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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 35 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026 MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

TODAY'S MEMORIAL

November 21: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Legend: the Protoevangelium of James, an early writing not part of the Bible, tells that Mary's parents brought her to the Temple at the age of three to be dedicated to God.

The feast began in the East.

Philippe de Mazières brought it to the West, where it was kept at Avignon in 1372, and Pope Sixtus V restored it to the calendar in 1585. It honors Mary's giving of herself wholly to God.



The Presentation of the Virgin (detail), Titian (1534-1538)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

—Jesus, Luke 20:38 (today's Gospel)

"HAIL MARY" FOR THE POOR SOULS (FIRST PART)

Hail Mary! Behold, most merciful Mother, Thy poor and sorrowful children who suffer so grievously in the purification of purgatory. We beg Thee, for the sake of the great joy which the angelic salutation caused Thee, have compassion on them, and send them Thy holy angel to bring them also joyful greeting, and to announce to them release from their sufferings.

(Mothers for Priests brochure PS8)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: What do the Eastern Churches call today's feast?

A: The Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple.

FROM THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY

✚ **Pope St. Gelasius I**, who taught clearly the rights of Church and state, and died poor after giving all to the poor (496).

For those who desire most to be united to Thee, my Jesus mercy!

Recommended Prayer Brochure: M28 Little Crown of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 20:27-40, November 21, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Some **SADDUCEES**, those who deny that there is a **RESURRECTION**, came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, **MOSES** wrote for us, If someone's **BROTHER** dies leaving a **WIFE** but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up **DESCENDANTS** for his brother. Now there were **SEVEN** brothers; the first **MARRIED** a woman but died **CHILDLESS**. Then the second and the third married her, and likewise all the seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her." Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry;

but those who are deemed **WORTHY** to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like **ANGELS**; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the **BUSH**, when he called 'Lord' the God of **ABRAHAM**, the God of **ISAAC**, and the God of **JACOB**; and he is not God of the dead, but of the **LIVING**, for to him all are **ALIVE**." Some of the **SCRIBES** said in reply, "Teacher, you have answered well." And they no longer dared to ask him anything.

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

FROM THE CATECHISM

198. What kind of devotion is directed to the holy Virgin?

It is a singular kind of devotion which differs essentially from the cult of adoration given only to the Most Holy Trinity. This special veneration directed to Mary finds particular expression in the liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and in Marian prayers such as the holy Rosary which is a compendium of the whole Gospel.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 198