

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.

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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 St. Gertrude the Great was



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.

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Today's Bible Readings

**Latin Rite** 1st Reading: NM 21:4B-9 Responsorial Psalm: PS 78:1BC-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 2nd Reading: PHIL 2:6-

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Syro-Malankara Rite Mt 24:29-36; Gen 48:13-20; Num 21:4-9. 1 Sam 17:37-51; Isa 65:1-7; Acts 13:26-39; Gal 3:1-14; Lk 21:5-11,

Gospel: Lk 24:13-27

1:18-25

\_\_\_\_\_ **Exaltation of the Holy Cross** Meditation: The Path You are On

Jesus said to his disciples: "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thombushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles." Luke 6:43–44 What a great way to examine the direction of your life! This Gospel passage gets to the heart of how we can best discern whether or not we are truly fulfilling the will of God. Oftentimes we may struggle with knowing clearly if we are doing that which God wants of us. There are many directions in life that we can be pulled toward and many goals we can come up with on our own. For that reason, it is useful from time to time to stop and do an honest inventory of our lives. When you look at the past year of your life, what do you see? Specifically, do you see good fruit being born? Such an examination is helpful to do from time to time. It is useful to make such an examination not only for the past year but for different time periods. Perhaps start by looking at the big picture by looking at all the times in your life that were most fruitful for the glory of God. From there, try to look at your life decade by decade, year by year and then even month by month over this past year. Look for the most blessed moments in your life as well as the most challenging moments. When we examine our lives in this way, it's important to understand what to look for. For example, there may be moments when all went well in one way or another and then other times that were painful and very difficult. What's important to know, from a divine perspective, is that just because something "went well" at one point, or just because something was "painful and very difficult" at another point in our lives, this doesn't mean that the former was the most fruitful for the Kingdom of God or the latter the least fruitful. In fact, heavy crosses and difficulties in life can often be the most fruitful times for us, spiritually speaking. Just look at Jesus' life. Of course, everything He did was fruitful for the glory of the Father in Heaven, but we can easily point to the most painful moment of His life as the most fruitful. His Crucifixion brought forth the greatest good ever known. So it is with our lives. The fruitfulness of our lives is not best discerned by looking at those moments when all was easy, fun, memorable and the like. Though those may also be graced moments, we need to look at spiritual fruitfulness from the divine perspective. We need to look for the moments in our lives, be they easy or difficult, when God was clearly present and when we made choices that gave Him the greatest glory. Reflect, today, upon your life being like a tree that bears spiritual fruit. What times of your life, decisions you made, or activities that you were engaged in produced the most virtue in your life? When was your prayer life the deepest? When was your charity the strongest? When was your faith and hope the most evident? Return to those moments, savor them, learn from them and use them as the best building blocks for the glorious future our Lord desires for you.

My glorious Lord, Your life bore fruit of infinite value. You continually chose to fulfill the will of the Father in Heaven, and, as a result, You lived every virtue to perfection. Help me to regularly pause in life so as to examine the direction in which I am going. May I learn from my errors and rejoice in those moments that were most fruitful for Your Kingdom. I love You, Lord. Help me to bear the greatest fruit for Your glory. Jesus, I trust in You.

1st Reading: NM 21:4B-9

With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!" In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph series along the people salaph serpents, which bit the people so that many of them died. Then the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses, "Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live." Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he

Responsorial Psalm: PS 78:1BC-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

R. (see 7b) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

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Hearken, my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable, I will utter mysteries from of old.

#### R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

While he slew them they sought him and inquired after God again, Remembering that God was their rock and the Most High God, their redeemer.

## R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

But they flattered him with their mouths and lied to him with their tongues, Though their hearts were not steadfast toward him, nor were they faithful to his covenant.

#### R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

But he, being merciful, forgave their sin and destroyed them not; Often he turned back his anger and let none of his wrath be roused.

# R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: PHIL 2:6-11

Brothers and sisters: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

#### Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Gospel: JN 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

#### Today's Saints



## Saint Albert of Jerusalem

Also known as Albert Avogadro, Albert of Acre

Born to a wealthy and promininent noble Italian family. Well educated, especially in theology and law. Ordained, he served as canon to Holy Cross Abbey in Mortara, Italy. Abbey prior. Bishop of Bobbio, Italy in 1184. Bishop of Vercelli, Italy. Mediated disputes between Pope Clement III and Frederick Barbarossa, and for his efforts was named Prince of the Empire. Papal legate to Northern Italy. Negotiated peace between Parma and Piacenza in 1199. Helped formulate the Rule for Saint Borcard and his hermits. This Rule later was adopted as the Rule for the Carmelites, and thus Albert is considered a co-founder of the order. Patriarch of Jerusalem in 1205 under Pope Innocent III, a position that generally led to conflict with the Muslims, and martyrdom. Since his lands were wholly in the hands of Saracens, he established his see city at Akka (Acre). Held the office nearly ten years. Well known for his involvement in both state and church matters, and as a peacemaker to the Frankish factions in his see. Summoned to serve in the General Council of the Lateran, but murdered before he could attend.

Born: 1149 at Parma, Italy as Albert Avogadro

**Died:** stabbed to death in the Church of Saint John of Acre on 14 September 1215 while part of the procession of the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, killed by a disgruntled hospital administrator he had been forced to fire.



## Saint Peter of Tarentaise

Joined the Benedictine Cistercians at Bonneveaux, France at age 20 along with his father and two brothers. Monk. First abbot of Tamie Abbey in the Tarentaise Mountains where he built a hospice for travellers. Reluctant archbishop of Tarentaise, France c.1142. He worked to reform the diocese, removing corrupt clergy, supporting dedicated priests, caring for the poor, promoting education, and revitalizing the faith and church involvement of all his flock. Started the custom of May Bread - free bread and soup distributed throughout the mountain region; the tradition continued for centuries until ended by the anti-Catholic French Revolution. In 1155 Peter disappeared only to be found hiding out as a lay brother in a Cistercian abbey in Switzerland; he had badly missed the simple life of a pious monk, but agreed to return to his duties as a bishop. Advisor to popes, kings and laity, he defended papal rights in France, and worked to bring peace between King Louis VII of France and Prince Henry II of England.

Born: 1102 at Saint-Maurice-l'Exil, France

**Died:** 1174 at Bellevaux Abbey, France of natural causes

Canonized: 1191 by Pope Celestine III.



# Saint Jean-Gabriel-Taurin Dufresse

Entered the Society of Foreign Missions of Paris seminary in 1774, and ordained on 17 September. Missionary to Szechuan, China in 1775. Imprisoned for six months in 1784 during a government persecution of Christians. He was re-assigned to Macao, but return to the Chinese missions in 1788. Titular bishop of Thabraca and co-adjutor Vicar Apostolic of Se-Ciuen, China on 24 July 1798; he succeeded to the Vicar Apostolic on 15 November 1801. Spent the next 15 years in constant danger during the persecution of Christians and foreigners. Betrayed to the Chinese authorities by a scared native Christian. Martyr.

Born: 8 December 1750 at Ville-de-Lezoux, diocese of Clermont, Puy-de-Dôme, France

**Died:** beheaded in 14 September 1815 at Chengdu, Sichuan, China, head attached to a pole and his body left exposed for three days as a warning to others, then buried by local Christians

**Canonized:** 1 October 2000 by Pope John Paul II.



