

December 2, 2022

Good Morning All,

~First Friday Adoration till 3:00pm.

~NO FISH FRY tonight.

1. Today's Readings: [Friday of the First Week of Advent | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: Following Pope Marcellinus, there was a gap of nearly 2 years before our next pope, St. Marcellus, began. This was due to the Diocletian persecutions. He did not stay in office long before he was exiled and died.

3. Meditation of the Day: The Glory of God

1. The whole of creation manifests the glory of God. The grass of the field, the trees of the forest, the insects and birds of the air, the creatures on the earth and in the sea, the stars in the sky—they all speak to us of the power and beauty of the Creator. You also were created by and for God, Who is the beginning and end of all things. In all thoughts, actions, and affections, therefore, you should seek the glory of God. God, indeed, has no need of your small contribution to enhance His glory. His glory is complete and perfect in Himself, in Heaven and in Hell. God does not need you, but you need God. It is your strict obligation not only to proclaim the glory of God, but also to work for its triumph in yourself and in all things

2. The man who loves God above all things seeks only His glory. The man who loves himself more than he loves God, however, seeks his own petty, worldly glorification and strays away from the main road of life which should lead him towards God. Let us study the behaviour of the Saints, who forgot themselves and thought only of God. In order to please Him, to win His approval, and to cooperate in the manifestation of His glory, they deprived themselves of food and rest and sacrificed themselves entirely for His sake. Now consider yourself. Perhaps you are still excessively self-centered. Perhaps you love yourself too much and love God too little. Perhaps you try too hard to achieve worldly success and forget that at the end of life your insignificant personal conquests and laurels will seem to you to be so many useless toys on which you have wasted the precious time which God gave you. Think about this and form suitable resolutions for the future.

3. Holiness consists in love—not earthly love, of course, but supernatural love. It consists in seeking God in all things, in doing His will without reservation, in aiming at His glory. All else is dust and ashes. So it will appear to us at the end of life when we shall be able to view ourselves and the world around us in the light of eternity. Herein lies the explanation of the lives of the Saints, lives of sacrifice dedicated to God and to the salvation of souls.

“Everything for the greater glory of God” was the motto of St. Ignatius of Loyola. “Everything in the name of God,” said St. Vincent de Paul. “My God is my all,” said St.

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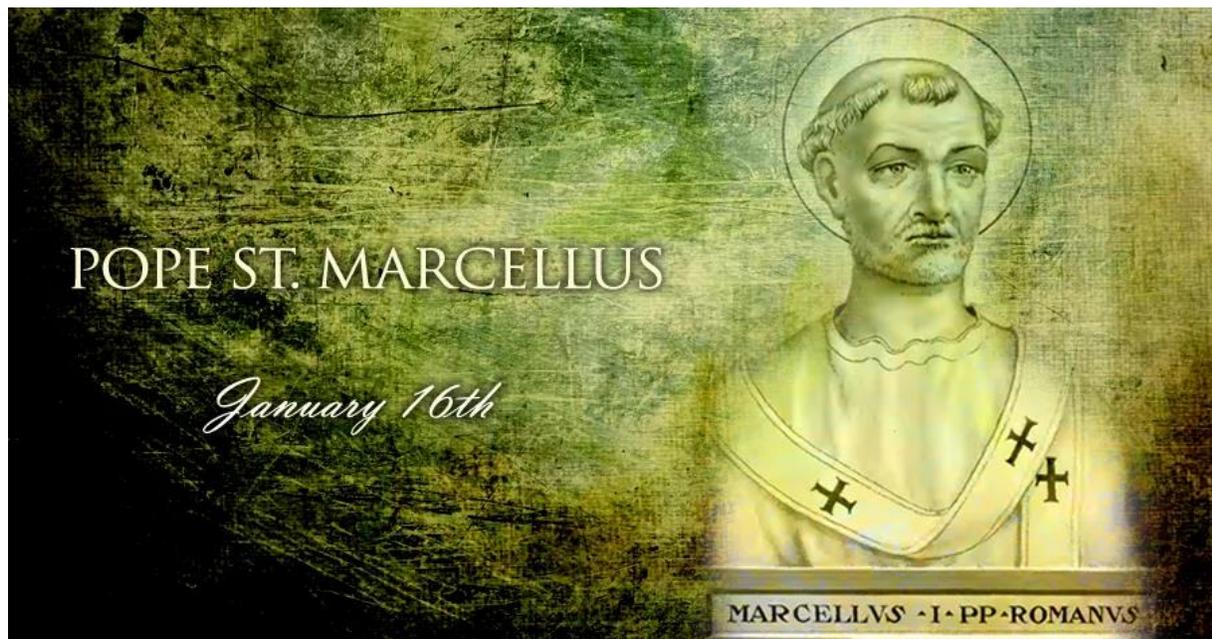
Catherine of Genoa. How do my thoughts, desires, and ambitions compare with these? Are they sincerely directed towards God and towards His glory? (*Source: Antonio Cardinal Bacci*)

Pope St. Marcellus I, Pray for Us!
St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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Nothing of Marcellus' life before his papacy has survived the centuries. He became Pope at the end of the persecutions of Diocletian in around 308-309. The persecutions had disrupted the Church so much that there had been a gap of over a year with no Pope. Once he was elected, he faced several challenges, including reconstituting the clergy, which had been decimated and whose remnant had practiced their vocation only covertly and with the expectation of martyrdom. He worked hard to recover and welcome back all who had denied the faith in order to keep from being murdered.

When a group of the apostatized, known as the Lapsi, refused to do penance, Marcellus refused to allow their return to the Church. The Lapsi had a bit of political pull, and some members caused such civil disruption that emperor Maxentius exiled the Pope in order to settle the matter. Legend says that Marcellus was forced to work as a stable slave as punishment, but this appears to be fiction, however we do know that he died of the terrible conditions he suffered in exile and is considered a martyr because of that.

He was initially buried in the cemetery of Saint Priscilla in Rome, but his relics were later transferred to beneath the altar of San Marcello al Corso Church in Rome where they remain today.

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