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SAINTS OF THE DAY

November 8: the Roman Martyrology remembers the Four Crowned Martyrs.

Five stonemasons of Pannonia, Sts. Claudius, Nicostratus, Symphorian, Castorius and Simplicius, refused to carve a statue of the pagan god Aesculapius. Under Diocletian they were put into leaden caskets and drowned in the river Save, about 305.

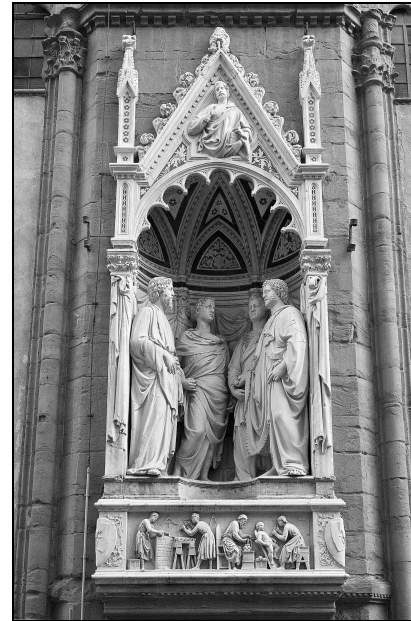
The Four Crowned Martyrs were Roman martyrs buried on the Via Labicana. A basilica was built in their honor on the Caelian Hill, and about 850 Pope St. Leo IV moved their relics there.

Legend: They were four Christian soldiers put to death at Rome; since their names were lost, they were honored on the same day as the five sculptors.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: Which Florentine guild commissioned Nanni di Banco's Four Crowned Martyrs at Orsanmichele?

A: The guild of stone and wood workers, whose patrons they were.



The Four Crowned Martyrs, Nanni di Banco (c. 1408–17), Orsanmichele, Florence. Photo: Armin Kleiner, CC BY-SA 4.0

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.”

—St. Paul, 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18 (today's second reading)

A PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Absolve, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed from every bond of sins, that by thy help they may be enabled to escape the judgment of punishment and enjoy the happiness of light eternal.

(Mothers for Priests brochure PS5)

For those whose release is near at hand, my Jesus mercy!

Recommended Prayer Brochure: PS4 Saint Gertrude Prayer for Departed



Sunday Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Matthew 25:1-13, November 8, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

“The **KINGDOM** of **HEAVEN** will be like ten **VIRGINS**

who took their **LAMPS** and went out to meet the **BRIDEGROOM**.

Five of them were **FOOLISH** and five were **WISE**.

The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them,

but the wise brought **FLASKS** of oil with their lamps.

Since the bridegroom was long **DELAYED**,

they all became **DROWSY** and fell **ASLEEP**.

At **MIDNIGHT**, there was a cry,

‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

Then all those virgins got up and **TRIMMED** their lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise,

‘Give us some of your oil,
for our lamps are going out.’

But the wise ones replied,

‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you.
Go instead to the **MERCHANTS** and buy some
for yourselves.’

While they went off to buy it,
the bridegroom came

and those who were **READY** went into the
WEDDING FEAST with him.

Then the door was **LOCKED**.

Afterwards the other virgins came and said,
‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’

But he said in reply,

‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’

Therefore, stay **AWAKE**,

for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

FROM THE CATECHISM

214. In what does the final judgment consist?

The final or universal judgment consists in a sentence of happiness or eternal condemnation, which the Lord Jesus will issue in regard to the “just and the unjust” (Acts 24:15) when he returns as the Judge of the living and the dead. After the last judgment, the resurrected body will share in the retribution which the soul received at the particular judgment.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 214