

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.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, 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 Feast Day. 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: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b & 9c-10

Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading: 1 Jn 2:12-17

Syro-Malankara Rite Readings:

Rom 16:3-7; Mt 8:5-10

Gospel: Lk 14:25-35

Gospel: Mark 8:14-21

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"HE WAS CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND WAS BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY" Paragraph 2.

Mary's virginal motherhood in God's plan502 The eyes of faith can discover in the context of the whole of Revelation the mysterious reasons why God in his saving plan wanted his Son to be born of a virgin. These reasons touch both on the person of Christ and his redemptive mission, and on the welcome Mary gave that mission on behalf of all men.503 Mary's virginity manifests God's absolute initiative in the Incarnation. Jesus has only God as Father. "He was never estranged from the Father because of the human nature which he assumed. . . He is naturally Son of the Father as to his divinity and naturally son of his mother as to his humanity, but properly Son of the Father in both natures."161504 Jesus is conceived by the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mary's womb because he is the New Adam, who inaugurates the new creation: "The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven."162 From his conception, Christ's humanity is filled with the Holy Spirit, for God "gives him the Spirit without measure." 163 From "his fullness" as the head of redeemed humanity "we have all received, grace upon grace. "164505 By his virginal conception, Jesus, the New Adam, ushers in the new birth of children adopted in the Holy Spirit through faith. "How can this be?"165 Participation in the divine life arises "not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God".166 The acceptance of this life is virginal because it is entirely the Spirit's gift to man. the spousal character of the human vocation in relation to God167 is fulfilled perfectly in Mary's virginal motherhood.506 Mary is a virgin because her virginity is the sign of her faith "unadulterated" by any doubt", and of her undivided gift of herself to God's will.168 It is her faith that enables her to become the mother of the Saviour: "Mary is more blessed because she embraces faith in Christ than because she conceives the flesh of Christ."169507 At once virgin and mother, Mary is the symbol and the most perfect realization of the Church: "the Church indeed. . . by receiving the word of God in faith becomes herself a mother. By preaching and Baptism she brings forth sons, who are conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of God, to a new and immortal life. She herself is a virgin, who keeps in its entirety and purity the faith she pledged to her spouse."170

161 Council of Friuli (796): DS 619; cf. Lk 2:48-49. 162 I Cor 15:45, 47. 164 Jn 1:16; cf. Col 1:18. 165 Lk 1:34; cf. Jn 166 Jn 1:13. 167 Cf. 2 Cor 11:2. 168 LG 63; cf. I Cor 163 Jn 3:34. 3:9[ETML:C/]. 169 St. Augustine, De virg. 3: PL 40, 398. 7:34-35. 170 LG 64; cf. 63.

1st Reading: Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10

When the LORD saw how great was man's wickedness on earth, and how no desire that his heart conceived was ever anything but evil, he regretted that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was grieved. So the LORD said: "I will wipe out from the earth the men whom I have created, and not only the men, but also the beasts and the creeping things and the birds of the air, for I am sorry that I made them." But Noah found favor with the LORD. Then the LORD said to Noah: "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for you alone in this age have I found to be truly just. Of every clean animal, take with you seven pairs, a male and its mate; and of the unclean animals, one pair, a male and its mate; likewise, of every clean bird of the air, seven pairs, a male and a female, and of all the unclean birds, one pair, a male and a female. Thus you will keep their issue alive over all the earth. Seven days from now I will bring rain down on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and so I will wipe out from the surface of the earth every moving creature that I have made." Noah did just as the LORD had commanded him. As soon as the seven days were over, the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b & 9c-10 R. (11b) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise, Give Live Channels

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to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters. The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

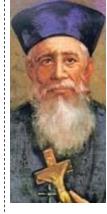
The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him and we will come to him. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 8:14-21

The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. Jesus enjoined them, "Watch out, guard against the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." They concluded among themselves that it was because they had no bread. When he became aware of this he said to them, "Why do you conclude that it is because you have no bread? Do you not yet understand or comprehend? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes and not see, ears and not hear? And do you not remember, when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many wicker baskets full of fragments you picked up?" They answered him, "Twelve." "When I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many full baskets of fragments did you pick up?" They answered him, "Seven." He said to them, "Do you still not understand?"



Saint Jean-François-Régis Clet

Tenth of fifteen children; his father was a farmer and merchant, and the boy was named after Saint John Francis Regis. He was raised in a pious family; one brother became a priest, one sister a nun. Studied at the Jesuit Royal College at Grenoble, France. Joined the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) in Lyons, France on 6 March 1769, making his final vows in 1771. Ordained in 1773. Professor of moral theology at the Vincentian seminary in Annecy, France. Nicknamed "the walking library" due to his encyclopedic knowledge. Rector of Annecy in 1786. Director of novices in Paris in 1788. Director of the internal seminary at mother-house of the Congregation of the Lazarists in Paris, France. His community was disbanded, and their house destroyed by the French Revolutionists. Missionary to China in 1791. Assigned to Kiang-si in October 1792, the only European in the area; in 28 years of work, he never mastered the language. In 1793 Clet moved to Hou-Kouang in the Hopei Province where he served as superior of an international group of Vincentian missioners scattered over a very large territory; his pastoral area covered 270,000 square miles. In 1811 government anti-Christian persecutions intensified; the missionaries were accused of inciting rebellion, and had to pursue their work while on the run, often hiding in the mountains. On 16 June 1819, with a bounty on his head, Francis was betrayed by a Christian schoolmaster whose behavior the missionary had tried to correct. Force marched hundreds of miles in chains to trial. On 1 January 1820 he was found guilty of deceiving the Chinese people by preaching Christianity. Martyr. **Born:** 1748 at Grenoble, France

Died: slowly strangled to death with a rope while tied on a cross on 18 February 1820 at Au-tshung-fu, China, buried on Red Mountain by local Christians, re-interred at the Vincentian motherhouse, Paris, France, relics moved to Saint Lazare church, Paris

Canonized: 1 October 2000 by Pope John Paul II.



Saint Theotonius of Coimbra

Also known as Teotonio

Nephew of the bishop of Coimbra, Portugal. Educated at the University of Coimbra. Parish priest, assigned to Viseu, Portugal. His powerful and outspoken preaching against vice gained him a great reputation, the animosity of the ruling class, and the affection of the king and queen. Counselor to the throne. Rebuked the queen for adultery, and refused a bishopric from her, seeing it as an attempt to buy his affection. He was once asked by the queen to shorten a Mass so she could attend to other business; he send back word that he answered to true sovereigns, and the queen was free to stay or go as she liked. Theotinus had a great devotion to the poor, and to souls in purgatory. Each Friday he combined these devotions by singing a Solemn Mass for the dead, leading a large procession to the cemetery to pray for the local dead, collecting alms there, and distributing the money to the local poor. Twice a pilgrim to the Holy Lands. Augustinian Canon Regular, which order he helped bring to Portugal in 1131, entering the monastery at Coimbra. Spent his last 30 years there as monk and prior. Devoted to the daily offices, never allowing the monks to hurry through them. King Alphonsus attributed his victories to the prayers of Theotonius and his brothers, and in gratitude, free all his Mozarabic Christian captives. First Portuguese saints canonized by the modem method.

Born: 1086 at Gonfeo, Spain Died: 1166 of natural causes

Canonized: 1167 by the Portguese bishops, cultus confirmed by Pope Benedict XIV Patronage: Coimbra, Portugal, diocese of Viseu, Portugal, city of Viseu, Portugal.



Saint Geltrude Caterina Comensoli

One of a family of eleven children; her father worked an iron forge, and her mother was a seamstress. Caterina joined the Sisters of Charity in Lovere, Bergamo, Italy in 1862, but she became seriously ill and had to retum to her family. When recovered, she stayed in lay life, working as a domestic servant for a parish priest in Chiari, Italy, and then for the Countess Fé-Vitali. In 1878, Caterina made a private vow of chastity, and began teaching children in Capriate San Gervasio, Italy. On 15 December 1882, she founded the Institute of Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (Sacramentine Sisters); she took the name Sister Gertrude. Her initial plan was that the Sisters would be devoted to Eucharistic adoration; at the recommendation of Pope Leo XIII, they also worked in the world as teachers of young, factory-working women.

Born: 18 January 1847 in Biennio, Brescia, Italy as Caterina Died: 18 February 1903 in Bergamo, Italy of natural causes

Canonized: 26 April 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI, her canonization miracle involved the cure of 4 year old Vasco Ricchini of life threatening meningitis in 2001 through the prayers of the Sacramentine Sisters for her intercession Patronage: Institute of Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (Sacramentine Sisters).



