

You died, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and the ocean of mercy opened up for the

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 Holy Immortal One, ve mercy on us and c whole world. (3 tim

JESUS, King of mercy, I trust in You!



"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. St. Gertrude the Great w



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.

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Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c Responsorial Psalm: PS 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131

Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading: Acts 4:32-37

Syro-Malankara Rite

Phil 3:8-11; Mt 19:27-

Gospel: Lk 12:22-34

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10.12-14

Meditation: Who Is the Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven

Are you surprised to see the disciples discussing with Jesus who is the greatest? Don't we do the same thing? The appetite for glory and greatness seems to be inbred in us. Who doesn't cherish the ambition to be "somebody" whom others admire rather than a "nobody"? Even the Psalms speak about the glory God has destined for us. You have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor (Psalm 8:5).

Whose glory do you seek?

Jesus made a dramatic gesture by placing a child next to himself to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What can a little child possibly teach us about greatness? Children in the ancient world had no rights, position, or privileges of their own. They were socially at the "bottom of the rung" and at the service of their parents, much like the household staff and domestic servants. What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor at his right side. It is customary, even today, to seat the guest of honor at the right side of the

The lowly of heart empty themselves of pride

Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart - who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant and child before God. The simple of heart know that they belong to God - he is their father, teacher, and provider - the one who shows them the way of peace, joy, and life everlasting. They are content to recognize their total dependence on God who is the source of all goodness and every good gift.

Jesus restores us to the people he has made holy

What does Jesus' story about a lost sheep tell us about God and his kingdom? Shepherds normally counted their sheep at the end of the day to make sure all were accounted for. Since sheep by their very nature are very social, an isolated sheep can quickly become bewildered and even neurotic. The shepherd's grief and anxiety is turned to joy when he finds the lost sheep and restores it to the fold. What was new in Jesus' teaching was the insistence that sinners must be sought out and not merely mourned for. God does not rejoice in the loss of anyone, but desires that all be saved and restored to fellowship with him. That is why the whole community of heaven rejoices when one sinner is found and restored to fellowship with God (Luke 15:7). Seekers of the lost are much needed today. Do you pray and seek after those you know who have lost their way to God?

Lord Jesus, teach me your way of humility and simplicity of heart that I may find perfect joy in you. May your light shine through me that others may see your truth and love and find hope and peace in you.

1st Reading: Ez 2:8-3:4

The Lord GOD said to me: As for you, son of man, obey me when I speak to you: be not rebellious like this house of rebellion, but open your mouth and eat what I shall give you. It was then I saw a hand stretched out to me, in which was a written scroll which he unrolled before me. It was covered with writing front and back, and written on it was: Lamentation and wailing and woe! He said to me: Son of man, eat what is before you; eat this scroll, then go, speak to the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth and he gave me the scroll to eat. Son of man, he then said to me, feed your belly and fill your stomach with this scroll I am giving you. I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. He said: Son of man, go now to the house of Israel, and speak my words to them.

Responsorial Psalm: PS 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 R. (103a) How sweet to my taste is your promise! In the way of your decrees I rejoice, as much as in all riches. R. How sweet to my taste is your promise!

Yes, your decrees are my delight; they are my counselors. R. How sweet to my taste is your promise!

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R. How sweet to my taste is your promise!

How sweet to my palate are your promises, sweeter than honey to my mouth! R. How sweet to my taste is your promise! Your decrees are my inheritance forever; the joy of my heart they are.

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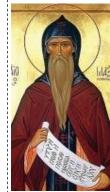
I gasp with open mouth, in my yearning for your commands. R. How sweet to my taste is your promise!

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father. What is your opinion? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray? And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray. In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost."

Today's Saints



Saint Maximus the Confessor

Also known as Maximus of Constantinople, Maximus Confessor, Maximus the Theologian, Maximus Homogoletes

Born to the Byzantine nobility. Chief secretary to Emperor Heraclius, a post he resigned to become a monk at Chrysopolis. Spiritual student of Saint Sophronius. Abbot of Chrysopolis. His community broke up in 626 due to Persian invasion. Maximus fled to Alexandria, Egypt, then to Carthage, and then Rome, Italy. Worked with Pope Martin I against Monothelist heresy, and attended the Lateran Council of 649. Falsely accused of treason due to his defense of orthodox Christianity, he was arrested and forcibly returned to Constantinople. He spent years in prison misery, and at age 82 received his final sentence: he was flogged, his tongue cut out, his right hand cut off, he was exhibited in the streets as an example to the people, and was sent into exile at Skhemeris on the Black Sea, where he died soon after. He is best remembered today for his mystical, ascetical, and theological writings, and for his steadfast belief that the purpose of all history was the Incarnation.

Born: c.580 at Constantinople

Died: 13 August 662 at Batum near the Black Sea of natural causes, strange lights reported hovering near his tomb.



Saint John Berchmans

Also known as Jan Berchmans

Son of a shoemaker, and one of five children, three of whom entered religious life. John had great devotion to his position as an altar boy. He spent much of his time caring for his mother, who was in poor health. Jesuit noviate in 1616, deciding to become a Jesuit after reading the life of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga. Student at the Jesuit College at Malines, Belgium. Studied philosophy in Rome. John had a dream of helping and teaching multi-lingual migrants, and he studied all the chief languages of Europe. He wanted to work in China after ordination. He died of unknown causes following his participation in a public debate defending the faith, and while clutching his rosary, crucifix, and rules of his order; he did not live to be ordained. John Berchmans was not noted for extraordinary feats of holiness or austerity, nor did he found orders or churches or work flashy miracles. He made kindness, courtesy, and constant fidelity an important part of his holiness. The path to holiness can lie in the ordinary rather than the extraordinary.

Born: 13 March 1599 at Driest, Brabant, Belgium

Died: 12 August 1621 at Rome, Italy, relics at Saint Ignatius Church, Rome

Canonized: 15 January 1888 by Pope Leo XIII

Patronage: altar boys, altar girls, altar servers, Oblate novices, young people.



Saint Cassian of Imola

Also known as Cassiano

Schoolmaster at Imola, Italy who taught hand-writing, and sometimes talked about Christianity. During one of the imperial persecutions he was ordered to sacrifice to pagan gods; he refused. He was turned over to his pagan students who were ordered to execute him; they did. Martyr. **Died:** tied to a post, tortured and stabbed to death with iron styles, the device used as a pencil on wax tablets, at

Imola, Italy c.304, buried in the catacombs in Rome, Italy, a sepulchre was built over his place of burial later in the 4th century, in the 5th century, a basilica was built in place of the sepulchre, relics transferred to the crypt of the cathedral in Imola in 1175, relics enshrined in a silver and copper reliquary in Imola c.1405, from 1577 to 1914, the relics were annually processed through Imola, some relics (4 pieces of the post to which he was tied) transferred to Bressanone, Italy in 1684

Patronage: parish clerks, secretaries, stenographers, students, teachers, Mexico City, Mexico, Las Galletas, Tenerife, Spain, dioceses, Bolzano-Bressanone, Italy, Brixen, Italy, locations in Italy, Bibbiena, Comacchio, Imola, Laterina, Macherio, San Casciano dei Bagni, San Casciano in Val di Pesa, San Cassiano a Vico, San Cassiano di Controne, San Cassiano di Moriano, Trecate.



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