

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 o e 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 was



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 Peter 5:1-

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Gospel: Matthew 16:13Syro-Malabar Rite 1st Reading: 2 Thess 2:5-12

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Heb 13:7-16; Mt 24:45-

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"HE WAS CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND WAS BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY"
Paragraph 3. THE MYSTERIES OF CHRIST'S LIFE5

II. THE MYSTERIES OF JESUS' INFANCY AND HIDDEN LIFE

The preparations 522 The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant".195 He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming.523St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way 196 "Prophet of the Most High", John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last 197 He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom", whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world".198 Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah", John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.199524 When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.200 By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."201The Christmas mystery525 Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family.202 Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest.203 The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night: The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternaland the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible. The angels and shepherds praise himand the magi advance with the star, For you are born for us, Little Child, God eternal! 204526 To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom.205 For this, we must humble ourselves and become little. Even more: to become "children of God" we must be "born from above" or "born of God".206 Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us.207 Christmas is the mystery of this "marvellous exchange":O marvellous exchange! Man's Creator has become man, born of the Virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity.208

196 Cf. Acts 13:24; Mt 3:3[ETML:C/]. 197 Lk 1:76; cf. 7:26; Mt 11:13. 198 Jn 1 29; cf. Acts 1:22; Lk 1:41; 16:16; Jn 3:29. 199 Lk 1:17; cf. Mk 6:17-29. 200 Cf Rev 22:17. 201 Jn 3:30. 202 Cf. Lk 2:61. 203 Cf. Lk 204 Kontakion of Romanos the Melodist. 2:8-20. 205 Cf. Mt 18:3-4. 206 Jn 3 7; 1:13; 1:12; cf. Mt 23:12. 207 Cf. Gal 4:19. 208 IH. 1 January, Antiphon I of Evening Prayer...continued.

1st Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-4

Beloved: I exhort the presbyters among you, as a fellow presbyter and witness to the sufferings of Christ and one who has a share in the glory to be revealed. Tend the flock of God in your midst, overseeing not by constraint but willingly, as God would have it, not for shameful profit but eagerly. Do not lord it over those assigned to you, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side

With your rod and your staff that give me courage. R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head Live Channels

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with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

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Verse Before the Gospel

You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church; the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Today's Saints



Saint Margaret of Cortona

Farmer's daughter. Her mother died when Margaret was seven years old, and her step-mother considered the girl a nuisance. Margaret eloped with a young nobleman from Montepulciano, bore him a son, and lived as his mistress for nine years. In 1274 he was murdered by brigands, and his body dumped in a shallow grave. Margaret saw the incident as a sign from God. She publicly confessed to the affair, and tried to return to her father's house; he would not accept her. She and her son took shelter with the Friars Minor at Cortona. Still young and attractive, Margaret sometimes had trouble resisting temptation, but each incident was followed by periods of deep self-loathing. To make herself unappealing to local young men, she once tried to mutilate herself, but was stopped by a friar named Giunta. She earned her keep by tending to sick women. She later began caring for the sick poor, living on alms, asking nothing for her services. She became a Franciscan tertiary in 1277. Margaret developed an deep and intense prayer life, and was given to ecstacies during which she received messages from heaven. In 1286 Margaret received a charter to work with the sick poor. She gathered others of like mind, and formed them into a community of tertiaries. They were later given the status of a congregation, and called the Poverelle (Poor Ones). With them she founded a hospital at Cortona. Margaret preached against vice of all sorts to any who would listen. She developed a great devotion to the Eucharist and Passion, and prophesied the date of her own death. Though she worked for those in need, and though the poor sought her help and advice, the calumny of her earlier life followed her the rest of her days, and she was forever the target of local gossips.

Born: 1247 at Loviano, Tuscany, Italy

Died: 22 February 1297 at Cortona, Italy of natural causes

Canonized: 16 May 1728 by Pope Benedict XIII

Patronage: against insanity or mental illness, against sexual temptation, against temptations, falsely accused people, hoboes, tramps, homeless people, against the death of parents, mentally ill people, midwives, penitent women, people ridiculed for their piety, reformed prostitutes, single laywomen, tertiaries, Arezzo-Cortona-Sansepolcro, Italy, diocese of Cortona, Italy.



Saint Maximian of Ravenna

Also known as Maximianus

Bishop of Ravenna, Italy in 546 by Pope Vigilius with the support of Emperor Justinian; the choice was initially so unpopular that the Maximian had to live outside the city walls for a while. Built the basilica of Saint Vitalis, and either built or renovated many other churches. Commissioned a number of illuminated manuscripts, and made sure that the text were updated with the most authoritative versions. May have been the first Latin bishop to use the title archbishop.

Born: 499 in Pola, Istria (modern Pula, Croatia)

Died: 556 of natural causes.



Saint Papias of Hierapolis

Also known as Papia di Gerapoli

Second century Apostolic Father. Friend of Saint Polycarp of Smyrna. Bishop of Hierapolis, Phrygia (in modern Turkey). Author of lengthy commentaries on the life, teaching, and works of Jesus; they survive only in fragments. **Died:** early 2nd century.





