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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2026

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

TODAY'S SAINT

November 25: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr.

Legend: Catherine, a young Christian of Alexandria, debated fifty pagan philosophers at the age of eighteen and won them to Christ. Sentenced to die on a spiked wheel, she touched it and it shattered; she was then beheaded. Angels are said to have carried her body to Mount Sinai.

Her relics are venerated in the monastery on Mount Sinai. She is a patron of students, teachers, librarians and lawyers.



St. Catherine of Alexandria, Caravaggio (c. 1598)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty. Just and true are your ways, O king of the nations.”

—Revelation 15:3 (today's first reading)

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY (WEDNESDAY)

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, I pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which thy Divine SON JESUS shed in the streets of Jerusalem, when He carried the Cross upon his sacred shoulders, deliver the souls in purgatory, and especially that soul which is richest in merits before Thee; that so, in that throne of glory which awaits it, it may magnify Thee and bless Thee for ever. Amen.

(Mothers for Priests brochure PS7)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: St. Catherine belongs to which group of saints, honored especially in Germany and Hungary?

A: The Fourteen Holy Helpers.

For my brothers and sisters and other near relatives, my Jesus mercy!

Recommended Prayer Brochure: PS9 Novena for Poor Souls Saint Alphonsus



Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 21:12-19, November 25, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Jesus said to the **CROWD**:

“They will **SEIZE** and **PERSECUTE** you,
they will hand you over to the
SYNAGOGUES and to **PRISONS**,
and they will have you led before **KINGS** and
GOVERNORS

because of my name.

It will lead to your giving **TESTIMONY**.

Remember, you are not to prepare your

DEFENSE beforehand,

for I myself shall give you a **WISDOM** in
speaking

that all your **ADVERSARIES** will be

POWERLESS to resist or **REFUTE**.

You will even be handed over by **PARENTS**,
brothers, **RELATIVES**, and **FRIENDS**,
and they will put some of you to death.

You will be **HATED** by all because of my
name,

but not a **HAIR** on your head will be
destroyed.

By your **PERSEVERANCE** you will **SECURE**
your lives.”

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

FROM THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY

✚ **St. Peter**, Bishop of Alexandria, beheaded under Galerius Maximian, the last victim of the great persecution.

FROM THE CATECHISM

389. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are permanent dispositions which make us docile in following divine inspirations. They are seven: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 389