

MORNING PRAYER

Wednesday, Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

**"Be steadfast, persevering, my beloved brothers,
fully engaged in the work of the Lord."**

(1Corinthians 15:58)

Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28

King Belshazzar gave a banquet for his lords, in which he used the sacred vessels from the temple, which his father had confiscated. Suddenly, the king saw the fingers of a human hand, writing on the wall in his palace. And he was terrified. Daniel was called to interpret this vision. Daniel's interpretation was that while the king honored his lords, he failed to honor God. So, God has found the king "wanting" and he would divide the kingdom and give it to the Medes and the Persians.

Seek to honor God and all that belongs to God! Honor people and things as a way of honoring God, the author of all creation!

Daniel 3:62-67

**Sun and moon, bless the Lord;
Praise and exalt him above all forever.
Stars of heaven, bless the Lord;
Praise and exalt him above all forever.**

Luke 21:12-19

Jesus told his disciples that they will be arrested and persecuted, even delivered over by their own families; that they will be hated, but not a "hair on their head will be lost". Jesus encouraged them to stand strong and not be afraid.

Trust in the Lord! Stand strong and be not afraid!

Jesus told them to trust and not be worried about defending themselves. He promised to give them words to speak and wisdom to know what to say to the adversaries. He said to them "by patient endurance, you will save your lives".

Pray for the gift of "patient endurance".

Pray for the gift of wisdom. And prayerfully listen and discern what God is saying to you now!

Saint of the Day, November 29 – Saint Saturnin of Toulouse and 389 other saints are remembered this day.

Saint Saturnin of Toulouse was one of the seven "Apostles to the Gauls" sent out, probably by Pope Fabian (236 – 250), after the persecutions under Emperor Decius. He was the first Bishop of Tolosa (Toulouse). Legends place Saturninus in the 1st century as one of the 72 disciples of Christ and placed him at the Last Supper. Legends also state that St. Peter consecrated him as a bishop.

One of the legends tells us that Saturninus had to pass before the capitol of Toulouse, where there was an altar. The pagan priests ascribed the silence of their oracles to the frequent presence of Saturninus. One day they seized him and, on his refusal to sacrifice to the images, they condemned him to be tied by the feet to a bull which dragged him about the town and the limbs and blood were scattered on every side, till the rope broke. Two devout women laid the sacred remains on a bier, and hid them in a deep ditch, to secure them from any further insult, where they lay in "wooden coffin" till the reign of Constantine the Great. Then Hilary, bishop of Toulouse, built a small chapel over this site. The martyrdom of this saint probably happened during the reign of Valerian, in 257.

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