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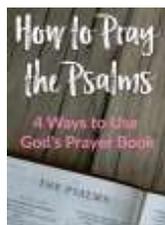
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Pope Francis: 'Allow Yourself to be Consoled by Jesus'



We must learn to let ourselves be consoled by Jesus when we are suffering, Pope Francis spoke about at his morning Mass Friday, May 8. "It is not easy to allow ourselves to be consoled by the Lord," he said. "Many times, in bad moments, we are angry with the Lord and we do not let Him come and speak to us. The Lord consoles always in closeness, with the truth and in hope," he said. "These are the three marks of the Lord's consolation. He will come and take us by the hand and carry us. He does not say: 'No, you will not suffer; it is nothing...' No. He says the truth: 'I am close to you; this is the truth. It is a bad time, of danger, of death. But do not let your heart be troubled, remain in that peace, that peace which is the basis of all consolation, because I will come and by the hand I will take you where I will be.'" The pope concluded: "We ask for the grace to learn to let ourselves be consoled by the Lord. The Lord's consolation is true, and it opens the door of hope to us."



Not Sure How to Use the Psalms in Your Prayer? Learn how you can incorporate the Psalms into your daily prayers. Follow Link Below:

<https://www.prayerandpossibilities.com/praying-psalms/>

Pray As You Go is an amazing FREE Prayer App developed by Grupo de Comunicacion Loyola SL for both android and iOS users. It is a daily prayer session, designed for use on portable devices.

https://download.cnet.com/Pray-As-You-Go/3000-31713_4-76141840.html



THE ASCENSION Of The LORD, May 21



Franciscan Friar, Father Alan:
9-Minute YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFoYlW3i4WQ>

'The Ascension of Our Lord fulfills the scriptures and prepared the way for greater faith!'

The Veil Removed



<https://theveilremoved.com/>

The Veil Removed is a 7-minute film that reveals the coming together of heaven and earth at Mass, as seen by saints and mystics, revealed by scripture and in the catechism of the Catholic Church.



Saint Bernadine of Siena

Feast Day: May 20



Fascinating and Inspirational 3-Minute Video of this Priest's Life!

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Saint Rita of Cascia Feast Day: May 22



Roam the village in Italy where Saint Rita was raised! Learn of her beautiful life in this 9-Minute Video!

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May 17, 2020
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS READINGS

<http://usccb.org/bible/readings/051720.cfm>

"A Gentle and Reverent Defense"

Reflection on 2nd Reading
1 Peter 3:13-22

Taken from *Sermons – Next Sunday Worship*
Dr. Stephen Clyborne

The epistle of First Peter is addressed to those who were experiencing persecutions of some kind. Whatever the circumstances, the letter was written to encourage the churches scattered throughout Asia Minor to maintain integrity and courage in the face of opposition. These tormented Christians had the opportunity to turn their suffering upside down by demonstrating the hope within them, the hope of salvation offered by God through their new Lord, Jesus Christ. Their hope in Christ would sustain them even in the face of severe persecutions. Good can come out of suffering, and right can come out of wrong. The Scripture says it this way: "If you are suffering for doing what is right, you are blessed . . . For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil" (verses 14, 17). We do not try to play the part of a righteous victim. But instead, we are to "always be ready to account for the hope that is in us, but do it with gentleness and reverence." We do not need to set up straw people to shoot down with our clever arguments. We do not need to resort to manipulation or campaigning to convince people. We do not need to call in our so-called experts to prove our case. We do not need to shout down our opponents or to silence our critics. The most powerful and persuasive argument is to live the truth we proclaim. It is simply to be who we are in Christ, and live out the hope that He has planted in our hearts. Peter said, "Give an accounting for the hope that is in you." Always be ready to tell others about who Jesus is and what Jesus means to you.