

3 O' Clock Prayer The Hour of Great Mercy Prayers from the diary of Saint Faustina

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

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, Have mercy on us and on the whole world. (3 times)

JESUS, King of mercy, I trust in You!



Prayer for all souls

Prayer of St. Gertrude the great dictated by Our Lady to release 1,000 Sou

is said. The prayer was extend to include living sinners which would alleviate the indebted- ness accrued to them during their lives.

"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.



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.**





Syro-Malabar Rite

2nd Reading: Josh

3rd Reading: Heb

1st Reading:

Gen 40:1-23

<u>23:1-11</u>

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16, 2025, Volume 187. Today's Bible Readings

Latin Rite 1st Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-9a **Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 Syro-Malankara Rite Readings: Eze 21:28-32; Heb 9:23-28; Mt 26:14-16

25 Catechism of the Catholic Church SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS

CHAPTER THREE I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Gospel: Matthew 26:14- Gospel: Jn 12:27-33

Article 9"I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH"748 "Christ is the light of humanity; and it is, accordingly, the heart-felt desire of this sacred Council, being gathered together in the Holy Spirit, that, by proclaiming his Gospel to every creature, it may bring to all men that light of Christ which shines out visibly from the Church."135 These words open the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. By choosing this starting point, the Council demonstrates that the article of faith about the Church depends entirely on the articles concerning Christ Jesus. the Church has no other light than Christ's; according to a favorite image of the Church Fathers, the Church is like the moon, all its light reflected from the sun.749 The article concerning the Church also depends entirely on the article about the Holy Spirit, which immediately precedes it. "Indeed, having shown that the Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness, we now confess that it is he who has endowed the Church with holiness."136 The Church is, in a phrase used by the Fathers, the place "where the Spirit flourishes."137750 To believe that the Church is "holy" and "catholic," and that she is "one" and "apostolic" (as the Nicene Creed adds), is inseparable from belief in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the Apostles' Creed we profess "one Holy Church" (Credo . . . Ecclesiam), and not to believe in the Church, so as not to confuse God with his works and to attribute clearly to God's goodness all the gifts he has bestowed on his Church.138

135 LG 1; cf. Mk 16:15. 136 Roman Catechism I, 10, 1. 137 St. Hippolytus, Trad. Ap. 35: SCh 11, 118. 138 Roman Catechism I, 10, 22. 1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, That I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; And I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; My face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let him confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 R. (14c) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

For your sake I bear insult, and shame covers my face. I have become an outcast to my brothers, a stranger to my mother's sons, because zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me.

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Insult has broken my heart, and I am weak, I looked for sympathy, but there was none; for consolers, not one could I find. Rather they put gall in my food, and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. **R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me. I will praise the name of God in song, and I will glorify him with thanksgiving: "See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive! For the LORD hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not."

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Verse Before the Gospel

Hail to you, our King; you alone are compassionate with our errors.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-25

One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain

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man and tell him, 'The teacher says, "My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples."" The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he redined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, "Surely it is not I, Lord?" He said in reply, "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He answered, "You have said so."

Today's Saints



Saint Bernadette of Lourdes Also known as Bernardette Soubirous, Sleeping Saint of Nevers, Bernada, Bernardetta, Bernardette, Maria Bernadette, Marie Bernarde

Additional Memorial 18 February in France

Oldest of six children born to François and Louise Casterot, and grew up very poor. Hired out as a servant from age 12 to 14. Shepherdess. On 11 February 1858, around the time of her first Communion, she received a vision of the Virgin; her own account of it is in the Readings section below. She received seventeen more in the next five months, and was led to a spring of healing waters. She moved into a house with the Sisters of Nevers at Lourdes where she lived, worked, and learned to read and write. The sisters cared for the sick and indigent, and at age 22 they admitted Bernadette into their order since she was both. Always sick herself, and often mistreated by her superiors, she died with a prayer for Mary's aid. Since the appearances of Mary to young Bernadette in 1858, more than 200 million people have visited the shrine of Lourdes.

Born: 7 January 1844 at Lourdes, Hautes-Pyrénées, France

Died: 16 April 1879, Nevers, Nièvre, France of natural causes, body incorrupt, the sisters covered the body in wax, and it is on display in Nevers

Canonized: 8 December 1933 by Pope Pius XI

Patronage: against bodily ills, illness and sickness, against poverty, Lourdes, France, people ridiculed for their piety, poor people, shepherdesses, shepherds, sick people,

Saint Fructuosus of Braga



Son of a Gothic general, and member of a noble military family. Studied at the seminary in Palencia. From an early age, Fructuosus felt a call to the religious life. Orphaned when young. When he came of age, Fructuosus gave away his family fortune to the poor, bought the freedom of slaves, and founded several monasteries. By 647 he had founded houses in Lusitania, Asturia, Spanish Galicia, and the island of Gades. Feeling that he lacked contact with God, Fructuosus left the houses and friends, and became a hermit in the desert of Galacia. His reputation for holiness and wisdom attracted students, sometimes entire families. He built monasteries for them, placed them under the Benedictine Rule, and served as abbot. He attracted so many disciples that the king limited the number of men who could join; he feared there would not be enough young men to man the army. Again feeling that the outside world was taking too much of this time, Fructuosus planned to flee further into the wilderness, this time to the deserts in Egypt. However, the king got word of the plan, decided too many people depended on his leadership, and ordered him not to leave the country. Bishop of Dumium in 654. Archbishop of Braga, Portugal in 656. Wrote two monastic rules, one of which was designed to allow families to remain together, yet live monastic lives.

Died: 16 April 665, his deathbed was a pile of ashes he had placed before the altar, relics translated to Santiago de Compostela, Spain in 1102, his tomb became a place for pilgrimages, and a scene of miracles.



Also known as Dreux, Drugo, Druon

Saint Drogo

Born to the Flemish nobility. His mother died giving him birth, a fact that emotionally crushed him when he learned of it at age 10; he imagined himself responsible for her death. Later in life he practiced extreme penances, possibly to explate this guilt. Orphaned in his teens. At 18, he disposed of all his property and became a penitential pilgrim, making nine trips to Rome, Italy. Shepherd for six years at Sebourg, near Valencienne, France, working for Elizabeth de la Haire. Revered for his holiness. Reportedly able to bilocate, with witnesses seeing him simultaneously working the fields and attending Mass. Stricken with an unsightly bodily affliction during a pilgrimage, he became a hermit at Sebourg in Hainault for 40 years surviving on barley, water, and the Eucharist. **Born:** 1105

Died: c.1186 at Seboug, France

Patronage: against bodily ills, against broken bones, against deafness, against dumbness, against gall stones, against hernias, against illness, against insanity, against mental illness, against muteness, against ruptures, against sickness, Baume-les-Messieurs, cattle, coffee house keepers, coffee house owners, deaf people, Fleury-sur-Loire, mentally ill people, midwives, mute people, mutes, orphans, sheep, shepherds, sick people, unattractive people.



