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Ephesus Notes



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TODAY'S SAINT

**December 11: Pope
St. Damasus I.**

St. Damasus, born in Rome around 305, was pope from 366 to 384. He asked St. Jerome, his secretary, to revise the Latin translation of the Gospels, the beginning of the Vulgate. He searched out and restored the tombs of the martyrs in the catacombs and adorned them with verses he wrote himself, carved in beautiful letters by the calligrapher Furius Dionysius Filocalus.



Pope St. Damasus, from the Bible of St. Martial of Limoges (11th century)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I, the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go."

—Isaiah 48:17 (today's first reading)

ADVENT ASPIRATIONS

Come, Lord Jesus, give us the capacity to prepare well for your coming at Christmas.

Come, Lord Jesus, give us the grace to serve you faithfully each moment of each day.

... Come, Lord Jesus, show us how to sanctify our daily work. Come, Lord Jesus, show us how to delight in serving others.

(Mothers for Priests brochure Advent Aspirations)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: Why did Pope St. Damasus choose not to be buried in the Crypt of the Popes?

A: In verses he wrote, he said he feared to disturb the holy ashes of the martyrs.

Mary, Tower of ivory, Pray for us.

Recommended Prayer Brochure: Advent Aspirations



Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Matthew 11:16-19, December 11, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Jesus said to the crowds:

“To what shall I **COMPARE** this
GENERATION?

It is like **CHILDREN** who sit in
MARKETPLACES and call to one another,
‘We **PLAYED** the **FLUTE** for you, but you did
not **DANCE**,
we **SANG** a **DIRGE** but you did not
MOURN.’

For **JOHN** came neither **EATING** nor
DRINKING, and they said,

‘He is possessed by a **DEMON**.’

The Son of Man came eating and drinking
and they said,

‘Look, he is a **GLUTTON** and a
DRUNKARD,
a **FRIEND** of tax **COLLECTORS** and
SINNERS.’

But **WISDOM** is vindicated by her works.”

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), Friday of the Second Week of Advent.

FROM THE CATECHISM

22. What importance does the New Testament have for Christians?

The New Testament, whose central object is Jesus Christ, conveys to us the ultimate truth of divine Revelation. Within the New Testament the four Gospels of Mathew, Mark, Luke and John are the heart of all the Scriptures because they are the principle witness to the life and teaching of Jesus. As such, they hold a unique place in the Church.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 22