



Saint Joseph's, Saint Anne's & Holy Family And Saint Patrick's
5th November 2023, Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
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| Sunday Mass Readings for 5 th November 2023, Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A | |
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| 1st Reading | Malachi 1:14B-2:2B, 8-10 |
| Responsorial Psalm | Psalms 131:1, 2, 3 |
| 2nd Reading | 1 Thessalonians 2:7B-9, 13 |
| Alleluia | Matthew 23:9B, 10B |
| Gospel | Matthew 23:1-12 |

1st Reading - Malachi 1:14B-2:2B, 8-10

14B I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the Gentiles.
 1 And now, O priests, this command is to you.
 2AB If you will refuse to listen, and if you will refuse to take it to heart, so as to give glory to my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send destitution upon you, and I will curse your blessings; yes, I will curse them.
 8 But you have withdrawn from the way, and you have scandalized very many in the law. You have nullified the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts.

9 Because of this, I also have made you contemptible and debased to all the people, just as you have not served my ways, and you have accepted a face in the law.
 10 Is there not one Father of us all? Did not one God create us? Why, then, does each one of us despise his brother, violating the covenant of our fathers?

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 131:1, 2, 3

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.
 1 O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty; I busy not myself with great things,
 nor with things too sublime for me.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

2 Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child. Like a weaned child on its mother's lap, so is my soul within me.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

3 O Israel, hope in the LORD, both now and forever.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

2nd Reading - 1 Thessalonians 2:7B-9, 13

Brothers and sisters:
 7B We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children.
 8 With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us.
 9 You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.
 13 And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

Alleluia - Matthew 23:9B, 10B

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

9B You have but one Father in heaven

10B and one master, the Christ.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - Matthew 23:1-12

1 Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples,
 2 saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses.
 3 Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice.
 4 They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them.

- 5 All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels.
- 6 They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues,
- 7 greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.'
- 8 As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers.
- 9 Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven.
- 10 Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ.
- 11 The greatest among you must be your servant.
- 12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Sunday Mass Readings Homily - 5th November 2023, Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Today's 5th November 2023 Catholic Sunday Readings

Homily Theme: Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted - Matthew 23:1-12, Luke 14:1-11

St Guido Maria Conforti was the Roman Catholic archbishop who founded the Xaverian Missionary Fathers.

He was born on 30th March 1865 in Ravadese, Parma, Italy and died on 5th November 1931 in Parma, Italy.

We celebrate his feast day on 5th November every year in the Catholic Church.

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| Date of Death | 5 th November 1931 (aged 66) |
| Place of Death | Parma, Italy |
| Feast Day | The 5 th Of November |
| Beatification | By Pope John Paul II on March 17 1996 at Saint Peter's Square, Vatican City |
| Canonization | By Pope Benedict XVI on October 23 2011 at Saint Peter's Square, Vatican City |
| Patron Saint of | Xaverian Missionary Fathers |

Saint Guido Maria Conforti Life History

St Guido Maria Conforti was born on 30th March 1865 at Ravadese, Parma, Italy. He was the eighth born of ten children.

His father was Rinaldo Conforti and his mother was Antonia Adorni Conforti. When he was young he used to have conversations with Christ crucified in his Santa Maria della Pace parish church on his way to school.

At the age of 17, he entered the seminary in Parma, Italy, and was ordained a priest on 22nd September 1888.

After ordination, Conforti became a Professor at the seminary and thereafter became the Vice-rector. Later on, he became the Vicar of Clergy in the diocese of Parma.

On 3rd December 1895, he founded the Xaverian Missionaries and they were assigned to evangelize in China.

Pope Leo XIII appointed St Guido Maria Conforti as the Archbishop of Ravenna, Italy.

On 9th June 1902 after the death of Cardinal Agostino Gaetano Riboldi, the Archbishop of Ravenna. He was consecrated as a bishop on 11th June 1902.

In October 1904, he resigned as archbishop due to poor health but on 14th November 1904 he was made the Coadjutor bishop of Parma, Italy, and titular archbishop of Stauropolis.

On 12th December 12 1907, Conforti became the bishop of Parma, Italy but retained his title as archbishop. He visited his parishes regularly, worked for religious formation, and supported religious education for the laity and lay involvement with youth

In 1928, Conforti travelled to China to visit the Xaverians working there.

On his return back to Parma in October 1931, he fell sick and one month later he died on 5th November 1931.

St Guido Maria Conforti was beatified by Pope John Paul II

On 17th March 1996 at Saint Peter's Square, Vatican City and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on 23rd October 2011 at Saint Peter's Square, Vatican City. He is the patron saint of Xaverian Missionary Fathers.

St Guido Maria Conforti Biography

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Feast Day
November 5



St Guido

Maria Conforti - Feast Day - 5th November

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| Date of Birth | March 30 1865 |
| Place of Birth | Ravadese, Parma, Italy |
| Profession | Italian Archbishop and founder of the Xaverian Missionary Fathers |
| Place of Work | Italy |

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