

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

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.

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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 16<sup>th</sup> is her Feast Day. St. Gertrude the Great was



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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 CCC, Mass Readings, Daily Saints...

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Today's Bible Readings

**Latin Rite** 1st Reading: 1 John 4:11-18 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13

Gospel: Mark 6:45-52

Syro-Malabar Rite 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Cor 6:15-20

Gospel: Jn 2:13-17 Syro-Malankara Rite **Réadings:** 

Acts 7:54-60; 1 Cor 16:15-18; Mt 23:34-39

Catechism of the Catholic Church SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS Article 1"I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH"

Paragraph 3. THE ALMIGHTY

268 of all the divine attributes, only God's omnipotence is named in the Creed: to confess this power has great bearing on our lives. We believe that his might is universal, for God who created everything also rules everything and can do everything. God's power is loving, for he is our Father, and mysterious, for only faith can discern it when it "is made perfect in weakness".103"He does whatever he pleases"104

269 The Holy Scriptures repeatedly confess the universal power of God. He is called the "Mighty One of Jacob", the "LORD of hosts", the "strong and mighty" one. If God is almighty "in heaven and on earth", it is because he made them.105 Nothing is impossible with God, who disposes his works according to his will.106 He is the Lord of the universe, whose order he established and which remains wholly subject to him and at his disposal. He is master of history, governing hearts and events in keeping with his will: "It is always in your power to show great strength, and who can withstand the strength of your arm?107"You are merciful to all, for you can do all thing 108

270 God is the Father Almighty, whose fatherhood and power shed light on one another: God reveals his fatherly omnipotence by the way he takes care of our needs; by the filial adoption that he gives us ("I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty"):109 finally by his infinite mercy, for he displays his power at its height by freely forgiving sins.

271 God's almighty power is in no way arbitrary: "In God, power, essence, will, intellect, wisdom, and justice are all identical. Nothing therefore can be in God's power which could not be in his just will or his wise intellect."110

103 Cf. Gen 1:1; Jn 1:3; Mt 6:9; 2 Cor 12:9; cf. I Cor 1:18. 104 Ps 115:3. 105 Gen 49:24; Is 1:24 etc.; Pss 24:8-10; 135 6. 106 Cf. Jer 27:5; 32:17; Lk 1:37 107 Wis 11:21; cf. Esth 4:17b; Prov 21:1; Tob 13:2. 108 Wis 11:23. 109 2 Cor 6:18; cf. Mt 6:32. 110 St. Thomas Aquinas, STh I, 25, 5, ad I...continued

1st Reading: 1 John 4:11-18

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit. Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. In this is love brought to perfection among us, that we have confidence on the day of judgment because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment, and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13

R. (see 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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R. Alleluia, alleluia. Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the Gentiles. Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel: Mark 6:45-52

After the five thousand had eaten and were satisfied, Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side toward Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. And when he had taken leave of them, he went off to the mountain to pray. When it was evening, the boat was far out on the sea and he was alone on shore. Then he saw that they were tossed about while rowing, for the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them. But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out. They had all seen him and were terrified. But at once he spoke with them, "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!" He got into the boat with them and the wind died down. They were completely astounded. They had not understood the incident of the loaves. On the contrary, their hearts were hardened.



## Saint Severinus of Noricum

Also known as Severino of Noricum

Born to the Roman nobility. Gave away his wealth to live as a hermit in the Egyptian desert. Though he loved the quiet and contemplative life, he felt a call to spread the faith, and he followed it. Evangelized in Noricum (part of modern Austria). Hermit near Vienna. Prophesied the destruction of Astura, Austria by the Huns under Attila. Established refugee centers for people displaced by the invasion. Founded monasteries to re-establish spirituality and preserve learning in the stricken region. One winter, the city of Faviana on the River Danube was starving. Following a sermon by Severinus on penance, the ice cracked, and food barges were able to dock, saving the city. Noted travelling preacher and healer throughout Austria and Bavaria. Established funds to ransom and rescue captives. Ate once a day, less in Lent, went barefoot, ignored the weather, and slept on a sackcloth that he spread on the ground where ever he stopped. Foretold the date of his own death, and died singing Psalm 150.

Born: c.410 in North Africa

Died: 8 January 482 at Favianae, Noricum (in modern Austria) of pleurisy, relics moved to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Feltre, relics moved to Castellum Lucullanum in Naples, Italy, relics enshrined in a chapel at the Benedictine monastery of San Severino, Naples in 910, relics moved to Fratta Maggiore in Avera, Italy in 1807 **Patronage:** against famine, linen weavers, prisoners, vineyards, Austria, Bavaria, Germany, Linz, Austria.

Saint Gudule of Brussels Also known as Ergoule, Goedele, Goelen, Gould, Goule, Gudula

Memorial 19 January in the diocese of Hamme and Moorsel

Daughter of Count Witger and Saint Amalburga; great-niece of Emperor Pepin; sister of Saint Pharaildis of Ghent, Saint Reineldis, and Saint Emebert of Cambrai. Niece and student of Saint Gertrude of Nivelle, who trained her in the religious life. The girl then returned to live at the family castle at Hamme. Pious and devoted, she lived for her prayers and time in church. During her early morning visits to the church in Moorsel, Belgium the devil extinguished her candle, which would miraculously re-ignite. The flower called tremella deliquescens, bears fruit in the beginning of January; it's known as "Sinte Goulds lampken" (Saint Gudula's lantern) because not even the winter can extinguish it.

**Born:** c.time-line-650 in Hamme, Brabant (in modern Belgium)

Died: 8 January 712 at Hamme, Brabant (Belgium) of natural causes, buried in front of the church door in her hometown of Hamme, relics translated to Moorsel, Belgium, relics translated to the church of Saint Gery in Brussels in 978, relics translated to the collegiate church of Saint Michel (later Sainte Gudule) in Brussels in 1047, relics destroyed by Calvinists on 6 June 1579

Patronage: Brussels, Belgium, single laywomen.



# Saint Apollinaris the Apologist

Also known as Apollinaris Claudius, Apollinaris of Hierapolis, Claudius Apollinaris

Second century bishop of Heirapolis, Phrygia. Held in high regard by other early saints including Saint Jerome and the historian Theodoret. Noted for writing a defense of the faith to Emperor Marcus Aurelius that reminded the Emperor of a miraculous victory that resulted from the prayers of Christian soldiers, and of his promise of protection for Christians. Worked and wrote against all the major heresies of his time, refuting them by logically destroying the heresy's philosophical roots. A prolific writer, most of his work has been lost over the centuries.

Died: c.175.







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