sought after preacher. Assigned as catechist to many government and prison officials, including the public hangman. Miracle worker. Always had a special devotion to Saint Aloysius Gonzaga.

Born: 22 February 1698 at Voltaggio, diocese of Genoa, Italy

Died: 23 May 1764 at Trinita dei Pellegrini, Italy of multiple strokes, relics initially at Saints Trinita church, relics translated to Saint John Baptist Rossi parish church in Rome, Italy in 1965

Canonized: 8 December 1881 by Pope Leo XIII.



Saint William of Rochester

Also known as William of Perth

William led a wild and misspent youth, but as an adult he had a complete conversion, devoting himself to God, caring especially for poor and neglected children. He worked as a baker, and gave every tenth loaf to the poor. He attended Mass daily, and one morning on his way to church he found an infant abandoned on the threshold. He named the baby David, and adopted him, and taught him his trade. Years later he and David set out on a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands. During a stop-over in Rochester, England the boy David turned on William, clubbed him, cut his throat, robbed the body, and fled. Because he was on a holy journey, and because of the miraculous cures later reported at his tomb, he is considered a martyr. A local insane woman found William's body, and plaited a garland of honeysuckle flowers for it; she placed the garland on William, and then on herself whereupon her madness was cured. Local monks, seeing this as a sign from God, interred William in the local cathedral and began work on his shrine. His tomb and a chapel at his murder scene, called Palmersdene, soon became sites of pilgrimage and donation, even by the crown. Remains of the chapel can be seen near the present Saint William's Hospital.

Born: 12th century at Perth, Scotland

Died: throat cut in 1201 at Rochester, England, interred in the cathedral at Rochester

Canonized: 1256 by Pope Innocent IV

Patronage: adopted children.



Saint Euphrosyne of Polotsk

Also known as Yefrasinnya Polatskaya, Efrasinnia, Efrosin, Euphrasinne, Evfrosinia, Pradslava

Daughter of Prince Svyatoslav of Polotsk. Granddaughter of Prince Polacak Usiaslau. Entered the Convent of Holy Wisdom at Polotsk, a house founded by her aunt, at age 12; she was later joined by her sister, two nieces, and a cousin. Hermit in a cell in the Cathedral of Holy Wisdom. Book copyist; proceeds from the sale of the books were given to the poor. Founded a convent at Seltse. Pilgrim to Constantinople; received by emperor Manuel I and Patriarch Michael III. Pilgrim to the Holy Lands where she was received by the Crusader King Amaury I. Especially venerated by Belarussians, Ruthenians, Lithuanians, and Russians.

Born: 1110 at Polotsk, Belarus as Pradslava

Died: 1173 at the monastery of Mar Saba near Jerusalem of natural causes, re-interred in the Monastery of the Caves at Kiev in 1187, relics translated to Polotsk in 1910 at the Saviour-Efrosinia Convent

Canonized: 1984 by Pope John Paul II in Belarus

Patronage: Belarus.

