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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 22 **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

SAINTS OF THE DAY

November 8: the Roman Martyrology remembers the Four Crowned Martyrs.

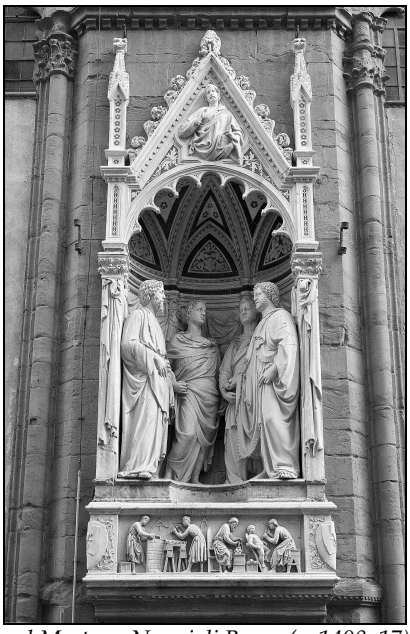
Five stonemasons of Pannonia, Sts. Claudius, Nicostratus, Symphorian, Castorius and Simplicius, refused to carve a statue of the pagan god Aesculapius. Under Diocletian they were put into leaden caskets and drowned in the river Save, about 305.

The Four Crowned Martyrs were Roman martyrs buried on the Via Labicana. A basilica was built in their honor on the Caelian Hill, and about 850 Pope St. Leo IV moved their relics there.

Legend: They were four Christian soldiers put to death at Rome; since their names were lost, they were honored on the same day as the five sculptors.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: Which Florentine guild commissioned Nanni di Banco's Four Crowned Martyrs at Orsanmichele?
A: The guild of stone and wood workers, whose patrons they were.



The Four Crowned Martyrs, Nanni di Banco (c. 1408–17), Orsanmichele, Florence. Photo: Armin Kleiner, CC BY-SA 4.0

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words."

—St. Paul, 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18 (today's second reading)

A PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Absolve, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed from every bond of sins, that by thy help they may be enabled to escape the judgment of punishment and enjoy the happiness of light eternal.

(Mothers for Priests brochure PS5)

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For those whose release is near at hand, *my Jesus mercy!*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: PS4 Saint Gertrude Prayer for Departed

Sunday Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Matthew 25:1-13, November 8, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Jesus told his disciples this parable:
"The **KINGDOM** of **HEAVEN** will be like ten **VIRGINS**
who took their **LAMPS** and went out to meet the **BRIDEGROOM**.
Five of them were **FOOLISH** and five were **WISE**.
The foolish ones, when taking their lamps,
brought no oil with them,
but the wise brought **FLASKS** of oil with their lamps.
Since the bridegroom was long **DELAYED**,
they all became **DROWSY** and fell **ASLEEP**.
At **MIDNIGHT**, there was a cry,
'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'
Then all those virgins got up and **TRIMMED** their lamps.
The foolish ones said to the wise,
'Give us some of your oil,
for our lamps are going out.'
But the wise ones replied,
'No, for there may not be enough for us and you.
Go instead to the **MERCHANTS** and buy some for yourselves.'
While they went off to buy it,
the bridegroom came
and those who were **READY** went into the **WEDDING FEAST** with him.
Then the door was **LOCKED**.
Afterwards the other virgins came and said,
'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!'
But he said in reply,
'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'
Therefore, stay **AWAKE**,
for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

From the Catechism

214. In what does the final judgment consist?

The final or universal judgment consists in a sentence of happiness or eternal condemnation, which the Lord Jesus will issue in regard to the "just and the unjust" (Acts 24:15) when he returns as the Judge of the living and the dead. After the last judgment, the resurrected body will share in the retribution which the soul received at the particular judgment.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 214

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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 23 **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

TODAY'S FEAST

November 9: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.

St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome and the oldest of the great basilicas of Rome. An inscription calls it the mother and head of all the churches of the city and of the world.

Emperor Constantine gave the palace of the Lateran family to the Church about 311. The basilica was first dedicated to Christ the Savior; the dedication to St. John came later. It took its present look in a restoration by Pope Innocent X, with Borromini as architect.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: How many ecumenical councils have been held at the Lateran?
A: Five, between 1123 and 1517.



Façade of St. John Lateran, Rome. Photo: Silar (2004), CC0

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

—St. Paul, 1 Corinthians 3:16 (today's second reading)

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY (MONDAY)

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, I pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which thy Divine SON JESUS shed in his cruel scourging, deliver the souls in purgatory, and that soul especially amongst them all which is nearest to its entrance into thy glory; that so it may forthwith begin to praise and bless Thee for ever. Amen.

(Mothers for Priests brochure PS7)

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For the priests and religious of the Catholic Church, *my Jesus mercy!*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: PS5 Prayers for the Poor Souls-Five Wounds

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(John 2:13-22, November 9, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Since the **PASSOVER** of the Jews was near,
Jesus went up to **JERUSALEM**.
He found in the **TEMPLE** area those who sold
OXEN, **SHEEP**, and **DOVES**,
as well as the money-**CHANGERS** seated there.
He made a **WHIP** out of **CORDS**
and drove them all out of the temple area, with
the sheep and oxen,
and spilled the **COINS** of the money-changers
and **OVERTURNED** their **TABLES**,
and to those who sold doves he said,
"Take these out of here,
and stop making my Father's house a
MARKETPLACE."
His disciples recalled the words of **SCRIPTURE**,
ZEAL for your house will **CONSUME** me.
At this the Jews answered and said to him,
"What sign can you show us for doing this?"
Jesus answered and said to them,
"**DESTROY** this temple and in three days I will
raise it up."
The Jews said,
"This temple has been under **CONSTRUCTION**
for **FORTY**-six years,
and you will raise it up in three days?"
But he was speaking about the temple of his
BODY.
Therefore, when he was raised from the dead,
his disciples remembered that he had said this,
and they came to believe the Scripture
and the word Jesus had spoken.

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome.

From the Catechism

159. Why is the Church called the temple of the Holy Spirit?

She is so called because the Holy Spirit resides in the body which is the Church, in her Head and in her members. He also builds up the Church in charity by the Word of God, the sacraments, the virtues, and charisms. "What the soul is to the human body, the Holy Spirit is to the members of Christ, that is, the body of Christ, which is the Church." (Saint Augustine)

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 159

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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 24 **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

TODAY'S SAINT

November 10: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church.

Born in Tuscany, Leo was elected pope in 440. His letter on the two natures of Christ became a classic, and through his legates at the Council of Chalcedon (451) he upheld the true teaching on the Incarnation. In 452 he met Attila the Hun near Mantua and persuaded him to leave Italy; in 455 he obtained from the Vandal king Genseric that the people of Rome be spared. He died on November 10, 461.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: Which pope declared St. Leo the Great a Doctor of the Church?
A: Pope Benedict XIV, in 1754.

FROM THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY

✚ **St. Andrew Avellino,** Theatine priest of Naples, who died at the foot of the altar (1608).



St. Leo the Great meets Attila (detail), Raphael (1514), Vatican Palace

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Christian, acknowledge your dignity, and becoming a partner in the Divine nature, refuse to return to the old baseness by degenerate conduct."

—St. Leo the Great, Sermon 21

NOVENA FOR THE POOR SOULS, DAY FOUR

My God! because Thou art infinite goodness, I am sorry with my whole heart for having offended Thee. I promise to die rather than ever offend Thee more. Give me holy perseverance; have pity on me, and have pity on those holy souls that burn in the cleansing fire and love Thee with all their hearts.

O Mary, Mother of God, assist them by thy powerful prayers.

(St. Alphonsus Liguori; Mothers for Priests brochure PS9)

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For the popes, kings, and rulers, *my Jesus mercy!*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: PS9 Novena for Poor Souls Saint Alphonsus

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 17:7-10, November 10, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Jesus said to the **APOSTLES**:
"Who among you would say to your **SERVANT**
who has just come in from **PLOWING** or **TENDING SHEEP** in the **FIELD**,
'Come here **IMMEDIATELY** and take your place at table'?
Would he not **RATHER** say to him,
'**PREPARE** something for me to eat.
Put on your **APRON** and **WAIT** on me while I eat and **DRINK**.
You may eat and drink when I am **FINISHED**'?
Is he **GRATEFUL** to that servant because he did what was **COMMANDED**?
So should it be with you.
When you have done all you have been commanded, say,
'We are **UNPROFITABLE** servants;
we have done what we were **OBLIGED** to do.'"

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

From the Catechism

88. What does the Council of Chalcedon (in the year 451) teach in this regard?

The Council of Chalcedon teaches us to confess "one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, perfect in his humanity, true God and true man, composed of rational soul and body, consubstantial with the Father by his divinity, and consubstantial with us by his humanity, 'like us in all things but sin' (Hebrews 4:15), begotten from the Father before all ages as to his divinity, and in these last days, for us and for our salvation, born of Mary, the Virgin and Mother of God, as to his humanity."

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 88

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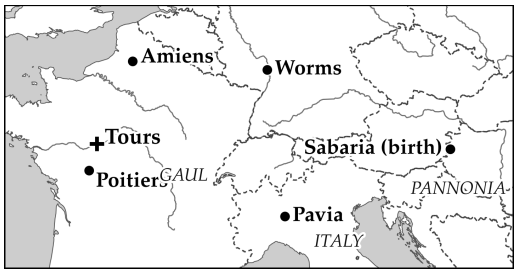
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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 25 **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

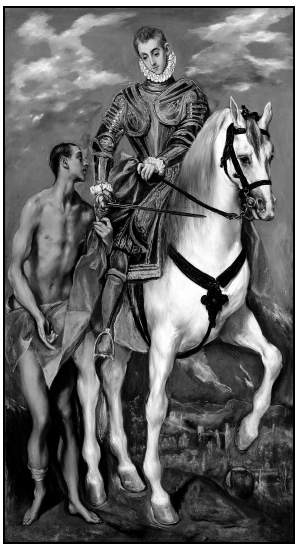
TODAY'S SAINT

November 11: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop.

Born about 316 in Pannonia (now Hungary), Martin was enrolled in the Roman army as a youth. At Amiens, while still a catechumen, he cut his cloak in two and gave half to a shivering beggar. Baptized and freed from the army, he became a disciple of St. Hilary of Poitiers and founded a monastery at Ligugé. In 371 or 372 he was made Bishop of Tours. He died at Candes, most probably in 397.



Rough map of St. Martin's life: born at Sabaria, raised at Pavia, the cloak at Amiens, freed from the army at Worms, monk near Poitiers, bishop at Tours (✚).



St. Martin and the Beggar, El Greco (1597–99), National Gallery of Art, Washington

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"O Lord, if I am still necessary to your people, I do not shrink from toil: your will be done."

—St. Martin of Tours, as reported by Sulpicius Severus

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY (WEDNESDAY)

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, I pray Thee, by the Precious Blood which thy Divine SON JESUS shed in the streets of Jerusalem, when He carried the Cross upon his sacred shoulders, deliver the souls in purgatory, and especially that soul which is richest in merits before Thee; that so, in that throne of glory which awaits it, it may magnify Thee and bless Thee for ever. Amen.

(Mothers for Priests brochure PS7)

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For those who died on the battlefield, *my Jesus mercy!*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: PS8 Hail Mary and Our Father for Poor Souls

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 17:11-19, November 11, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

As Jesus continued his **JOURNEY** to **JERUSALEM**,
he traveled through **SAMARIA** and **GALILEE**.
As he was entering a **VILLAGE**, ten **LEPERS** met him.
They stood at a **DISTANCE** from him and raised their voice, saying,
"Jesus, **MASTER**! Have **PITY** on us!"
And when he saw them, he said,
"Go show yourselves to the **PRIESTS**."
As they were going they were **CLEANSED**.
And one of them, realizing he had been **HEALED**,
RETURNED, **GLORIFYING** God in a loud voice;
and he fell at the feet of Jesus and **THANKED** him.
He was a **SAMARITAN**.
Jesus said in reply,
"Ten were cleansed, were they not?
Where are the other **NINE**?
Has none but this **FOREIGNER** returned to give thanks to God?"
Then he said to him, "Stand up and go;
your **FAITH** has **SAVED** you."

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

Catholic Trivia

Q: What famous relic was kept in the oratory of the Frankish kings?
A: "St. Martin's cloak," the half of the cloak he kept.

From the Catechism

555. When is thanksgiving given to God?

The Church gives thanks to God unceasingly, above all in celebrating the Eucharist in which Christ allows her to participate in his own thanksgiving to the Father. For the Christian every event becomes a reason for giving thanks.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 555

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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 26 **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

TODAY'S SAINT

November 12: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr.

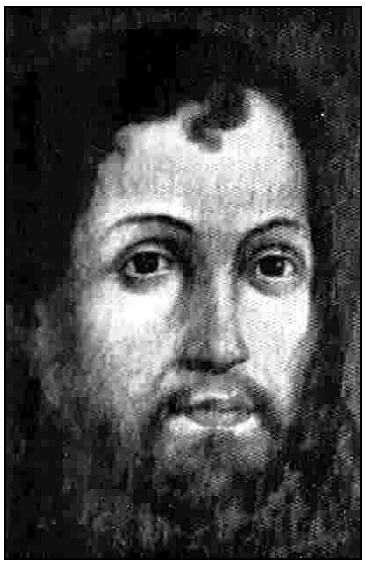
Born in 1580 or 1584 at Volodymyr, he entered the Basilian monastery of the Trinity at Vilna in 1604 and was ordained a priest in 1609. In 1617 he became Bishop of Vitebsk and in 1618 Archbishop of Polotsk. He worked for the unity of the Ruthenian Church with Rome. On November 12, 1623, he was killed at Vitebsk by an axe-stroke and a bullet. He was canonized in 1867.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: What was St. Josaphat's baptismal name?
A: Johannes (John).

FROM THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY

✚ **St. Lebuin,** English monk and priest who preached peace and salvation in Christ to the people around Deventer in the Netherlands.



St. Josaphat Kuncevyc (unknown artist)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a poor sinner."

—St. Josaphat's favorite prayer (Catholic Encyclopedia)

PRAYER FOR THE POOR SOULS

My Jesus, by those most painful steps thou didst take whilst bearing thy cross, have mercy on the soul nearest to its release from Purgatory; and by the sufferings thou didst endure, together with thy most holy Mother, Mary, when you met on the way to Calvary, free from the pains of Purgatory the souls that were devout to that dear Mother.

(Mothers for Priests brochure PS1)

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For the defenders of the holy faith, *my Jesus mercy!*

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

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 17:20-25, November 12, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

Asked by the **PHARISEES** when the **KINGDOM** of God would come,
Jesus said in reply,
"The **COMING** of the Kingdom of God cannot be **OBSERVED**,
and no one will **ANNOUNCE**, 'Look, here it is,' or, 'There it is.'
For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."
Then he said to his **DISCIPLES**,
"The **DAYS** will come when you will long to see
one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it.
There will be those who will say to you,
'Look, there he is,' or 'Look, here he is.'
Do not go off, do not run in **PURSUIT**.
For just as **LIGHTNING FLASHES**
and **LIGHTS** up the **SKY** from one **SIDE** to the other,
so will the Son of Man be in his day.
But first he must **SUFFER GREATLY** and be **REJECTED** by this **GENERATION**."

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

From the Catechism

590. What does the Church ask for when she prays "Thy Kingdom come"?

The Church prays for the final coming of the Kingdom of God through Christ's return in glory. The Church prays also that the Kingdom of God increase from now on through people's sanctification in the Spirit and through their commitment to the service of justice and peace in keeping with the Beatitudes. This petition is the cry of the Spirit and the Bride: "Come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 590

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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 27 **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

TODAY'S SAINT

November 13: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin.

Born in Italy in 1850, she became prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in 1880. She had hoped to go to China, but at the urging of Pope Leo XIII she went to New York to serve Italian immigrants. In 35 years she founded 67 institutions for the poor, the sick and the uneducated. She died in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago in 1917 and was the first U.S. citizen to be canonized.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: St. Frances Cabrini was afraid of water. About how many times did she cross the Atlantic?
A: More than 30 times.

FROM THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY

✚ **St. Homobonus,** merchant of Cremona in Italy (1197).



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, photograph (c. 1900)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"My God, you have created me for yourself and I must serve you with all my being."

—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, from her retreat notes

PRAYER FOR PEACE OF SOUL, BY ST. FRANCES CABRINI

Jesus, fortify me with the grace of Your Holy Spirit and give Your peace to my Soul that I may be free of all needless anxiety, solicitude, and worry. Help me to desire always that which is pleasing and acceptable to You so that Your will may be my own.

(Mothers for Priests brochure FC2)

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For those who were buried in the sea, *my Jesus mercy!*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: FC2 Prayers by Saint Frances Cabrini

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 17:26-37, November 13, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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E	**I**	**B**	**R**	**R**	**U**	**S**	**P**	**R**	**E**	**S**	**E**	**R**	**V**	**E**
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Jesus said to his disciples:
"As it was in the days of **NOAH**,
so it will be in the days of the Son of Man;
they were **EATING** and **DRINKING**,
MARRYING and giving in **MARRIAGE** up to the day
that Noah entered the ark,
and the **FLOOD** came and **DESTROYED** them all.
Similarly, as it was in the days of Lot:
they were eating, drinking, **BUYING**,
SELLING, **PLANTING**, **BUILDING**;
on the day when Lot left **SODOM**,
fire and **BRIMSTONE** rained from the sky to destroy them all.
So it will be on the day the Son of Man is revealed.
On that day, someone who is on the **HOUSETOP**
and whose **BELONGINGS** are in the house
must not go down to get them,
and likewise one in the field
must not return to what was left behind.
REMEMBER the **WIFE** of Lot.
Whoever seeks to **PRESERVE** his life will lose it,
but whoever loses it will save it.
I tell you, on that night there will be two people in one bed;
one will be taken, the other left.
And there will be two women **GRINDING** meal together;
one will be taken, the other left."
They said to him in reply, "Where, Lord?"
He said to them, "Where the body is,
there also the **VULTURES** will gather."

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

From the Catechism

134. How will the coming of the Lord in glory happen?

After the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world the glorious coming of Christ will take place. Then will come the definitive triumph of God in the parousia and the Last Judgment. Thus the Kingdom of God will be realized.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 134

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VOLUME 4 · ISSUE 28 **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026** MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

TODAY'S SAINT

November 14: no saint on the U.S. calendar. From the Roman Martyrology:

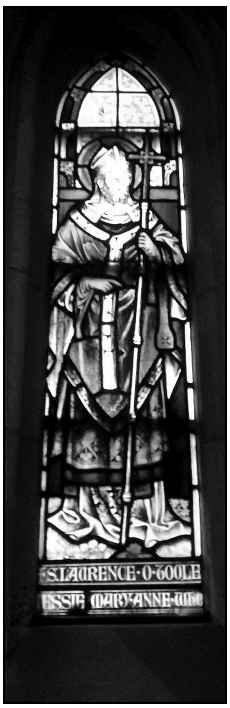
St. Lawrence O'Toole (Lorcan Ua Tuathail) was born about 1128 in Co. Kildare, Ireland. He became abbot of Glendalough and in 1162 Archbishop of Dublin. He wore a hair shirt, made a forty-day retreat each year and attended the Lateran Council of 1179. He died at Eu in Normandy on November 14, 1180, on a peace mission to King Henry II of England, and was canonized in 1225.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: Where did St. Lawrence O'Toole make his yearly forty-day retreat?
A: In St. Kevin's cave, near Glendalough.

FROM THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY

✚ **St. Nicholas Tavelić and companions,** Franciscan priests burned at Jerusalem for confessing Christ (1391).



St. Lawrence O'Toole, stained glass, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Therefore, we ought to support such persons, so that we may be co-workers in the truth."

—St. John, 3 John 8 (today's first reading)

PRAYER FOR OUR PARENTS

O God, who has sent me now to honor my father and my mother: be clement and merciful with their souls; forgive them their sins and deign that one day I may see them in the bliss of your Eternal Light. Amen.

(Mothers for Priests brochure PS2)

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For those who are least remembered, *my Jesus mercy!*

Recommended Prayer Brochure: PS6 Litany for the Faithful Departed

Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 18:1-8, November 14, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

T A O N N E A R T H J U D G E
Y C D J E U R S P E E D I L Y
F H E V C A S A L W A Y S R B
B O T H E R I N G K J P H E G
W S O K S R D E C I S I O N F
I E E N S V S T R I K E N D E
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W E A R Y L K M N Y H H T A E
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Jesus told his disciples a **PARABLE**
about the **NECESSITY** for them to pray
ALWAYS without becoming **WEARY**.
He said, "There was a **JUDGE** in a certain town
who neither **FEARED** God nor **RESPECTED**
any human being.
And a **WIDOW** in that town used to come to
him and say,
'**RENDER** a just **DECISION** for me against my
ADVERSARY.'
For a long time the judge was unwilling, but
eventually he thought,
'While it is true that I neither fear God nor
respect any human being,
because this widow keeps **BOTHERING** me
I shall deliver a just decision for her
lest she finally come and **STRIKE** me.'"
The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the
DISHONEST judge says.
Will not God then secure the rights of his
CHOSEN ones
who call out to him day and night?
Will he be slow to answer them?
I tell you, he will see to it that **JUSTICE** is done
for them **SPEEDILY**.
But when the Son of Man comes, will he find
FAITH on **EARTH**?"

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

From the Catechism

576. Is it possible to pray always?

Praying is always possible because the time of the Christian is the time of the risen Christ who remains "with us always" (Matthew 28:20). Prayer and Christian life are therefore inseparable: "It is possible to offer frequent and fervent prayer even at the market place or strolling alone. It is possible also in your place of business, while buying or selling, or even while cooking." (Saint John Chrysostom)

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 576