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TODAY'S SAINT

November 7: no saint on the U.S. calendar. From the Roman Martyrology:

St. Willibrord, the Apostle of the Frisians, was born in Northumbria in 658. He studied at Ripon and in Ireland. With eleven companions he went to preach in Frisia. In 695 Pope St. Sergius I made him a bishop in Rome. He made Utrecht his cathedral, founded the abbey of Echternach and died there on November 7, 739.



Rough map of St. Willibrord's mission. + = Ripon (his schooling), Utrecht (his cathedral) and Echternach (his abbey and tomb).

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: What new name did the pope give St. Willibrord at his consecration?

A: Clement.



St. Willibrord, 17th-century engraving, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam (CC0)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me."

—St. Paul, *Philippians 4:13* (today's first reading)

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY (SATURDAY)

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, I beseech Thee, by the Precious Blood which gushed forth from the side of thy Divine SON JESUS, in the sight of, and to the extreme pain of his most holy Mother, deliver the souls in purgatory, and especially that one amongst them all which was the most devout to her; that it may soon attain unto thy glory, there to praise Thee in her, and her in Thee, world without end.

Amen.

(*Mothers for Priests brochure PS7*)

For the rich, who now are the most destitute, my Jesus mercy!

Recommended Prayer Brochure: PSL Litany for the Poor Souls



Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 16:9-15, November 7, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I tell you, make **FRIENDS** for yourselves with **DISHONEST WEALTH**, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into **ETERNAL DWELLINGS**.

The person who is **TRUSTWORTHY** in very **SMALL MATTERS**

is also trustworthy in great ones;

and the person who is dishonest in very small matters

is also dishonest in great ones.

If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth,

who will trust you with true wealth?

If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another,

who will give you what is yours?

No **SERVANT** can serve two **MASTERS**.

He will either **HATE** one and love the other, or be **DEVOTED** to one and **DESPISE** the other.

You cannot serve God and **MAMMON**.”

The **PHARISEES**, who loved **MONEY**, heard all these things and **SNEERED** at him.

And he said to them,

“You justify yourselves in the sight of others, but God knows your **HEARTS**;

for what is of human esteem is an

ABOMINATION in the sight of God.”

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

FROM THE CATECHISM

172. Why must the Church proclaim the Gospel to the whole world?

The Church must do so because Christ has given the command: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). This missionary mandate of the Lord has its origin in the eternal love of God who has sent his Son and the Holy Spirit because “he desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4).

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 172