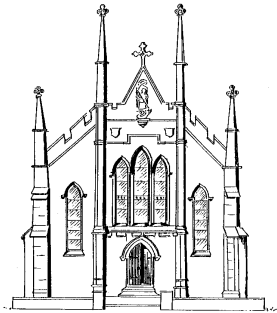


DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK 26 IN ORDINARY TIME



HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Sunday – Week 26

Collect:

O God, who manifest Your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, our grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain Your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 21:28-32

Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father,

I praise You for Your great mercy.

Thank You for sending Your Son Jesus to die on the Cross for my sins.

Thank You for shining Your light into my heart and giving me the gift of eternal life.

I praise You for Your steadfast love and faithfulness to me.

Monday – Week 26

St Wenceslaus, Martyr

patron saint of the Czech Republic and the Czech people and brewers.

St Lawrence Ruiz and companions Martyr

patron saint of the Philippines and Filipino people, particularly Filipino migrants and overseas workers; also associated with altar servers and Filipino youth.

Collect:

O God, who manifest Your almighty power
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, our grace abundantly upon us
and make those hastening to attain Your promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 9:46-50

Today's prayer:

St Wenceslaus and St Lawrence Ruiz, faithful witnesses of Christ even unto death,
pray for us, that we may remain steadfast in faith, courageous in times of trial,
and generous in the service of others. Help us to follow Christ faithfully
and to bear witness to His Gospel in our daily lives. Amen.

St Wenceslaus, Pray for us

St Lawrence Ruiz and you companion, Pray for us

***St Wenceslaus, Martyr** (c. 907–935) Duke of Bohemia, Wenceslaus worked to strengthen Christianity among his people and was known for justice, charity and care for the poor. Opposition arose from pagan nobles, including his brother Boleslaus, who arranged his murder at Stará Boleslav on 28 September 935. He is patron saint of the Czech people.*

***St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs** (†1633–1637) Lawrence Ruiz, born in Manila around 1600, was a married layman and father who fled the Philippines and travelled with Dominican missionaries to Japan. Arrested during fierce persecution, he and fifteen companions were tortured and killed at Nagasaki between 1633 and 1637. St John Paul II canonised them in 1987.*

Tuesday – The Archangels

St Michael, St Gabriel, St Raphael

Collect:

O God, who dispose in marvellous order
ministries both angelic and human,
graciously grant
that our life on Earth may be defended
by those who watch over us
as they minister perpetually to You in Heaven.
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 1:47-51

Today's prayer:

St Michael, defend us in times of temptation and danger.
St Gabriel, help us to hear God's word and respond with faith.
St Raphael, accompany us on our journey
and bring God's healing to all in need.
Holy Archangels, watch over us, guide us in the ways of Christ, and lead
us safely towards our heavenly home. Amen.

The Church honours three Archangels named in Scripture. Michael, whose name means "Who is like God?", is the defender of God's people and conqueror of evil. Gabriel, "Strength of God", announces God's saving purposes, above all the birth of Christ to Mary. Raphael, "God heals", accompanies and protects Tobias and brings healing to his father Tobit. Together they remind us of God's protection, guidance and healing presence throughout our lives.

Wednesday – St Jerome

Priest

patron saint of translators, biblical scholars and those who study Sacred Scripture.

Collect:

O God, who gave the Priest Saint Jerome
a living and tender love for Sacred Scripture,
grant that Your people
may be ever more fruitfully nourished by Your Word
and find in it the fount of life.
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.

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

Today's prayer:

St Jerome, faithful servant of God's word,
pray that we may grow in love for the Holy Scriptures.
Help us to read them with faith,
to understand them with humility,
and to put what we hear into practice.
May the word of God lead us ever more deeply
to know and love Jesus Christ
and to follow Him faithfully each day. Amen.

St Jerome, Pray for us

St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church (c. 347–420)

Born in Dalmatia around 347, Jerome became one of the greatest biblical scholars of the early Church. After studying in Rome, he devoted himself to prayer, scholarship and an ascetic life, eventually settling in Bethlehem. His great achievement was translating much of the Bible into Latin, forming the basis of the Vulgate. Famously declaring that "ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ," Jerome devoted his long life to helping Christians encounter Christ through God's word.

Thursday – ‘The Little Flower’ St Therese of the Child Jesus

Religious

patron saint of the missions and TV!

Collect:

O God, who open Your Kingdom
to those who are humble and to little ones,
lead us to follow trustingly in the little way of Saint Thérèse,
so that through her intercession
we may see Your eternal glory revealed.
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 18:1-4

Today’s prayer:

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus,
teach us your Little Way of trust and love.
Help us to recognise the opportunities for holiness
hidden within the ordinary things of each day.
Pray that we may trust completely in God’s mercy,
serve others with generous hearts,
and do even the smallest things with great love.
Little Flower of Jesus, pray for us. Amen.

St Thérèse, Pray for us

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (1873–1897)

Known affectionately as the “Little Flower,” Thérèse entered the Carmelite convent at Lisieux aged fifteen. Her short and hidden life became a powerful witness to her “Little Way”: doing ordinary things with extraordinary love and trusting completely in God’s mercy. After her death from tuberculosis aged twenty-four, her writings spread throughout the world. Pope St John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church in 1997. She is patroness of missionaries and missions.

Friday – The Holy Guardian Angels

Today is Harvest Fast Day

Collect:

O God, who in Your unfathomable providence
are pleased to send Your holy Angels to guard us,
hear our supplication as we cry to You,
that we may always be defended by their protection
and rejoice eternally in their company.
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 18:1-5,10

Today's prayer:

Holy Guardian Angels,
faithful servants and messengers of God,
watch over us and accompany us each day.
Guard us from danger, strengthen us in temptation,
and help us to recognise the path God sets before us.
Keep our hearts close to Jesus,
and guide us safely through this life
until we rejoice with you in the presence of God for ever. Amen.

The Church celebrates the Holy Guardian Angels as a reminder of God's loving care for each of us. Scripture speaks of angels sent by God to guard, guide and accompany His people. Jesus Himself tells us that the angels of the little ones continually behold the Father's face. This feast invites us to trust in God's protection, to listen for His guidance, and to remember that our whole lives are lived in His presence and care.

Saturday – Week 26

Collect:

O God, who manifest Your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, our grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain Your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 10:17-24

Today's prayer:

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we place ourselves beneath your loving care. Help us to listen to God's word as you did, to trust Him when the way is uncertain, and to follow your Son with faithful hearts. Be close to all who are troubled or in need, and lead us always to Jesus, who is our hope and our salvation. Amen.