

TRINITY NEWS

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In the light of our today's gospel: Luke 13, 10-17, St Irénée de Lyon said in the 3rd Century: *"The Glory of God is the standing MAN."*

We all know people around us who give selflessly of time for their families, for associations, for those in need. Everyone is committed to giving dignity to people and putting people back at the heart of our society. If Christ became man, it is so that we in turn draw closer to God who sanctifies hearts. We are made for this love, this power of life so strong, far beyond our expectations and gives us the strength to break down all barriers. On earth we are on the way to this destiny, but Paradise is not elsewhere, it is built today and now by our actions and our words every day... It is in everything that makes us better. Our strength as Christians is to know that Love will win and that we too can contribute to it. Our liturgies support us on this journey, in a truth so strong that it can transform our lives. Let's be crazy... let's fight discriminatory legalism, let's get out of the ambient gloom and make the world around us better so that it's better for everyone.

God's mercy and gift of healing know no bounds of time or place, if we just turn to God in a spirit of trust.



This poor woman had been bent over for the past 18 years. The fact that Jesus attributes her illness to a demon suggests that her paralysis is probably spiritual as well as physical. The weight of the past can sometimes paralyze us: grief, resentment, nostalgia, and remorse, excessive attachment to things or places. We can become frozen in time and space, like Lot's wife (Gn 17:26). Lord, teach us to

free ourselves from these emotions that paralyze us.

SAINTS:

Bartholomew the Apostle, 24 August . It has long been assumed that Bartholomew is the same as Nathanael though it is not a certainty. The gospels speak of Philip bringing Nathanael to Jesus and calling him an Israelite worthy of the name. He is also present beside the Sea of Galilee at the resurrection. Although he seems initially a somewhat cynical man, he recognises Jesus for who he is and proclaims him as Son of God and King of Israel.

Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 27 August. Monica was born in North Africa of Christian parents in 332 and she was married to a pagan named Patricius, whom she converted to Christianity. They had three children of whom the most famous was her eldest child, the future Augustine. Indeed, Augustine ascribed his conversion to the example and devotion of his mother: "She never let me out of her prayers that you, O God, might say to the widow's son 'Young man, I tell you arise'" -- which is why the gospel of the widow of Nain is traditionally read today as her memorial. Monica's husband died when she was forty. Her desire had been to be buried alongside him, but this was not to be. She died in Italy, at Ostia, in 387 on her way home to North Africa with her two sons.