



The Meditation

The Seventh Sunday After Trinity

July 15th, A.D. 2018



The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes (1505)

John of Flanders (1460-1519)

Netherlands painter

The Collect for the Seventh Sunday After Trinity

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, throughout all ages of ages. World without end. Amen.

Trust in the Lord

The person who trusts in God builds on a rock; happy are they who put their confidence in the Almighty. *“They that trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion, which may not be removed, but standeth fast forever.”* (Psalm 125, Vs. 1)

Our trust in God must be as firm as a rock, for He will never go back on His Word: *“And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”* (St. Matthew; Chap 21, Vs. 22). We have simply but to ask in faith and confidence, and we’ll receive that for which we pray. We all need confidence; saints, sinners, clergy, religious, and people living in the world. We have so many needs, and therefore our confidence in God’s fulfilling our needs ought to be limitless.

We know that trust is necessary in family and even social life. What happiness could there be if husband and wife, parents and children, clergy and laity do not trust each other? We are God’s children, and therefore a part of His family. We can’t live or grow if we don’t trust in God. It’s the measure by which we increase our trust in God, that our lives will become fuller and richer.

Those generous souls, whom God’s love has already conquered, have a special need of confidence. This might seem to be a strange and perhaps contradictory thing to say, since the desire of such people is to belong to God alone, but if they are to reach the perfection which they seek, they will have to experience periods of spiritual dryness and even desolation, by which God tests their faith, hope, and charity. God sometimes hides Himself from them, and it’s then that they must put their trust in Him more than ever. Little St. Therese of Lisieux says: *“We cannot have too much trust in God; his gifts are in proportion to our hope.”*

So, what exactly is trust or confidence? It is the faith which comes from the experience of help already received.

We, as children, were taught that God alone and His gifts are that for which we hope. We hope that one day we will possess Him, the highest Good, and that during this life of ours, He will give to us all that is necessary so that we may reach Him.

Why do we trust in God? Because He is our loving Father, and can do all things, and is always faithful to His promises. The firmer our faith is, the stronger our hope and trust in Him will be. The more we know of God and of His only Son, Jesus our Savior, the greater our hope

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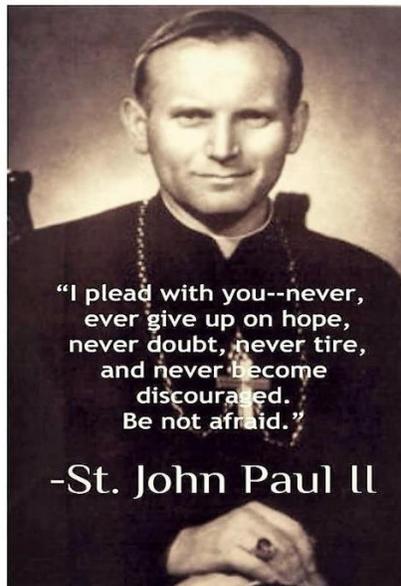
will be. How can we learn more of them? By studying the Scriptures, especially the psalms, which never cease to exalt God's power and His goodness.

However, we must understand that our confidence must be reasonable. We are not to trust in the indulgence of foolish expectations. That for which we hope and desire must be something which will help us attain our final goal – heaven. If we ask for things such as health, success, the respect and affection of others, and even spiritual consolation, it must always be as far as is necessary to the service of Almighty God. God will never give us anything that may harm us. We may not know the dangers that might lie in a request, but He does, and sometimes an unanswered request, is an answer in itself, for He sees much further than we do.

Our confidence in God must be accompanied by a knowledge of our own ignorance and powerlessness. We must appeal to His endless mercy and goodness, in all our humility. Sometimes we get in our own way, by not accepting the reality of our egos, which impede our humility. Thanks be to God in that He sees through us, especially when we don't! Jesus has said: *"Ask, and it shall be given you."* (St. Matthew; Chap. 7, Vs. 7). True confidence is not discouraged if it seems to get no answer. St. Monica prayed earnestly for 20 years before her son St. Augustine received his conversion. We too, must never give up.

It's a part of our human nature sometimes, to have a certain lack of trust. If we were to meditate more often on the virtue of *hope*, we might not be so easily discouraged. A young priest was remembered saying frequently: *"Our confidence gives the measure of our love."* Jesus is always merciful, however unfaithful we may have been; it's then that He asks us to trust Him most. *"Rejoice in the Lord alway: again, I say rejoice...The Lord is nigh."* (Philippians: Chap. 4, Vss. 4 & 5.)

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust you! Increase my faith and my hope!



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Priory Kalendar

For the week of:
July 15th to July 22nd - A.D. 2018
In Trinity Season

Sunday, July 15th Seventh Sunday After Trinity

Translation of St. Swithun: Bp. & C. - 9th cent. England

Monday, July 16th Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Comm. St. Osmund: Bp. of Sarum & Conf. - 11th cent. England

Tuesday, July 17th St. Alexius; C. - 5th cent. Edessa

Wednesday, July 18th . . . St. Camillus de Lellis; C. & founder of the Ministers of the Sick
16/17th Cent. Italy & the world

Thursday, July 19th . . . St. Vincent de Paul: Conf. & Founder of the Priests of the Mission
AKA: Vincentians/Lazarists. 16/17th cent. Spain & the world

Friday, July 20th St. Margaret (Marina) of Antioch; v. & Myr. - 4th cent.

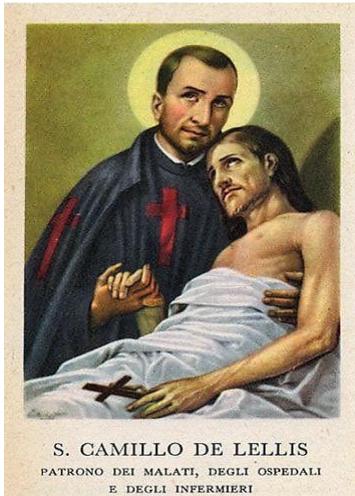
Saturday, July 21st Saturday of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mass & Offices Recommended

Sunday, July 22nd Eighth Sunday After Trinity.

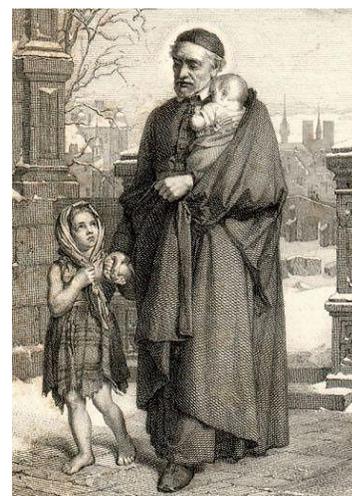
Comm. St. Mary Magdelene; Penitent - 1st cent. Judea



July 16th
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel



July 18th
St. Camillus de Lellis



July 19th
St. Vincent de Paul

KALENDAR KEY:

Abt. = Abbot, Abs. = Abbess, Abp = Archbishop, Anc. = Anchorite, Ancs. = Anchoress, Ap. = Apostle, Bl. = Blessed, Br. = Brother, Bp. = Bishop, Card. = Cardinal, C. or Conf. = Confessor, Comm. = Commemoration/Commemorate, Dcn. = Deacon, Doct. = Doctor of the Church, Ev. = Evangelist, H. = Hermit, LBr. = Lay Brother, LSr. = Lay Sister, K. = King, Mat. = Matron, M. = Monk, **M.M. = Month's Mind (Requiem for the recently departed on the 30th day after death or burial).** Myr. = Martyr, N. = Nun, Obl. = Oblate, P. = Priest, Po. = Pope, Pr. = Prior, Prs. = Prioress, R. = Recluse, **RM = Requiem Mortuorum, (Mass and Offices for the departed once a month as designated on Kalendar).** SDcn. = Sub Deacon, Q. = Queen, Ven. = Venerable, Vir.=Virgin, W. = Widow.

FASTING KEY: A = Abstinence, F = Fast, F & A = Fast and Abstinence

RELIGIOUS ORDER ABBREVIATIONS: C.O = Congregation of the Oratory (Oratorians), C.P. = Congregation of the Passion (Passionists), C.S.J. = Congregation of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), Er. Cam. = Camaldolese Hermits, F.P. O. = Franciscans of the Primitive Observance, O. Car. = Carmelite Order, O. Cart. Carthusian Order, O.C.D. = Order of Discalced Friars (Carmelites), O.F.A. = Augustinian Order, O.F.M = Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans), O.F.M. Cap = Capuchin Order, O.P. = Order of Preachers (Dominicans also called 'Blackfriars'), O. Praem. = Order of Canons Regular (Norbertines), O.S.B. = Order of St. Benedict (Benedictines), O.Ss. S. = Bridgettines, O.S.U = Ursulines, O.C.O. = Order of the Cistercian Observance (Trappists/Trappistines), O.C.S.O. = Cistercian Order of the Strict Observance (Trappists/ Trappistines). Tert. = Tertiary (Third Order religious).

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By Sr. Mary Francis, O.S.B.



We are all linked, one thread to another, as intricately as the silk in a web....always with God at the center.

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The heavens proclaim the Glory of God...

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