

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!



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.**

We dedicate this website to the Generous Heart of Mother Mary



Daily Highlights, Mass Readings, Daily Saints, Prayers... Wednesday of the Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time, October 02, 2024, Volume 181. Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite

1st Reading: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 1st Reading: Phil 1:19-26 Syro-Malankara Rite

Heb1:5-14; Mt 18:10-

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Gospel: <u>Jn 13:31-35</u>

Syro-Malabar Rite

Gospel: Mt 18:1-5, 10

Meditation: Fit for the Kingdom of God

Are you ready to follow the Lord Jesus wherever he may lead you? With the call the Lord gives the grace to respond and the strength to follow all the way to the end. Why does Jesus issue a challenge with the call? Jesus was utterly honest in telling people what it would cost to follow him. When a would-be disciple approached Jesus and said he was ready to follow, Jesus told him it would require sacrifice - the sacrifice of certain creaturely comforts. Jesus appealed to this man's heart and told him to detach himself from whatever might hold him back. Spiritual detachment is a necessary step for following the Lord. It frees us to give ourselves without reserve to the Lord and his service. While many of us may not need to give up the comfort of our own home and bed to follow Jesus, we, nonetheless, must be willing to part with anything that might stand in the way of doing God's will. Don't let anything hold you back from following the Lord Jesus Another would-be disciple said he would follow as soon as he had buried his father. What he mean't by this expression was that he felt the need to return to his home to take care of his father through old age until he died. The third had no obligation to return home, but simply wanted to go back and say goodbye. Jesus surprised these would-be disciples with the stark truth that nothing should hinder us from following the Lord. Was Jesus being harsh and rude to his would-be followers? Not really. We are free to decide whether we will take the path which Jesus offers. But if we choose to go, then the Lord wants us to count the cost and choose for it freely. Don't miss the good path God has set for you - it will lead to joy and freedom What does the story of a plowman have to do with the journey? A plowman who looked back while plowing his field caused the line or furrow he cut into the soil to become crooked. One crooked line easily leads to another until the whole field is a mess. The plowman had to look straight ahead in order to keep the plow from going off course. Likewise, if we look back on what we have freely left behind to follow the Lord - whether that be some distraction, attachment, or sinful habit which leads us away from doing God's will - our path will likely diverge and we'll miss what God has for us. Will you say "yes" to the Lord's call for your life? The Gospel does not record the response from these three would-be disciples. We are only left with the question which Jesus intends for us as well. Are you ready to take the path which the Lord Jesus offers? His grace is sufficient and his love is strong. There is nothing greater we can do with our lives than to place them at the service of the Lord and Master of the universe. We cannot outmatch God in his generosity. Jesus promises that those who are willing to part with what is most dear to them for his sake "will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life" (Matthew 19:29). The Lord Jesus offers us a kingdom of lasting peace, unending joy, surpassing love, enduring friendship, and abundant life. Is there anything holding you back from pursuing the Lord and his will for you life?

Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess you have given me. I surrender it all to you to be disposed of according to your will. Give me only your love and your grace - with these I will be rich enough and will desire nothing more. (Prayer of Ignatius Loyola, 1491-1556).

1st Reading: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16

Job answered his friends and said: I know well that it is so; but how can a man be justified before God? Should one wish to contend with him, he could not answer him once in a thousand times. God is wise in heart and mighty in strength; who has withstood him and remained unscathed? He removes the mountains before they know it; he overturns them in his anger. He shakes the earth out of its place, and the pillars beneath it tremble. He commands the sun, and it rises not; he seals up the stars. He alone stretches out the heavens and treads upon the crests of the sea. He made the Bear and Orion, the Pleiades and the constellations of the south; He does great things past finding out, marvelous things beyond reckoning. Should he come near me, I see him not; should he pass by, I am not aware of him; Should he seize me forcibly, who can say him nay? Who can say to him, "What are you doing?" How much less shall I give him any answer, or choose out arguments against him! Even though I were right, I could not

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answer him, but should rather beg for what was due me. If I appealed to him and he answered my call, I could not believe that he would hearken to my words.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15

R. (3) Let my prayer come before you, Lord. Daily I call upon you, O LORD; to you I stretch out my hands. Will you work wonders for the dead? Will the shades arise to give you thanks?

R. Let my prayer come before you, Lord.

Do they declare your mercy in the grave, your faithfulness among those who have perished? Are your wonders made known in the darkness, or your justice in the land of oblivion?

R. Let my prayer come before you, Lord.

But I, O LORD, cry out to you; with my morning prayer I wait upon you. Why, O LORD, do you reject me; why hide from me your face? **R. Let my prayer come before you, Lord.**

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Bless the LORD, all you angels, you ministers, who do his will. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 18:1-5, 10

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 humbles himself 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."

Today's Saints



Saint Leodegarius of Autun Also known as Leodegar, Leger

Son of the nobles Bobilo and Saint Sigrada. Brother of Saint Gerinus. Raised in the court of King Clotaire II. Studied in Poitiers, France under the guidance of his uncle, the bishop of Poitiers. Deacon in Poitiers, working in diocesan administration. Priest. Monk at Maxentius Abbey in 650. Abbot in 651, a position he held for six years during which he placed the abbey under the Benedictine Rule. Advisor to Queen Saint Bathild, and tutor to her children, in 656. Reforming bishop of Autun in 663. Fought Manichaeism, reformed the secular clergy, enforced discipline in religious houses, adopted the Creed of Saint Athanasius, and stressed the administration of the sacraments, especially baptism. His work, and his support of Childeric over Ebroin for the throne, incurred the anger of many powerful entrenched rulers and groups. Exiled to Luxeuil, France in 675, he returned to Autun at the request of Theodoric III after the death of Childeric. When the city was attacked, Leodegarius arranged a surrender to avoid the Autun?s destruction. He fell into the hands of Ebroin, was blinded, his lips cut off, and his tongue pulled out. Some time later this same Ebroin accused him of instigating the murder of Childeric, had him imprisoned for two years at Fecamp monastery in Normandy, regularly tortured, crippled, and finally executed.

Died: murdered in 678 in the woods near Sarcing, Somme, France, relics translated to the abbey of Saint Maxentius in 782, relics later translated to Rennes, and then to Ebreuil, which was renamed Saint-Leger, relics later translated to the cathedral of Autun and to Soissons, France Representation, man having his eyes bored out with a gimlet, bishop holding a gimlet, bishop holding a hook with two prongs **Patronage:** blind people; against blindness, eye problems or sore eyes, millers, 5 cities.



Saint Émilie de Villeneuve

Born to the French nobility. Nun. Founder of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Castres who work for the education of poor girls and children, tend the sick, and serve as missionaries. Born: 9 March 1811 in Toulouse, Haute-Garonne, France Died: 2 October 1859 in Castres, Tam, France of natural causes Canonized: 17 May 2015 by Pope Francis.



Saint Beregisus Also known as Beregiso

Priest. Confessor for Pepin of Heristal. Pepin helped him found the monastery of Saint-Hubert in the Ardennes. May have served as its abbot. **Died:** some time after 725.



