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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 19 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026 MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

TODAY'S SAINT

November 5: no saint on the U.S. calendar. From the Roman Martyrology:

St. Guido Maria Conforti, Bishop, overcame his father's opposition to enter the seminary. At about thirty he founded a missionary institute, under the patronage of St. Francis Xavier, to bring the Gospel to those who had not yet heard it. He served as bishop first in Ravenna and then in Parma, where he died. Pope Benedict XVI canonized him on October 23, 2011.



St. Guido Maria Conforti, photograph (1902)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Caritas Christi urget nos" — "The love of Christ impels us."

—Motto of St. Guido Conforti's missionaries (2 Corinthians 5:14)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: To which country did St. Guido Conforti send his first two missionaries in 1899?

A: China.

FROM THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY

✠ **Bl. Bernhard Lichtenberg**, priest of Berlin, arrested for praying publicly for the persecuted Jews; he died on the way to Dachau (1943).

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY (THURSDAY)

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, I pray Thee, by the Precious Body and Blood of thy Divine SON JESUS ... deliver the souls in purgatory, and especially that one which was most devoted to this mystery of infinite love, that it may with the same thy Divine SON, and with thy HOLY SPIRIT, ever praise Thee for thy love therein in eternal glory. Amen.

(Mothers for Priests brochure PS7)

For the deceased priests of this diocese, my Jesus mercy!

Recommended Prayer Brochure: PS6 Litany for the Faithful Departed



Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 15:1-10, November 5, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

C	O	I	N	S	J	H	H	E	A	V	E	N	F	K
T	O	H	Y	N	E	I	G	H	B	O	R	S	U	O
H	R	L	U	S	W	E	E	P	F	E	R	H	U	J
G	L	E	L	N	C	O	O	S	R	N	E	O	V	S
L	S	A	J	E	D	J	M	P	I	I	P	U	D	C
P	H	J	M	O	C	R	O	A	E	N	E	L	E	R
M	E	A	R	P	I	T	E	Y	N	E	N	D	S	I
U	E	E	O	K	T	C	O	D	D	T	T	E	E	B
F	P	A	R	A	B	L	E	R	S	Y	S	R	R	E
K	P	H	A	R	I	S	E	E	S	U	L	S	T	S

The tax **COLLECTORS** and **SINNERS** were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the **PHARISEES** and **SCRIBES** began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus addressed this **PARABLE** to them. "What man among you having a **HUNDRED SHEEP** and losing one of them would not leave the **NINETY-nine** in the **DESERT** and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his **SHOULDERS** with great **JOY** and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his **FRIENDS** and **NEIGHBORS** and says to them, 'REJOICE with me because I have found my lost sheep.'

I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in **HEAVEN** over one sinner who **REPENTS** than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. "Or what **WOMAN** having ten **COINS** and losing one would not light a **LAMP** and **SWEEP** the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.' In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), Thursday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time.

FROM THE CATECHISM

591. Why pray "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"?

The will of the Father is that "all men be saved" (1 Timothy 2:4). For this Jesus came: to perfectly fulfill the saving will of his Father. We pray God our Father to unite our will to that of his Son after the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints. We ask that this loving plan be fully realized on earth as it is already in heaven. It is through prayer that we can discern "what is the will of God" (Romans 12:2) and have the "steadfastness to do it" (Hebrews 10:36).

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 591