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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 15 **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

TODAY'S SOLEMNITY

November 1: All Saints. Today the Church honors all the saints, known and unknown.

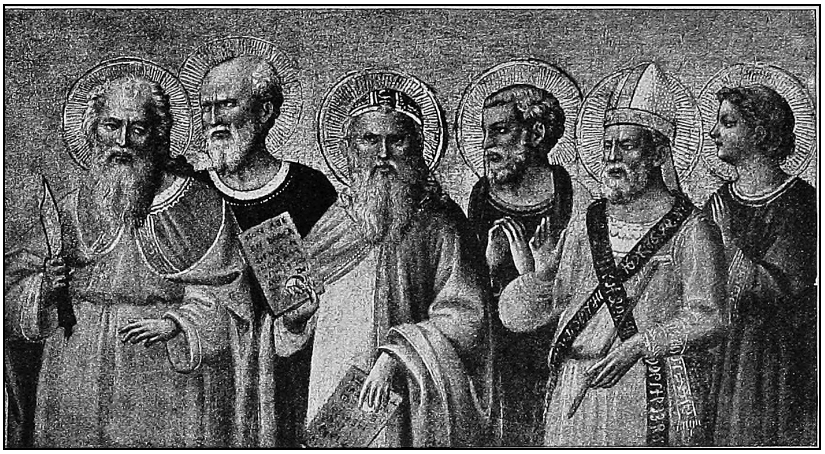
In the West, Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs on May 13, 609 or 610. Pope Gregory III (731–741) dedicated a chapel in St. Peter's to all the saints and fixed the feast on November 1. Pope Gregory IV (827–844) extended it to the whole Church.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: When do the Byzantine Churches keep their feast of All Saints?
A: On the first Sunday after Pentecost.

ON THIS DATE IN CATHOLIC CHURCH HISTORY

November 1, 1950: Pope Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Munificentissimus Deus).



Saints, from the predella of Fra Angelico's Fiesole Altarpiece (c. 1423–24), National Gallery, London

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue."

—St. John, Revelation 7:9 (today's first reading)

PRAYER TO OBTAIN THE HELP OF THE SAINTS

Assist me, I pray, all ye Saints of God to whose protection I fly, assist me before death lays its hand on me; before the wrath of God strikes me, before the grave closes over me.

… Again and again, yea always, will I turn to you, O all ye holy Saints: come to my aid, take pity on me; raise me up when I fall; correct me when I err.

(Mothers for Priests brochure S22)

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For those who are especially beloved by Thee, *my Jesus mercy!*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: S44 Litany of All Saints

Sunday Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Matthew 5:1-12a, November 1, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

When Jesus saw the **CROWDS**, he went up the **MOUNTAIN**,
and after he had sat down, his **DISCIPLES** came to him.
He began to teach them, saying:
"**BLESSED** are the **POOR** in **SPIRIT**,
for theirs is the **KINGDOM** of **HEAVEN**.
Blessed are they who **MOURN**,
for they will be **COMFORTED**.
Blessed are the **MEEK**,
for they will **INHERIT** the land.
Blessed are they who **HUNGER** and **THIRST** for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the **MERCIFUL**,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the **PEACEMAKERS**,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are **PERSECUTED** for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.
REJOICE and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), Solemnity of All Saints.

From the Catechism

165. In what way is the Church holy?

The Church is holy insofar as the Most Holy God is her author. Christ has given himself for her to sanctify her and make her a source of sanctification. The Holy Spirit gives her life with charity. In the Church one finds the fullness of the means of salvation. Holiness is the vocation of each of her members and the purpose of all her activities. The Church counts among her members the Virgin Mary and numerous Saints who are her models and intercessors. The holiness of the Church is the fountain of sanctification for her children who here on earth recognize themselves as sinners ever in need of conversion and purification.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 165

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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 16 **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

TODAY'S COMMEMORATION

November 2: All Souls' Day. The Church prays for all the faithful departed.

St. Odilo of Cluny (died 1048) ordered that all the faithful departed be remembered every year in the monasteries of his congregation. From there the custom spread to other monasteries and dioceses.

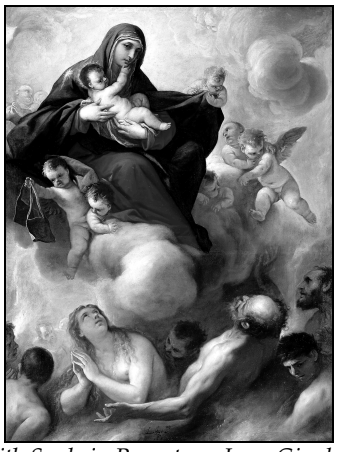
The souls who leave this life not yet fully cleansed can be helped by the prayers, almsgiving and above all the Masses offered by the faithful on earth.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: What special privilege do priests have on All Souls' Day?
A: They may offer three Masses; Pope Benedict XV extended this to all priests in 1915.

FROM THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY

✚ **St. Victorinus,** Bishop of Ptuj (in present-day Slovenia), who wrote many commentaries on Holy Scripture and was crowned with martyrdom under Diocletian.



Madonna and Child with Souls in Purgatory, Luca Giordano (1665), Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Lay this body anywhere, let not the care for it trouble you at all. This only I ask, that you will remember me at the Lord's altar, wherever you be."

—St. Monica, in St. Augustine's Confessions

PRAYER FOR THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in union with all the Masses said around the world today, for all the Poor Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, in the Universal Church, in my home and in my family. Amen.

(St. Lucy Prayer Book)

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For my dear parents and grandparents, *my Jesus mercy!*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: PS1 Prayers for the Poor Souls

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(John 6:37-40, November 2, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Jesus said to the **CROWDS**:
"**EVERYTHING** that the **FATHER** gives me
will come to me,
and I will not **REJECT** anyone who **COMES**
to me,
because I came down from **HEAVEN** not to
do my own will
but the will of the one who **SENT** me.
And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not **LOSE ANYTHING** of what
he gave me,
but that I should **RAISE** it on the **LAST** day.
For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and
BELIEVES in him
may have **ETERNAL LIFE**,
and I shall raise him on the last day."

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

From the Catechism

210. What is purgatory?

Purgatory is the state of those who die in God's friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 210

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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 17 **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

TODAY'S SAINT

November 3: St. Martin de Porres, Religious.

St. Martin was born in 1579, the son of a freed woman of Panama and a Spanish nobleman, and grew up poor in Lima, Peru. At 12 he was apprenticed to a barber-surgeon. He joined the Dominicans, first as a lay helper and later as a brother. He nursed the sick, cared for slaves brought from Africa, helped found an orphanage and fed the poor. He was a friend of St. Rose of Lima and died on November 3, 1639.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: Which pope canonized St. Martin de Porres?
A: Pope St. John XXIII, on May 6, 1962.

FROM THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY

✚ **St. Pirminius,** bishop and abbot of Reichenau, who evangelized the Alamanni and founded many monasteries.



St. Martin de Porres, 17th-century painting (unknown artist)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"… Sell me. I am the property of the order. Sell me."

—St. Martin de Porres, when his priory was in debt

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY (TUESDAY)

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, I pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which thy Divine SON JESUS shed in his bitter crowning with thorns, deliver the souls in purgatory, and in particular that one amongst them all which would be the last to depart out of those pains, that it may not tarry so long a time before it come to praise Thee in thy glory and bless Thee for ever. Amen.

(Mothers for Priests brochure PS7)

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For the poor, who did not seek the treasures of heaven, *my Jesus mercy!*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: PS3 Prayers for the Departed by St JHN

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 14:15-24, November 3, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

One of those at **TABLE** with Jesus said to him,
"Blessed is the one who will **DINE** in the **KINGDOM** of God."
He replied to him,
"A man gave a great **DINNER** to which he **INVITED** many.
When the time for the dinner came,
he dispatched his **SERVANT** to say to those invited,
'Come, everything is now ready.'
But one by one, they all began to **EXCUSE** themselves.
The first said to him,
'I have purchased a **FIELD** and must go to examine it;
I ask you, consider me excused.'
And another said, 'I have purchased five yoke of **OXEN**
and am on my way to evaluate them;
I ask you, consider me excused.'
And another said, 'I have just **MARRIED** a woman,
and therefore I cannot come.'
The servant went and reported this to his **MASTER**.
Then the master of the house in a **RAGE** commanded his servant,
'Go out quickly into the **STREETS** and **ALLEYS** of the town
and bring in here the **POOR** and the **CRIPPLED**, the **BLIND** and the **LAME**.'
The servant reported, 'Sir, your orders have been carried out
and still there is room.'
The master then ordered the servant,
'Go out to the **HIGHWAYS** and **HEDGEROWS**
and make people come in that my home may be filled.
For, I tell you, none of those men who were invited will taste my dinner.'"

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

From the Catechism

520. By what is love for the poor inspired?

Love for the poor is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes and by the example of Jesus in his constant concern for the poor. Jesus said, "Whatever you have done to the least of my brethren, you have done to me" (Matthew 25:40). Love for the poor shows itself through the struggle against material poverty and also against the many forms of cultural, moral, and religious poverty. The spiritual and corporal works of mercy and the many charitable institutions formed throughout the centuries are a concrete witness to the preferential love for the poor which characterizes the disciples of Jesus.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 520

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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 18 **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

TODAY'S SAINT

November 4: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop.

Born in 1538 to a noble family of Milan, Charles was made a cardinal by his uncle, Pope Pius IV, while still a young layman. He helped keep the Council of Trent in session and then reformed the Archdiocese of Milan, giving most of his income to charity. During the plague and famine of 1576 he stayed in the city, cared for the sick and fed 60,000 to 70,000 people a day. He died in 1584, at the age of 46.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: St. Charles promoted which work for teaching children, an early form of the Sunday school?
A: The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

FROM THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY

✚ **Sts. Vitalis and Agricola,** martyrs at Bologna; Vitalis was first Agricola's slave.



St. Charles Borromeo, Giovanni Ambrogio Figino (late 16th century)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We ought to walk in front, and our spiritual subjects will follow us more easily."

—St. Charles Borromeo, on reform beginning with bishops

PRAYER BY ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Almighty God, you have generously made known to man the mysteries of your life through Jesus Christ your Son in the Holy Spirit. Enlighten my mind to know these mysteries which your Church treasures and teaches. Move my heart to love them and my will to live in accord with them.
… Help me to be faithful to this task that you have entrusted to me. Amen.

(Mothers for Priests brochure CB1)

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For the bishops and their counselors, *my Jesus mercy!*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: CB1 Litany of Saint Charles Borromeo

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 14:25-33, November 4, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Great **CROWDS** were traveling with Jesus,
and he turned and addressed them,
"If anyone comes to me without hating his
FATHER and **MOTHER**,
WIFE and **CHILDREN**, **BROTHERS** and
SISTERS,
and even his own life,
he cannot be my **DISCIPLE**.
Whoever does not carry his own **CROSS** and
come after me
cannot be my disciple.
Which of you wishing to construct a **TOWER**
does not first sit down and **CALCULATE** the
COST
to see if there is enough for its completion?
Otherwise, after laying the **FOUNDATION**
and finding himself unable to **FINISH** the work
the onlookers should laugh at him and say,
'This one began to build but did not have the
resources to finish.'
Or what **KING** marching into **BATTLE** would
not first sit down
and decide whether with ten thousand **TROOPS**
he can successfully oppose another king
advancing upon him with twenty thousand
troops?
But if not, while he is still far away,
he will send a delegation to ask for **PEACE**
terms.
In the same way,
everyone of you who does not renounce all his
POSSESSIONS
cannot be my disciple."

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

From the Catechism

187. How do the Bishops exercise their function of governing?

Every bishop, insofar as he is a member of the college of bishops, bears collegially the care for all particular Churches and for the entire Church along with all the other bishops who are united to the Pope. A bishop to whom a particular Church has been entrusted governs that Church with the authority of his own sacred power which is ordinary and immediate and exercised in the name of Christ, the Good Shepherd, in communion with the entire Church and under the guidance of the Successor of Peter.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 187

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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 19 **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

TODAY'S SAINT

November 5: no saint on the U.S. calendar. From the Roman Martyrology:

St. Guido Maria Conforti, Bishop, overcame his father's opposition to enter the seminary. At about thirty he founded a missionary institute, under the patronage of St. Francis Xavier, to bring the Gospel to those who had not yet heard it. He served as bishop first in Ravenna and then in Parma, where he died. Pope Benedict XVI canonized him on October 23, 2011.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: To which country did St. Guido Conforti send his first two missionaries in 1899?
A: China.

FROM THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY

✚ **Bl. Bernhard Lichtenberg,** priest of Berlin, arrested for praying publicly for the persecuted Jews; he died on the way to Dachau (1943).



St. Guido Maria Conforti, photograph (1902)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Caritas Christi urget nos" — "The love of Christ impels us."

—Motto of St. Guido Conforti's missionaries (2 Corinthians 5:14)

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY (THURSDAY)

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, I pray Thee, by the Precious Body and Blood of thy Divine SON JESUS … deliver the souls in purgatory, and especially that one which was most devoted to this mystery of infinite love, that it may with the same thy Divine SON, and with thy HOLY SPIRIT, ever praise Thee for thy love therein in eternal glory. Amen.

(Mothers for Priests brochure PS7)

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For the deceased priests of this diocese, *my Jesus mercy!*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: PS6 Litany for the Faithful Departed

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 15:1-10, November 5, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

The tax **COLLECTORS** and **SINNERS** were all drawing near to listen to Jesus,
but the **PHARISEES** and **SCRIBES** began to complain, saying,
"This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."
So Jesus addressed this **PARABLE** to them.
"What man among you having a **HUNDRED SHEEP** and losing one of them
would not leave the **NINETY**-nine in the **DESERT**
and go after the lost one until he finds it?
And when he does find it,
he sets it on his **SHOULDERS** with great **JOY**
and, upon his arrival home,
he calls together his **FRIENDS** and **NEIGHBORS** and says to them,
'**REJOICE** with me because I have found my lost sheep.'
I tell you, in just the same way
there will be more joy in **HEAVEN** over one sinner who **REPENTS**
than over ninety-nine righteous people
who have no need of repentance.
"Or what **WOMAN** having ten **COINS** and losing one
would not light a **LAMP** and **SWEEP** the house,
searching carefully until she finds it?
And when she does find it,
she calls together her friends and neighbors
and says to them,
'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.'
In just the same way, I tell you,
there will be rejoicing among the angels of God
over one sinner who repents."

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

From the Catechism

591. Why pray "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"?

The will of the Father is that "all men be saved" (1 Timothy 2:4). For this Jesus came: to perfectly fulfill the saving will of his Father. We pray God our Father to unite our will to that of his Son after the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints. We ask that this loving plan be fully realized on earth as it is already in heaven. It is through prayer that we can discern "what is the will of God" (Romans 12:2) and have the "steadfastness to do it" (Hebrews 10:36).

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 591

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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 20 **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

SAINTS OF THE DAY

November 6: no saint on the U.S. calendar. From the Roman Martyrology:

St. Leonard, hermit, founded a monastery at Noblac near Limoges in France. From the eleventh century devotion to him spread through Western Europe, and he was invoked for prisoners and captives. He is usually shown holding chains.

Legend: A late Life says he was a Frankish noble, godson of St. Remigius, who obtained from King Clovis the release of many prisoners.

St. Illtud, abbot, founded the monastery of Llanilltud Fawr (Llantwit Major) in Wales, a great school where Sts. Gildas and Samson studied.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: Besides prisoners, who call on St. Leonard, because of a legend about King Clovis's queen?
A: Mothers in childbirth.



Reliquary bust of St. Leonard, Viterbo, Italy (19th century)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

—St. Paul, Philippians 3:20 (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)

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For my friends and neighbors, *my Jesus mercy!*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: PS2 Prayers for cemetery visit

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 16:1-8, November 6, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a **STEWARD**
who was reported to him for **SQUANDERING** his **PROPERTY**.
He **SUMMONED** him and said,
'What is this I hear about you?
Prepare a full **ACCOUNT** of your stewardship,
because you can no longer be my steward.'
The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do,
now that my **MASTER** is taking the position of steward away from me?
I am not strong enough to dig and I am **ASHAMED** to beg.
I know what I shall do so that,
when I am removed from the stewardship,
they may welcome me into their homes.'
He called in his master's **DEBTORS** one by one.
To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?'
He replied, 'One **HUNDRED MEASURES** of **OLIVE** oil.'
He said to him, 'Here is your **PROMISSORY** note.
Sit down and quickly **WRITE** one for **FIFTY**.'
Then to another he said, 'And you, how much do you owe?'
He replied, 'One hundred measures of **WHEAT**.'
He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note;
write one for **EIGHTY**.'
And the master **COMMENDED** that **DISHONEST** steward for acting **PRUDENTLY**.
For the children of this world
are more prudent in dealing with their own generation
than the children of light."

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

From the Catechism

209. What is meant by the term "heaven"?

By "heaven" is meant the state of supreme and definitive happiness. Those who die in the grace of God and have no need of further purification are gathered around Jesus and Mary, the angels and the saints. They thus form the Church of heaven, where they see God "face to face" (1 Corinthians 13:12). They live in a communion of love with the Most Blessed Trinity and they intercede for us. "True and subsistent life consists in this: the Father, through the Son and in the Holy Spirit, pouring out his heavenly gifts on all things without exception. Thanks to his mercy, we too, men that we are, have received the inalienable promise of eternal life." (Saint Cyril of Jerusalem)

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 209

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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 21 **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

TODAY'S SAINT

November 7: no saint on the U.S. calendar. From the Roman Martyrology:

St. Willibrord, the Apostle of the Frisians, was born in Northumbria in 658. He studied at Ripon and in Ireland. With eleven companions he went to preach in Frisia. In 695 Pope St. Sergius I made him a bishop in Rome. He made Utrecht his cathedral, founded the abbey of Echternach and died there on November 7, 739.



Rough map of St. Willibrord's mission. ✚ = Ripon (his schooling), Utrecht (his cathedral) and Echternach (his abbey and tomb).

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: What new name did the pope give St. Willibrord at his consecration?
A: Clement.



St. Willibrord, 17th-century engraving, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam (CC0)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me."

—St. Paul, Philippians 4:13 (today's first reading)

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY (SATURDAY)

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, I beseech Thee, by the Precious Blood which gushed forth from the side of thy Divine SON JESUS, in the sight of, and to the extreme pain of his most holy Mother, deliver the souls in purgatory, and especially that one amongst them all which was the most devout to her; that it may soon attain unto thy glory, there to praise Thee in her, and her in Thee, world without end. Amen.

(Mothers for Priests brochure PS7)

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For the rich, who now are the most destitute, *my Jesus mercy!*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: PSL Litany for the Poor Souls

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 16:9-15, November 7, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Jesus said to his disciples:
"I tell you, make **FRIENDS** for yourselves with **DISHONEST WEALTH**,
so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into **ETERNAL DWELLINGS**.
The person who is **TRUSTWORTHY** in very **SMALL MATTERS**
is also trustworthy in great ones;
and the person who is dishonest in very small matters
is also dishonest in great ones.
If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth,
who will trust you with true wealth?
If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another,
who will give you what is yours?
No **SERVANT** can serve two **MASTERS**.
He will either **HATE** one and love the other,
or be **DEVOTED** to one and **DESPISE** the other.
You cannot serve God and **MAMMON**."
The **PHARISEES**, who loved **MONEY**,
heard all these things and **SNEERED** at him.
And he said to them,
"You justify yourselves in the sight of others,
but God knows your **HEARTS**;
for what is of human esteem is an **ABOMINATION** in the sight of God."

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

From the Catechism

172. Why must the Church proclaim the Gospel to the whole world?

The Church must do so because Christ has given the command: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). This missionary mandate of the Lord has its origin in the eternal love of God who has sent his Son and the Holy Spirit because "he desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 172