

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 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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Today's Bible Readings

**Latin Rite** 1st Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11

Svro-Malabar Rite 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Eph 6:10 - 17

Syro-Malankara Rite Readings: 1 Tim 6:17-21; Lk

12:16-21 Gospel: Mk 9: 33 - 37

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

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CHAPTER TWOI BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD ARTICLE 2"AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD" III. The Only Son of God

441 In the Old Testament, "son of God" is a title given to the angels, the Chosen People, the children of Israel, and their kings.44 It signifies an adoptive sonship that establishes a relationship of particular intimacy between God and his creature. When the promised Messiah-King is called "son of God", it does not necessarily imply that he was more than human, according to the literal meaning of these texts. Those who called Jesus "son of God", as the Messiah of Israel, perhaps meant nothing more than this.45442 Such is not the case for Simon Peter when he confesses Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God", for Jesus responds solemnly: "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven."46 Similarly Paul will write, regarding his conversion on the road to Damascus, "When he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles..."47 "and in the synagogues immediately [Paul] proclaimed Jesus, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'"48 From the beginning this acknowledgment of Christ's divine sonship will be the centre of the apostolic faith, first professed by Peter as the Church's foundation 49443. Peter could proceed the transport of the synagon. foundation.49443 Peter could recognize the transcendent character of the Messiah's divine sonship because Jesus had clearly allowed it to be so understood. To his accusers' question before the Sanhedrin, "Are you the Son of God, then?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am."50 Well before this, Jesus referred to himself as "the Son" who knows the Father, as distinct from the "servants" God had earlier sent to his people; he is superior even to the angels.51 He distinguished his sonship from that of his disciples by never saying "our Father", except to command them: "You, then, pray like this: 'Our Father'", and he emphasized this distinction, saying "my Father and your Father".52444 The Gospels report that at two solemn moments, the Baptism and the Transfiguration of Christ, the voice of the Father designates Jesus his "beloved Son".53 Jesus calls himself the "only Son of God", and by this title affirms his eternal pre-existence.54 He asks for faith in "the name of the only Son of God".55 In the centurion's exclamation before the crucified Christ, "Truly this man was the Son of God",56 that Christian confession is already heard. Only in the Paschal mystery can the believer give the title "Son of God" its full meaning.445 After his Resurrection, Jesus' divine sonship becomes manifest in the power of his glorified humanity. He was "designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his Resurrection from the dead".57 The apostles can confess: "We have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."58

44 Cf. Dt 14:1; (LXX) 32:8; Job 1:6; Ex 4:22; Hos 2:1; 11:1; Jer 3:19; Sir 36:11; Wis 18:13; 2 Sam 7:14; Ps 82:6.45 Cf. I Chr 17:13; Ps 2:7; Mt 27:54; Lk 23:47.46 Mt 16:16-17.47 Gal 1:15-16.48 Acts 9:20.49 Cf. I Th 1:10; Jn 20:31; Mt 16:18.50 Lk 22:70; cf. Mt 26:64; Mk 14:61-62.51 Cf. Mt 11:27; 21:34-38; 24:36.52 Mt 5:48; 6:8-9; 7:21; Lk 11:13; Jn 20:17.53 Cf. Mt 3:17; cf. 17:5.54 Jn 3:16; cf. 10:36.55 Jn 3:18.56 Mk 15:39.57 Rom 1:3; cf. Acts 13:33.58 Jn 1:14. -----

 $1^{\rm st}$  Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24 Brothers and sisters: You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them. Indeed, so fearful was the spectacle that Moses said, "I am terrified and trembling." No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled Blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 R. (see 10) O God, we ponder your mercy within your temple. Great is the LORD and wholly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy

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mountain, fairest of heights, is the joy of all the earth.

### R. O God, we ponder your mercy within your temple.

Mount Zion, "the recesses of the North," the city of the great King. God is with her castles; renowned is he as a stronghold.

R. O God, we ponder your mercy within your temple.

As we had heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, In the city of our God; God makes it firm forever.

R. O God, we ponder your mercy within your temple.

O God, we ponder your mercy within your temple. As your name, O God, so also your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Of justice your right hand is full.

R. O God, we ponder your mercy within your temple.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. The Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick -no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave from there. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.



### Saint Alfonso Maria Fusco

Son of Giuseppina Schiavone and Aniello Fusco, the eldest of five children in a pious peasant family. The couple had been unable to have children until a visit to the relics of Saint Alphonsus Maria d' Liguori; there they received the message that they would have a son, name him Alfonso, and that he would led the life of a beati. Confirmed and received his first Communion at age seven, and at eleven he announced his intent to become a priest. Entered the seminary of Nocera dei Pagani on 5 November 1850. Ordained 29 September 1863. Noted for his devotion to the liturgy, and as a gentle, paternal confessor. In September of 1878, he, Maddalena Caputo of Angri (Sister Crocifissa), and three young women formed what would become the Congregation of the Baptistine Sisters of the Nazarene (Baptistine Sisters), devoted to the care and education of poor orphans, abandoned children, and youth at risk; their first house was soon known as the Little House of Providence. Along with the usual problems of more needs than resources, the new congregation faced serveral internal trials. False accusations were made about Father Alfonso, and Bishop Vitagliano tried to remove him as the congregation's director. The daughter house in Rome tried to break away from the congregation, even locking the doors to the house when Alfonso came to see them. At one point, Cardinal Respighi, Vicar of Rome, recommended that he resign for the good of the congregation. He was, however, vindicated in the end, remained as director, and saw the congregation through it's early, difficult years. Today they work in fifteen countries around the world.

**Born:** 23 March 1839 in Angri, Salerno, diocese of Nocera-Samo, Italy **Died:** 6 February 1910 in Angri, Salerno, Italy of natural causes

Beatified: 7 October 2001 by Pope John Paul II, the beatification miracle involved the healing of a child of "malaria infantile cerebral, with prolonged coma and status epilepticus, with pneumonia and septicaemia; with severe blood malarial parasitemia, persistent despite medical therapies" over the night of 2 to 3 February 1998 in the diocese of Ndola, Zambia through the intercession of Saint Alfonso

**Canonized:** 16 October 2016 by Pope Francis in Rome, Italy, the canonization miracle involved the healing of a Baptistine nun of "sub-arachnoid haemorrhage with tetraventricular flooding and hydrocephalus, secondary and ruptured posterior communicating artery aneurysms" on 25 October 2009 through the intercession of Saint Alfonso Patronage: Congregation of the Baptistine Sisters of the Nazarene.



# Saint Dorothy of Caesarea

Also known as Dora, Dorothea

Apochryphal martyr whose story has been beautifully told, and was popular for many years. Having made a personal vow of virginity, she refused to marry, or to sacrifice to idols. She was tried, tortured, and sentenced to death for her faith by the prefect Sapricius as part of the persecutions of Diocletian. The pagan lawyer Theophilus said to her in mockery, "Bride of Christ, send me some fruits from your bridegroom's garden." Before she was executed, she sent him, by a six-year-old boy who is thought to have been an angel, her headress which had the fragrance of roses and fruits. Seeing this gift, and the miraculous messenger who brought them, Theophilus converted, and was martyred himself. This story has been variously enlarged through the years. In some places, trees are blessed on her feast day because of her connection with a blooming, fruitful miracle.

**Died:** beheaded with a sword on 6 February 311 in Caesarea Mazaca, Cappodocia (modern day Kayseri, Turkey) Patronage: brewers, brides, florists, gardeners, midwives, newlyweds, Pescia, Italy.



# Saint Pedro Bautista Blásquez y Blásquez

Also known as Peter Baptist Blasquez, Pietro Battista Blasquez

Born to the Castillian nobility, Pedro studied at the University of Salamanca and then joined the Franciscans in 1542. Ordained a priest, he taught philosophy and theology, and served as superior of several Franciscan communities. Feeling a call to missionary work, in 1580 he was sent to Mexico where he founded several communities, and then in 1583 he was dispatched to the Philippines. In 1593, to replace the work of Jesuits who had been expelled from the country in 1590, he and five other friars were sent to Japan where they lived in poverty, cared for lepers, preached the faith, and built schools, churches, convents and hospitals. Father Pedro became known as a miracle worker. A number of parties, including Buddhist bonzes, European traders, and anti-western Japanese, pushed for a government persecution of these missionaries. The emperor began to fear that missionaries were a prelude to invasion by the West, and ordered them all imprisoned. Arrested in different places, they were all transferred to Nagasaki where they were abused and executed. His last known act was praying for his persecutors. One of the Martyrs of Nagasaki.

Born: 1542 in San Esteban del Valle, Avila, Castille (in modern Spain)

Died: crucified on 5 February 1597 on a hill in Nagasaki, Japan, his body reported incorrupt after two months exposure to the elements, local Christians reported seeing Father Pedro celebrating Mass long after his death

Canonized: 8 June 1862 by Pope Pius IX

Patronage: Caceres, Philippines, archdiocese of Japan.





