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TODAY'S SAINT

November 26: Thanksgiving Day.

No saint on the U.S. calendar. From the Roman Martyrology:

St. Leonard of Port Maurice was born at Porto Maurizio on the Italian Riviera in 1676 and became a Franciscan in 1697. He preached missions all over Italy and in Corsica, often in the open air because the churches could not hold the crowds. He spread devotion to the Stations of the Cross, the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Sacrament. He died in Rome on November 26, 1751, and was canonized in 1867.

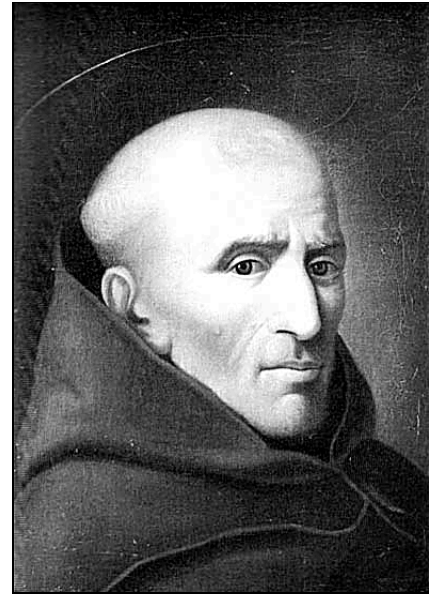
CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: Besides the famous Stations in the Colosseum, how many Stations of the Cross did St. Leonard set up?

A: 571 more, all over Italy.

FROM THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY

✚ **Pope St. Siricius**, whom St. Ambrose praised as a true teacher of the bishops.



St. Leonard of Port Maurice, portrait (c. 1750)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, his courts with praise; Give thanks to him; bless his name.”

—*Psalm 100:4 (today's responsorial psalm)*

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

O MY God! I give Thee thanks for having created me, for having preserved me, for having redeemed me by the Precious Blood of Thy Son, for having made me a child of the holy Catholic Church, and generally for all the favors I have received from Thy Infinite Goodness.

(St. Lucy Prayer Book)

For my spiritual and temporal benefactors, my Jesus mercy!

Recommended Prayer Brochure: TH3 Litany of Thanksgiving Prayers



Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 21:20-28, November 26, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When you see **JERUSALEM** surrounded by
ARMIES,

know that its **DESOLATION** is at hand.

Then those in **JUDEA** must flee to the
MOUNTAINS.

Let those within the city escape from it,
and let those in the **COUNTRYSIDE** not enter
the city,

for these days are the time of punishment
when all the **SCRIPTURES** are fulfilled.

Woe to **PREGNANT** women and nursing
mothers in those days,

for a terrible **CALAMITY** will come upon the
earth

and a wrathful judgment upon this people.

They will fall by the edge of the **SWORD**
and be taken as **CAPTIVES** to all the
GENTILES;

and Jerusalem will be **TRAMPLED** underfoot
by the Gentiles

until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

“There will be signs in the sun, the **MOON**,
and the **STARS**,

and on earth nations will be in dismay,
perplexed by the **ROARING** of the sea and the
WAVES.

People will die of fright

in anticipation of what is coming upon the
world,

for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man
coming in a **CLOUD** with power and great
glory.

But when these signs begin to happen,
stand **ERECT** and raise your heads
because your **REDEMPTION** is at hand.”

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

FROM THE CATECHISM

551. What is “blessing”?

The prayer of blessing is man’s response to God’s gifts: we bless the Almighty who first blesses us and fills us with his gifts.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 551