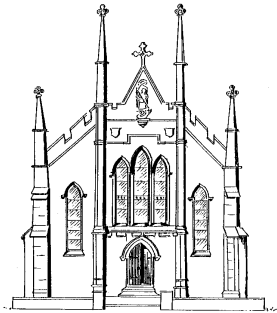


DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK 32

ORDINARY TIME



HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
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Sunday – Dedication of The Lateran Basilica

Collect:

O God, who from living and chosen stones
prepare an eternal dwelling for Your majesty,
increase in Your Church the spirit of grace You have bestowed,
so that by new growth Your faithful people
may build up the heavenly Jerusalem.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 2:13-22

Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father,
as You hear and answer our prayers,
make us ever grateful for the gift of the Church.
May we be always living stones,
built into unity with Christ, Your Son, our Saviour,
and with one another.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

St John the Baptist, Pray for us
St John the Evangelist, Pray for us

Today the liturgy celebrates the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, called the "Mother and Head of all the Churches of the City and the world."

In fact, this basilica was the first to be built after Emperor Constantine's edict, in 313, granted Christians freedom to practice their religion.

The emperor himself gave Pope Miltiades the ancient palace of the Laterani family. The basilica's dedication was celebrated by Pope Sylvester around 324 and was named after Most Holy Saviour; only after the 6th century were the names of St John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist added, and now is typically denominated by these latter. Initially the observance of this feast was confined to the city of Rome; then, beginning in 1565, it was extended to all the Churches of the Roman rite.

The honouring of this building was a way of expressing love and veneration for the Roman Church, which, as St Ignatius of Antioch says, "presides in charity" over the whole Catholic communion (Letter to the Romans, 1:1)

Monday – St Leo the Great

Pope - *patron saint of popes and confessors*

Collect:

O God, who never allow the gates of Hell to prevail against Your Church, firmly founded on the apostolic rock, grant her, we pray, that through the intercession of Pope Saint Leo, she may stand firm in Your truth and know the protection of lasting peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 16:13-19

Today's prayer:

Grant to us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but rather to love heavenly things, that while all things around us pass away, we even now may hold fast those things which last forever. Amen.

By Pope St Leo the Great (c. 400 - November 10th 461)

Pope Saint Leo the Great, give to the Pope and all bishops pastoral hearts, sharp minds, and courageous wills, so that they may lead the Church by personal example, by correct teaching, and by their caring little for worldly criticism.

Pope Saint Leo the Great, Pray for us

Saint Leo the Great was born into a Roman aristocratic family. His response to the call of the Lord transformed him into one of the greatest popes of Christian history. In fact, he was the first pope to be given the title "the Great." He became a very well-known deacon of the Church by 431, serving the church under Pope Celestine I. Leo was widely respected for his love for the Lord, intelligence, and persuasive nature. He was also gifted in bringing reconciliation between disputing groups of Christians. Pope St Leo focused heavily on the pastoral care of his people. He inspired and helped to foster charitable work in areas of Rome affected heavily by famine, refugees, and poverty. To him, being a Christian was not only about embracing the fullness of the Gospel theologically but living it out in a world filled with hurt, suffering and needs. His papacy has been described as one of the most important in the Church's history. In 1754, Pope Benedict XIV proclaimed Leo I to be a Doctor of the Church

Tuesday – St Martin of Tours

Bishop - *patron saint of beggars, wool-weavers and tailors*
(because of cutting his cloak and sharing it with a beggar)

Collect:

O God, who are glorified in the Bishop Saint Martin
both by his life and death,
make new, we pray,
the wonders of Your grace in our hearts,
that neither death nor life may separate us from Your love.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 25:31-40

Today's prayer:

Lord, if Your people still have need of my services,
I will not avoid the toil.
Your will be done.
I have fought the good fight long enough.
Yet if You bid me continue to hold the battle line
in defense of Your camp,
I will never beg to be excused from failing strength.
I will do the work You entrust to me.
While You command,
I will fight beneath Your banner.

By St Martin of Tours

(316, Szombathely, Hungary – 397, Candes-Saint-Martin, France)

Martin converted to Christianity at a young age. He served in the Roman cavalry in Gaul, but left military service before 361, when he became a disciple of St Hilary of Poitiers, establishing the monastery at Ligugé. He was consecrated as Bishop of Tours in 371. As bishop, he was active in the suppression of the remnants of Gallo-Roman religion, but he opposed the use of violence. He is best known for the account of his using his military sword to cut his cloak in two, to give half to a beggar dressed only in rags in the depth of winter. His shrine in Tours became a famous stopping-point for pilgrims on the road to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. His cult was revived in French nationalism during the Franco-Prussian War of 1870/1, and as a consequence, he was seen as a patron saint of France

Wednesday – St Josaphat Kuncevyv

Martyr - *patron Saint of reunion between Orthodox and Catholic Churches*

Collect:

Stir up in Your Church, we pray, O Lord,
the Spirit that filled Saint Josaphat
as he laid down his life for the sheep,
so that through his intercession
we, too, may be strengthened by the same Spirit
and not be afraid to lay down our life for others.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 17:20-26

Today's Prayer:

Almighty ever-living God,
who gather what is scattered
and keep together what You have gathered,
kindly look on the flock of Your Son.
Look on all those whom one Baptism has consecrated
that they may be joined together
by integrity of faith and united in the bond of charity.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

St Josaphat, Pray for the Church and pray for us

Josaphat Kuncevyv was born in the Ukraine about 1580, ordained about 1604; He was a noted theologian and preacher, and loyal to Rome. He was made bishop of Polotz in 1617, and embarked on a thorough-going pastoral reform, visiting his clergy, seeing that the people were instructed and taking an interest in the liturgy. His reforms aroused hostility, and he was murdered at Vitebsk, during a pastoral visit in 1623.

Thursday –Week 32

Collect:

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are Yours.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 17:20-25

Today's prayer:

Holy Father,
we come before You seeking the liberation of our souls.
Release us from the chains of fear, doubt, and despair.
Fill us with Your light and love,
guiding us towards true freedom in Your presence.
May our spirits soar unburdened,
embracing the joy and peace that only You can provide.
grant us the strength to live fully [in Your grace](#). Amen.

Friday –Week 32

Collect:

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are Yours.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 17:26-37

Today's prayer:

Holy Father, we come before You,
seeking Your divine grace to bless us with true freedom.
May our hearts be liberated from fear,
our spirits from oppression,
and our minds from doubt.
Grant us the strength to break chains that bind us,
so we may walk in the light of Your love. Amen.

Saturday – St Albert the Great

Bishop, Doctor of the Church - *patron saint of those who cultivate the natural sciences, medical technicians, philosophers, and scientists*

Collect:

O God, who made the Bishop Saint Albert great
by his joining of human wisdom to divine faith,
grant, we pray, that we may so adhere to the truths he taught,
that through progress in learning
we may come to a deeper knowledge and love of You.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 13:47-52

Today's Prayer:

O Father,
we humbly seek Your divine wisdom,
as exemplified by Saint Albert the Great.
Grant us the clarity to discern truth,
the courage to pursue knowledge,
and the humility to share our understanding with others.
May we reflect Your light in our thoughts and actions,
growing ever closer to You through the pursuit of wisdom. Amen.

Saint Albert the Great, Pray for us

Saint Albert the Great OP (c. 1200 – 15 November 1280), was a Dominican bishop and teacher renowned for his extraordinary breadth of learning. Called the "Universal Doctor," he studied and taught theology, philosophy, and the natural sciences, integrating faith with reason. He mentored St Thomas Aquinas and helped bring the works of Aristotle into Christian thought. A humble scholar, he believed that all created reality reflects the wisdom of God.