

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

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 St. Gertrude the Great wa



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: Hebrews 5:1-10 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4

Gospel: Mark 2:18-22

Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading: 1 Jn 5:1-5

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Gospel: <u>Lk 12:4-12</u>

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 5.

HEAVEN AND EARTH

325 The Apostles' Creed professes that God is "creator of heaven and earth". the Nicene Creed makes it explicit that this profession includes "all that is, seen and unseen".326 The Scriptural expression "heaven and earth" means all that exists, creation in its entirety. It also indicates the bond, deep within creation, that both unites heaven and earth and distinguishes the one from the other: "the earth" is the world of men, while "heaven" or "the heavens" can designate both the firmament and God's own "place" - "our Father in heaven" and consequently the "heaven" too which is eschatological glory. Finally, "heaven" refers to the saints and the "place" of the spiritual creatures, the angels, who surround God.186327 The profession of faith of the Fourth Lateran Council (1215) affirms that God "from the beginning of time made at once (simul) out of nothing both orders of creatures, the spiritual and the corporeal, that is, the angelic and the earthly, and then (deinde) the human creature, who as it were shares in both orders, being composed of spirit and body."187I. THE ANGELSThe existence of angels - a truth of faith328 The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith. the witness of Scripture is a clear as the unanimity of Tradition. Who are they?329 St. Augustine says: "'Angel' is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is 'spirit'; if you seek the name of their office, it is 'angel': from what they are, 'spirit', from what they do, 'angel." 188 With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God. Because they "always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven" they are the "mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word".189330 As purely spiritual creatures angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendour of their glory bears witness.190

186 Pss 115:16; 19:2; Mt 5:16. 187 Lateran Council IV (1215): DS 800; cf. DS 3002 and Paul VI, CPG # 8. 188 St. Augustine, En. in Ps. 103, 1, 15: PL 37, 1348. 189 Mt 18:10; Ps 103:20. 190 Cf. Pius XII, Humani generis: DS 3891; Lk 20:36; Dan 10:9-12.

1st Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

Brothers and sisters: Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: You are my Son: this day I have begotten you; just as he says in another place, You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. In the days when he was in the Flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4 R. (4b) You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The LORD said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool."

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The scepter of your power the LORD will stretch forth from Zion: "Rule in the midst of your enemies."

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

"Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor; before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you."

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

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The LORD has sworn, and he will not repent: "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. The word of God is living and effective, able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 2:18-22

The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were accustomed to fast. People came to Jesus and objected, "Why do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus answered them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. No one sews a piece of unshrunken cloth on an old cloak. If he does, its fullness pulls away, the new from the old, and the tear gets worse. Likewise, no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the skins are ruined. Rather, new wine is poured into fresh wineskins."



Saint Eustochia Calafato

Also known as Eustochia Calafato de Messina, Eustochia Montevergine, Eustochia of Messina, Eustochium Calafato, Smerelda Colonna

Daughter of Count Bernardo and Countess Macaldo Romano Colonna, Sicilian nobles and wealthy merchants. Legend says she was born in a stable because her mother had received a vision directing her there. Raised and educated by her pious mother, the girl felt drawn to the religious life from an early age. Eustochia received a her own vision, the image of Christ Crucified. The experience led her to join the Poor Clare Convent of Santa Maria di Basico against the wishes of the rest of her family. Her brothers threatened to burn down the convent, and Smerelda returned home. However, seeing the girl's true devotion and desire they relented, and she returned to the convent, taking her vows and the name Eustochia. Noted for her self-imposed penances and austerities. Believing her convent locked sufficient discipline, she joined the reform-minded Poor Clare community at Santa Maria Acommodata in 1457, a community whose discipline was so severe that local Franciscan priests refused to say Mass there, fearing they were encouraging impious excesses. She was soon joined there by a blood sister and a niece. In 1463 the group relocated to Monte delle Vergini (Maiden's Hill). Elected abbess in 1464. Noted for her devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to the poor of the area. The local lay people considered her their patron and protector, the cloister a place of refuge, especially during the earthquakes that rocked the area.

Born: 25 March (Good Friday) 1434 at Annunziata, Messina, Italy as Smerelda Colonna

Died: 20 January 1491 at Messina, Sicily, Italy, entombed in the apse of the Sanctuary of Montevergine, Messina, Sicily, Italy ,body incorrupt

Canonized: 11 June 1988 by Pope John Paul II at Messina, Sicily, Italy Patron Saints Messina, Sicily, Italy.



Saint Sebastian

Son of a wealthy Roman family. Educated in Milan. Officer of the Imperial Roman army, and captain of the guard. Favorite of Diocletian. During Diocletian's persecution of the Christians, Sebastian visited them in prison, bringing supplies and comfort. Reported to have healed the wife of a brother soldier by making the Sign of the Cross over her. Converted soldiers and a governor to Christianity. Charged as a Christian, Sebastian was tied to a tree, shot with arrows, and left for dead. He survived, and with the help of Saint Irene, recovered, and returned to preach to Diocletian. The emperor then had him beaten to death. During the 14th century, the seemingly random nature of infection with the Black Death caused people to liken the plague to their villages being shot by an army of nature's archers. In desperation, they prayed for the intercession of a saint associated with archers, and Saint Sebastian became associated with the plague.

Born at Narbonne, Gaul (part of modern France) Died shot with arrows c.288 at Rome, Italy

Patronage: against cattle disease, against plague, diseased cattle, dying people, plague victims, against enemies of religion, archers, armourers, arrowsmiths, athletes, bookbinders, fletchers, gardeners, gunsmiths, hardware stores, ironmongers, lace makers, lace workers, lead workers, masons, police officers, racquet makers, soldiers, stone masons, stonecutters, Pontifical Swiss Guards, World Youth Day 2013, Bacolod, Philippines, diocese of Tarlac, Philippines, diocese of 22 cities.



Saint Maria Cristina dell'Immacolata Concezione

Also known as Adelaide Brando, Adelaidis Brando, Maria Cristina Brando, Maria Cristina of the Immaculata, Maria Christina ab Immaculata Conceptione, Sister Maria Cristina of the Immaculate Conception

Born to a wealthy family, the daughter of Giovanni Giuseppe and Maria Concetta Marrazzo; her mother died with Adelaide was only a few days old. The girl was educated at home, felt an early call to religious life, and attended Mass daily. At age twelve she took a personal vow of chastity, and soon after tried to enter the monastery of the Sacramentine Nuns in Naples, Italy, but was stopped by her father. She eventually gained his approval to enter the Poor Clare monastery at Fiorentine, Italy but twice fell severely ill, and had to return home. Upon her recovery she returned to Naples, Italy, and joined the Sacramentine Nuns as she had wanted originally, making her vows in 1876, and taking the name Sister Maria Cristina of the Immaculate Conception. Her health broke again, and she was forced to return home. Seeing the constant failure as a sign, while renting a room with the Teresiane Sisters of Torre del Greco in 1878 she founded the group that would become the Congregation of the Sisters, Expiatory Victims of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, which returned papal approval on 20 July 1903. Though they had money trouble, and Maria's health continued to suffer, the Congregation grew quickly, received help from Venerable Michelangelo of Marigliano and Blessed Ludovico of Casoria, and settled in Casoria where Maria served as superior general of the Congregation. Noted for her strong prayer life, devotion to the birth and Passion of Christ, and the Eucharist, she slept every night in a chair in a small grotto where she could rest near the exposed Host.

Born: 1 May 1856 in Naples, Italy as Adelaide Brando

Died: 20 January 1906 in Casoria, Naples, Italy of natural causes

Canonized: 17 May 2015 by Pope Francis.





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