

Mission of Jesus



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

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Today's Bible Readings

<b>Latin Rite</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> PS 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16  <b>Gospel:</b> Mt 10:7-15	<b>Syro-Malabar Rite</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> <a href="#">Rev 14:1-5</a>  <b>Gospel:</b> <a href="#">Jn 21:20-25</a>	<b>Syro-Malankara Rite</b> <a href="#">2 Cor 11:7-15; Mt 4:18-22</a>
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**Meditation: Soften Your Heart**

"Whoever will not receive you or listen to your words—go outside that house or town and shake the dust from your feet. Amen, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town." Matthew 10:14–15 Recall how Jesus harshly condemned the Pharisees for their hardness of heart. In Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 23, Jesus issues seven "woe to you" condemnations of these Pharisees for being hypocrites and blind guides. These condemnations were acts of love on Jesus' part, in that they had the goal of calling them to conversion. Similarly, in today's Gospel, Jesus gives instructions to His Twelve about what they are to do if they preach the Gospel in a town and are rejected. They are to "shake the dust" from their feet. This instruction was given within the context of Jesus sending the Twelve to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" with the commission of preaching the Gospel. At that time, they were to go to those who had already been entrusted with the message of the Law of Moses and the prophets but were to now proclaim that the Kingdom of God has arrived. Jesus was the promised Messiah, and He was now here. And for those of the house of Israel who reject Jesus, they were to be condemned by this prophetic act of the wiping of the dust of their town from the Apostles' feet. At first, this can seem somewhat harsh. One can think that patience, ongoing discussions, gentleness and the like would be more effective. And though that may be the case in many of our experiences today, the fact remains that Jesus gave the Twelve this command. Just like the condemnation of the Pharisees, this prophetic action of wiping the dust from their feet was an act of love. Certainly, the Apostles were not to do this out of an irrational anger. They were not to do so because their pride was wounded by rejection or because of their disdain for these people. Rather, the Apostles were to do so as a way of showing the consequences of the townspeople's actions. When these towns of the chosen people rejected the promised Messiah, they needed to understand the consequences. They needed to know that by rejecting the messengers, they were rejecting the saving grace of the Gospel. First of all, it's important to consider those about whom Jesus was speaking. He was speaking about those who "will not receive" nor even "listen" to the message of the Gospel. These are those who have fully rejected God and His saving message. They, by their free choice, have separated themselves from God and His holy Gospel. They are stubborn, obstinate and hard of heart. Thus, it is in this most extreme case, of being completely closed to the Gospel, that Jesus instructs His Apostles to leave with this prophetic act. Perhaps upon seeing this done, some people would experience a certain sense of loss. Perhaps some would realize they made a mistake. Perhaps some would experience a holy sense of guilt and would eventually soften their hearts. This teaching of Jesus should also open your eyes. How fully do you receive and listen to the message of the Gospel? How attentive are you to the saving proclamation of God's Kingdom? To the extent that you are open, the floodgates of God's mercy flows forth. But to the extent that you are not, the experience of loss is encountered. Reflect, today, upon your being present in one of these towns. Consider the many ways that you have been closed to all that God wants to speak to you. Open your heart wide, listen with the utmost attentiveness, be humble before the message of the Gospel and be ready to receive it and to change your life as you do. Commit to being a member of the Kingdom of God so that all that God speaks to you will have a transforming effect upon your life.

My compassionate Lord, Your firmness and chastisements are an act of Your utmost mercy for those who are hard of heart. Please soften my heart, dear Lord, and when I am stubborn and closed, please rebuke me in Your great love so that I will always turn back to You and Your saving message with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9**

Thus says the LORD: When Israel was a child I loved him, out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the farther they went from me, Sacrificing to the Baals and burning incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, who took them in my arms; I drew them with human cords, with bands of love; I fostered them like one who raises an infant to his cheeks; Yet, though I stooped to feed my child, they did not know that I



**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 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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**The Bible in one year: July**  
01 1 Kings 2, Ezek 25, Acts 5:32ñ6:15, Ps 78:33ñ39  
02 1 Kings 3ñ4, Ezek 26, Acts 7:1ñ17, Ps 78:40ñ46  
03 1 Kings 5ñ6, Ezek 27, Acts 7:18ñ39, Ps 78:47ñ53  
04 1 Kings 7, Ezek 28:1ñ13, Acts 7:40ñ60, Ps 78:54ñ60  
05 1 Kings 8:1ñ29, Ezek 28:14ñ26, Acts 8:1ñ23, Ps 78:61ñ67  
06 1 Kings 8:30ñ66, Ezek 29, Acts 8:24ñ40, Ps 78:68ñ72  
07 1 Kings 9ñ10, Ezek 30, Acts 9:1ñ26, Ps 79:titleñ8  
08 1 Kings 11, Ezek 31, Acts 9:27ñ43, Ps 79:9ñ13  
09 1 Kings 12ñ13, Ezek 32, Acts 10:1ñ27, Ps 80:titleñ8  
10 1 Kings 14, Ezek 33:1ñ11, Acts 10:28ñ48, Ps 80:9ñ19  
11 1 Kings 15ñ16, Ezek 33:12ñ33, Acts 11, Ps 81:titleñ3  
12 1 Kings 17, Ezek 34:1ñ18, Acts 12:1ñ14, Ps 81:4ñ10  
13 1 Kings 18ñ19, Ezek 34:19ñ31, Acts 12:15ñ13:11, Ps 81:11ñ16  
14 1 Kings 20, Ezek 35:1ñ36:12, Acts 13:12ñ33, Ps 82  
15 1 Kings 21, Ezek 36:13ñ38, Acts 13:34ñ52, Ps 83:titleñ5  
16 1 Kings 22, Ezek 37:1ñ15, Acts 14, Ps 83:6ñ12  
17 2 Kings 1ñ3, Ezek 37:16ñ28, Acts 15:1ñ18, Ps 83:13ñ18  
18 2 Kings 4, Ezek 38, Acts 15:19ñ41, Ps 84:titleñ7  
19 2 Kings 5ñ6, Ezek 39, Acts 16:1ñ21, Ps 84:8ñ12  
20 2 Kings 7, Ezek 40:1ñ15, Acts 16:22ñ40, Ps 85:titleñ8  
21 2 Kings 8ñ9, Ezek 40:16ñ35, Acts 17, Ps 85:9ñ13  
22 2 Kings 10, Ezek 40:36ñ49, Acts 18:1ñ12, Ps 86:titleñ8  
23 2 Kings 11ñ13, Ezek 41, Acts 18:13ñ28, Ps 86:9ñ17  
24 2 Kings 14, Ezek 42, Acts 19:1ñ28, Ps 87  
25 2 Kings 15ñ16, Ezek 43, Acts 19:29ñ41, Ps 88:titleñ3  
26 2 Kings 17, Ezek 44:1ñ14, Acts 20, Ps 88:4ñ10  
27 2 Kings 18ñ19, Ezek 44:15ñ31, Acts 21:1ñ14, Ps 88:11ñ18  
28 2 Kings 20, Ezek 45, Acts 21:15ñ40, Ps 89:titleñ6  
29 2 Kings 21ñ22, Ezek 46, Acts 22:1ñ18, Ps 89:7ñ13  
30 2 Kings 23ñ24, Ezek 47, Acts 22:19ñ30, Ps 89:14ñ20  
31 2 Kings 25, Ezek 48:1ñ12, Acts 23, Ps 89:21ñ27

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was their healer. My heart is overwhelmed, my pity is stirred. I will not give vent to my blazing anger, I will not destroy Ephraim again; For I am God and not man, the Holy One present among you; I will not let the flames consume you.

**Responsorial Psalm: PS 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16**  
**R. (4b) Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hearken. From your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power.

**R. Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see: Take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted, the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

**R. Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved.**

**Alleluia**

R. Alleluia, alleluia. The Kingdom of God is at hand: repent and believe in the Gospel. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Gospel: Mt 10:7-15**

Jesus said to his Apostles: "As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give. Do not take gold or silver or copper for your belts; no sack for the journey, or a second tunic, or sandals, or walking stick. The laborer deserves his keep. Whatever town or village you enter, look for a worthy person in it, and stay there until you leave. As you enter a house, wish it peace. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you. Whoever will not receive you or listen to your words— go outside that house or town and shake the dust from your feet. Amen, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town."

Today's Saints



**Saint Benedict of Nursia**

Also known as Benedict of Narsia, Benedict of Norsia, Benedetto da Norcia, Founder of Western Monasticism

Additional Memorials 21 March (Benedictines; Norway), 14 March (Byzantine Rite), 4 December (France) Profile Born to the Roman nobility. Twin brother of Saint Scholastica. Studied in Rome, Italy, but was dismayed by the lack of discipline and the lackadaisical attitude of his fellow students. Fled to the mountains near Subiaco, Italy, living as a hermit in a cave for three years; reported to have been fed by a raven. Friend of Saint Romanus of Subiaco who lived as a nearby hermit; spiritual teacher of Saint Placid. Benedict's virtues caused an abbey to request him to lead them. Founded the monastery at Monte Cassino, where he wrote the Rule of his order. His discipline was such that an attempt was made on his life; some monks tried to poison him, but he blessed the cup and rendered it harmless. He returned to his cave, but continued to attract followers, and eventually established twelve monasteries. Had the ability to read consciences, the gift of prophesy, and could forestall attacks of the devil. Destroyed pagan statues and altars, drove demons from groves sacred to pagans. At one point there were over 40,000 monasteries guided by the Benedictine Rule. A summation of the Rule: "Pray and work."

**Born:** c.480, Narsia, Umbria, Italy

**Died:** 21 March 547 of a fever while in prayer at Monte Cassino, Italy, buried beneath the high altar there in the same tomb as Saint Scholastica

**Canonized:** 1220 by Pope Honorius III

**Patronage:** against erysipelas, against fever, against gall stones, against inflammatory diseases, against kidney disease, against nettle rash, against poison, against temptations, against witchcraft, architects, dying people, cavers, spelunkers, monks, people in religious orders, servants who have broken their master's belongings, speliologists, students, school children, agricultural and farm workers, civil engineers, coppersmiths, Italian architects, Italian farmers (proclaimed on 12 July 1959 by Pope John XXIII), Benedictines, Europe (proclaimed on 24 October 1964 by Pope Paul VI), Heerdt, Germany, Norcia, Italy, Subiaco, Italy.



**Saint Olga of Kiev**

Also known as Olga Prekrasa, Olga the Beauty, Helena, Helga, Olha

First Christian queen of Ukraine. Married to Igor I, duke of Kiev c.903. She ruled Kievan Rus after Igor's assassination in 945. Following her conversion and baptism in 957 in Constantinople, when she took the name Helena, she tried to introduce Christianity to the Ukraine on a wide scale, but failed. When her son Sviatoslav reached adulthood, she handed the throne to him, c.963. Grandmother of Saint Vladimir, great-grandmother of Saint Boris and Saint Gleb.

**Born:** 879 at Pskov, Russia

**Died:** 11 July 969 in Kiev, Ukraine of natural causes, relics found to be incorrupt, and translated to the Church of the Tithes in Kiev, the first time relics were displayed in Rus-Ukraine, relics lost forever in the early 18th century

**Patronage:** converts, widows, archeparchy of Winnipeg, Manitoba.



**Saint Drostan of Dier**

Also known as Drostan of Deer, Drostán mac Coscreig, Drust, Drustan, Dustan, Throstan, Trust

Born to the Scottish royalty, the son of Cosgrach. Educated by Saint Columba. Benedictine monk. Travelled to Aberdeen, Scotland with Saint Columba. First abbot of the monastery at Dier in Pictland. Abbot of Dercongall Abbey (Holywood). He evangelized the Picts, and brought Christianity to northeast Scotland. Eventually retired to live as a prayerful hermit at Glenesk. His reputation for sanctity attracted many poor and sick people, and there were many healing miracles attributed to him.

**Born:** 6th century Scotland

**Died:** 7th century of natural causes, relics preserved at Aberdeen, Scotland

**Patronage:** Dier, Scotland.

