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TODAY'S FEAST

November 9: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.

St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome and the oldest of the great basilicas of Rome. An inscription calls it the mother and head of all the churches of the city and of the world.

Emperor Constantine gave the palace of the Lateran family to the Church about 311. The basilica was first dedicated to Christ the Savior; the dedication to St. John came later. It took its present look in a restoration by Pope Innocent X, with Borromini as architect.



Façade of St. John Lateran, Rome. Photo: Silar (2004), CC0

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

—St. Paul, 1 Corinthians 3:16 (today's second reading)

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY (MONDAY)

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, I pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which thy Divine SON JESUS shed in his cruel scourging, deliver the souls in purgatory, and that soul especially amongst them all which is nearest to its entrance into thy glory; that so it may forthwith begin to praise and bless Thee for ever. Amen.

(Mothers for Priests brochure PS7)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: How many ecumenical councils have been held at the Lateran?

A: Five, between 1123 and 1517.

For the priests and religious of the Catholic Church, my Jesus mercy!

Recommended Prayer Brochure: PS5 Prayers for the Poor Souls-Five Wounds



Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(John 2:13-22, November 9, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Since the **PASSOVER** of the Jews was near,
Jesus went up to **JERUSALEM**.
He found in the **TEMPLE** area those who sold
OXEN, SHEEP, and DOVES,
as well as the money-**CHANGERS** seated there.
He made a **WHIP** out of **CORDS**
and drove them all out of the temple area, with
the sheep and oxen,
and spilled the **COINS** of the money-changers
and **OVERTURNED** their **TABLES**,
and to those who sold doves he said,
"Take these out of here,
and stop making my Father's house a
MARKETPLACE."
His disciples recalled the words of **SCRIPTURE**,
ZEAL for your house will **CONSUME** me.

At this the Jews answered and said to him,
"What sign can you show us for doing this?"
Jesus answered and said to them,
"**DESTROY** this temple and in three days I will
raise it up."
The Jews said,
"This temple has been under **CONSTRUCTION**
for **FORTY**-six years,
and you will raise it up in three days?"
But he was speaking about the temple of his
BODY.
Therefore, when he was raised from the dead,
his disciples remembered that he had said this,
and they came to believe the Scripture
and the word Jesus had spoken.

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome.

FROM THE CATECHISM

159. Why is the Church called the temple of the Holy Spirit?

She is so called because the Holy Spirit resides in the body which is the Church, in her Head and in her members. He also builds up the Church in charity by the Word of God, the sacraments, the virtues, and charisms. "What the soul is to the human body, the Holy Spirit is to the members of Christ, that is, the body of Christ, which is the Church." (Saint Augustine)

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 159