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# Ephesus Notes



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## SAINT OF THE DAY

**December 2: St. Bibiana, Virgin and Martyr (Roman Martyrology).**

**St. Bibiana** was a Roman virgin martyred, by tradition, under Julian the Apostate in the 360s. A basilica was built over her tomb on the Esquiline Hill and still stands; Bernini carved its marble statue of her in the 1620s.

**The Prophet Habakkuk** is also remembered today. St. Paul quotes his words: "The one who is righteous by faith will live" (Romans 1:17).

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA

**Q:** Which pope consecrated the first basilica of St. Bibiana in Rome?

**A:** Pope St. Simplicius (468–483).

## FROM THE CATECHISM

**272. When did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist?**

Jesus instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday "the night on which he was betrayed" (1 Corinthians 11:23), as he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles.

*Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 272*



*St. Bibiana, Virgin and Martyr, etching by Jacques Callot (c. 1632), Metropolitan Museum of Art*

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces."**

*—Isaiah 25:8 (today's first reading)*

## ADVENT PRAYER (FROM THE LITANY OF LORETO)

O God, you willed that, at the message of an angel, your word should take flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary; grant to your suppliant people, that we, who believe her to be truly the Mother of God, may be helped by her intercession with you. Through the same Christ our Lord.

*(Mothers for Priests brochure AII7)*

**Mary, Queen of virgins, Pray for us.**

**Recommended Prayer Brochure: AII7 M01 Litany of Loreto with Advent Prayer**



# Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Matthew 15:29-37, December 2, 2026)

*Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.*

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At that time:

Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee,  
went up on the **MOUNTAIN**, and sat down  
there.

Great **CROWDS** came to him,  
having with them the **LAME**, the **BLIND**, the  
**DEFORMED**, the **MUTE**,  
and many others.

They placed them at his feet, and he **CURED**  
them.

The crowds were **AMAZED** when they saw  
the mute speaking,  
the deformed made whole,  
the lame walking,  
and the blind able to see,  
and they **GLORIFIED** the God of **ISRAEL**.  
Jesus summoned his disciples and said,  
"My heart is moved with **PITY** for the crowd,  
for they have been with me now for three  
days  
and have nothing to eat.

I do not want to send them away **HUNGRY**,

for fear they may **COLLAPSE** on the way."

The disciples said to him,  
"Where could we ever get enough bread in  
this **DESERTED** place  
to satisfy such a crowd?"

Jesus said to them, "How many **LOAVES** do  
you have?"

"**SEVEN**," they replied, "and a few **FISH**."  
He ordered the crowd to sit down on the  
ground.

Then he took the seven loaves and the fish,  
gave **THANKS**, broke the loaves,  
and gave them to the disciples, who in turn  
gave them to the crowds.

They all ate and were satisfied.

They picked up the **FRAGMENTS** left over—  
seven **BASKETS** full.