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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 41 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2026 MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

TODAY'S SAINT

November 27: no saint on the U.S. calendar. From the Roman Martyrology:

St. Vergilius (Fergal) was Abbot of Aghaboe in Ireland and left his homeland about 745. Welcomed in France by Pepin, he went on to Bavaria, became abbot of St. Peter's at Salzburg and, in 766 or 767, its bishop. He built a cathedral in honor of St. Rupert and spread the faith in Carinthia. He died at Salzburg on November 27, 789, and was canonized in 1233.



St. Vergilius of Salzburg, engraving (1615), Rijksmuseum (CC0)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

—Revelation 21:2 (today's first reading)

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY (FRIDAY)

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, I pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which thy Divine SON shed on this day upon the wood of the Cross, especially from his most sacred hands and feet, deliver the souls in purgatory, and in particular that soul for which I am most bound to pray; that no neglect of mine may hinder it from praising Thee in thy glory and blessing Thee for ever. Amen.

(Mothers for Priests brochure PS7)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: What did St. Vergilius teach about the shape of the earth?

A: That the earth is a sphere.

FROM THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY

✠ **St. James Intercisus**, a Persian who denied Christ, repented at the urging of his mother and wife, and was martyred by being cut to pieces.

For those whose release is most remote, my Jesus mercy!

Recommended Prayer Brochure: PS2 Prayers for cemetery visit



Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 21:29-33, November 27, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

JESUS told his DISCIPLES a PARABLE.

“Consider the FIG tree and all the other TREES.

When their BUDS BURST OPEN,
you see for yourselves and know that
SUMMER is now NEAR;

in the same way, when you see these things
happening,

know that the KINGDOM of GOD is near.

Amen, I say to you, this GENERATION will
not PASS away

until all these things have taken place.

HEAVEN and EARTH will pass away,
but my WORDS will not pass away.”

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

FROM THE CATECHISM

216. What is the hope of the new heavens and the new earth?

After the final judgment the universe itself, freed from its bondage to decay, will share in the glory of Christ with the beginning of “the new heavens” and a “new earth” (2 Peter 3:13). Thus, the fullness of the Kingdom of God will come about, that is to say, the definitive realization of the salvific plan of God to “unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth” (Ephesians 1:10). God will then be “all in all” (1 Corinthians 15:28) in eternal life.
“Amen”

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 216