

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 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: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 19:2-3, 4-5

Gospel: Mt 9:9-13

Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading: Phil 3:17-21

Syro-Malankara Rite

Col 4:7-9; Jn 10:11-16

Gospel: Mt 16:21-

Meditation: Bearing Abundant Good Fruit

"Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear." Luke 8:8 This short line is, in a sense, a summary of the Parable of the Sower. This parable presents us with four different ways in which the Word of God is received. The seed that is sown is the Word of God. The four different categories of people are compared to seed sown on a path, rocky ground, among thoms and in good soil. Jesus explains that the seed sown on the path are those "who have heard, but the Devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts." The seed sown on rocky ground are those who "receive the word with joy, but they have no root; they believe only for a time and fall away in time of temptation." The seed sown among thoms are those who have heard the Word and received it, but over time they are "choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life, and they fail to produce mature fruit." Finally, those who are like rich soil are those who heard the Word and "embrace it with a generous and good heart, and bear fruit through perseverance." As you look at those categories of people, where do you fall? Most likely, for those who pray daily and try to follow our Lord, one of the last two categories is where they fall. Note that for those who are like seed sown in the thorns and those sown in rich soil, fruit is born from the Word of God. In other words, their lives do change and they do make a difference in the world on account of God's holy Word and presence in their lives. The difference, however, is that those who struggle with "the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life" will fail to produce "mature fruit." This is a good teaching for faithful Christians to ponder. When you look at your life, what sort of fruit do you see? The "fruit" of which our Lord speaks can be identified with the fruits of the Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, forbearance, gentleness, faith, modesty, self-control, and chastity. Thus, if you want to discern whether you are more like one who bears mature fruit vs. immature fruit, look at those holy qualities carefully. How "mature" are each of these fruits of the Spirit alive in your life? They make a wonderful examination of conscience for those looking to go deeper than just the Ten Commandments or Seven Capital Sins. If these good fruits are born from your life in a truly mature way, you should be able to see how they affect others through you. For example, how has your kindness, patience, faith and self-control helped others in their Christian walk? Reflect, today, upon the fruits of the Spirit. Review them carefully and prayerfully as you examine your own life. Where you see them in abundance, rejoice and give thanks, and work to foster their growth. Where you see them lacking, rejoice also in that insight and consider the reason they are lacking. Are there worldly anxieties, desires for riches or pleasures that hinder their growth? Seek to be that truly rich soil, and our Lord will indeed bring forth much good fruit in you and through you.

My divine Sower, You sow the perfect seeds of Your Word in abundance. Please help me to open my heart to receive that Word so that an abundance of good fruit can be born. Please free me from the anxieties and deceptions of life so that I can hear clearly Your holy Word and nurture that Word in my heart. I rejoice, dear Lord, in all that You have and continue to do in and through me. Jesus, I trust in You.

1st Reading: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace: one Body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And he gave some as Apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 R. (5) Their message goes out through all the earth. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his About Us
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handiwork. Day pours out the word to day, and night to night imparts knowledge.

R. Their message goes out through all the earth.

Not a word nor a discourse whose voice is not heard; Through all the earth their voice resounds, and to the ends of the world, their message.

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Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; the glorious company of Apostles praise you. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 9:9-13

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Today's Saints



Saint Matthew the Apostle

Also known as Levi, Apostle of Ethiopia

Additional Memorials 16 November (Eastern calendar), 6 May (translation of his relics)

Son of Alphaeus, he lived at Capenaum on Lake Genesareth. He was a Roman tax collector, a position equated with collaboration with the enemy by those from whom he collected taxes. Jesus' contemporaries were surprised to see the Christ with a traitor, but Jesus explained that he had come "not to call the just, but sinners." Matthew's Gospel is given pride of place in the canon of the New Testament, and was written to convince Jewish readers that their anticipated Messiah had come in the person of Jesus. He preached among the Jews for 15 years; his audiences may have included the Jewish enclave in Ethiopia, and places in the East.

Patronage: accountants; bookkeepers, bankers, customs officers, financial officers; money managers, guards; security forces; security guards, stock brokers, tax collectors, diocese of Trier, Germany, archdiocese of Washington, DC, 5 cities.

Saint Cadoc of Llancarvan

Also known as Cadoc of Wales, Cadoc the Wise, Catrwg Ddoeth, Cadocus, Cadog, Cadvaci, Cadvael, Cathmael, Cattwg, Docus

Son of Saint Gwynllyw, a king in Wales, a robber chieftain who led a band of 300; his mother, Saint Gladys, had been stolen in a raid on a neighboring chief; brother of Saint Gluvias. Raised by an Irish monk; Cadoc's father had stolen the monk's cow, and when he came to demand its return, the king decided it was sign. Studied in Wales and Ireland. Priest. Once chased through a wood by an armed swineherd from an enemy tribe. His hiding place spooked an old, gray, wild boar that made three great leaps at him - then disappeared; Cadoc took this as a sign, and the location became the site of the great church and monastery at Llancarvan, Wales; the house became renowned for the learning and holiness of its monks. Legend says he once saved his brother monks in a famine by tying a white thread to the foot of a (well-fed) mouse; he then following the thread to an abandoned, well-stocked, underground granary. Another time he and his brothers went out to meet a band of thieves, chanting and playing harps; it surprised the highwaymen so much, they turned and left. Lived as a hermit with Saint Gildas on the Island of Flatholmes off Vannes, Brittany. Established a monastery on a small island just off Brittany, joined by a stone bridge so local children could walk out for school. Returned to Britain to evangelize, and work with Christian survivors of Saxon raids. Martyr.

Born: 6th century Welsh

Died: killed by Saxons c.580 while serving at Mass near Weedon, Northamptonshire, England

Patronage: against cramps, deaf people; against deafness, against glandular disorders, against scrofula.



Saint François Jaccard

Additional Memorial 24 November as one of the Martyrs of Vietnam

Studied at seminaries in Melan, then Chambery in France in 1819. Member of the Society of Foreign Missions of Paris. Priest. Missionary to Cochin-China in 1824, Macao in 1825, and Tonkin in 1826. He was arrested more than once for preaching Christianity, he was pardoned because of his skill as a translator, which was useful to the king. However, he gained too many converts, and in 1838 he was arrested, tortured and murdered for his faith. One of the Martyrs of Vietnam.

Born: 16 September 1799 at Onion, Haute-Savoie, France

Died: strangled to death on 21 September 1838 in Nhan Bieu, Quang Tri, Tonkin, Indo-China (modern Vietnam),

buried near Tonkin by local Christians, later moved to the Seminary for Foreign Missions, Paris, France

Canonized: 19 June 1988 by Pope John Paul II.



