



MONDAY MAY 25

EASTER WEEKDAY

[**St. Bede the Venerable,**

priest & doctor of the Church (673-735)]

Born in England, as a boy he was sent to a Benedictine monastery, where he remained for the rest of his life. He became a deacon and a priest. Considered the most learned man of his time, he excelled in biblical commentary and history and wrote poetry, biographies, and chronologies. May we recognize his wisdom: "Whatever good thing is done is made perfect only by love." ●

[**St. Gregory VII,** *pope (c. 1020-*

1085)] Born in Tuscany, Hildebrand was educated by John Gratian. When Gratian became Pope Gregory VI, Hildebrand became his secretary and also served the next several popes. He himself became pope in 1073. As Gregory VII, he began a reform

of the Church and asserted papal authority over civil authorities, provoking conflict. When Norman troops sacked Rome, even the Romans turned against Gregory, and he fled and died in exile. May we imitate his desire to witness to the work of God's Spirit in our world. ●

[**St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi,** *virgin (1566-1607)]*

Born Caterina di Geri de' Pazzi to a prominent family in Florence, she rejected her parents' proposed suitors and became a Carmelite nun. Her biography, compiled by her confessor, gives a detailed account of her intense spiritual journey, with its periods of both desolation and ecstasy. Like her, may we "never tire of calling God with this name, Love." ●

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (*Acts 1:8*)

You will receive the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon you, and you will be my

witnesses, even to the ends of the earth, alleluia.

COLLECT

May the power of the Holy Spirit come to us, we pray, O Lord, that we may keep your will faithfully in mind and express it in a devout way 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.

READING (*Acts 19:1-8*)

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior of the country and down to Ephesus where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They answered

him, “We have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” He said, “How were you baptized?” They replied, “With the baptism of John.” Paul then said, “John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. Altogether there were about twelve men.

He entered the synagogue, and for three months debated boldly with persuasive arguments about the Kingdom of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(*Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab*)

R *Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.* **OR** *Alleluia.*

God arises; his enemies are
scattered,
and those who hate him
flee before him.
As smoke is driven away,
so are they driven;
as wax melts before the fire.

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But the just rejoice and exult
before God;
they are glad and rejoice.
Sing to God, chant praise
to his name;
whose name is the LORD. ℞

The father of orphans and
the defender of widows
is God in his holy dwelling.
God gives a home to the
forsaken;
he leads forth prisoners
to prosperity. ℞

ALLELUIA (*Colossians 3:1*)

Alleluia, alleluia. If then you
were raised with Christ, seek
what is above, where Christ
is seated at the right hand of
God. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Today's Good News

Hearing about mass shootings, wars all over the world, and traumatized victims of natural disasters, it is truly an act of faith to believe that Jesus has conquered the world. But he has. He has conquered the world in those who protect others with their own bodies: the police, firefighters, and others who rush in seeking to subdue the shooters; in the volunteers trekking into the dangers of distant lands and our own urban war zones to feed the hungry, heal the sick, comfort the grieving, and bury the dead. He has conquered the world in the truck- and busloads of volunteers who arrive with tools and strength to clear out the mud and debris and rebuild the homes, businesses, and lives, sometimes even while the flood or fire still rages. **AILEEN O'DONOGHUE**

GOSPEL (*John 16:29-33*)

The disciples said to Jesus, “Now you are talking plainly, and not in any figure of speech. Now we realize that you know everything and that you do not need to have anyone question you. Because of this we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you believe now? Behold, the hour is coming and has arrived when each of you will be scattered to his own home and you will leave me alone. But I am not alone, because the Father is with me. I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.”

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this unblemished sacrifice purify us, O Lord, and impart to our minds the force of grace from on high.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(*John 14:18; 16:22*)

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come to you again, and your heart will rejoice, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Jesus wants us to have peace by sharing his presence.

● **When have I most sensed Jesus' presence lately?**

Jesus, be with me so that...