

St Bertilla (705) was born at Soisson, France. She became a Benedictine nun at the monastery of Jouarre and soon was known as the community's best friend. Though in her younger age she was hot tempered, her kindness to strangers, her care of the sick, her teaching and guidance of the young were all noteworthy traits.



First Reading: (Rom 15:14-21) I myself am satisfied about you, my brethren, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able to instruct one another. But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has wrought through me to win obedience from the Gentiles, by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that from Jerusalem and as far round as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ, thus making it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on another man's foundation, but as it is written, "They shall see who have never been told of him, and they shall understand who have never heard of him."

Ps 97:1-4

R./ The Lord has made known his salvation to the nation.

Gospel: (Lk 16:1-8) Jesus also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a steward, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' And the steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that people may receive me into their houses when I am put out of the stewardship.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' The master commended the dishonest steward for his shrewdness; for the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.

REFLECTION

Being skillful for God. The gospel of the day presents the case of a perfect dishonest steward. It looks intriguing that the master praises his shrewdness. Here is an invitation to channelize our energies and talents so that the kingdom of God may grow. It is about rediscovering a genuine spirituality of work. An exploration of how to find God in your most ordinary daily pursuits. The central message can be formulated in the following question: How can we transform any wealth into happiness for others? **God is the true wealth of the human heart.** With Him there is happiness forever. May we remain ever present to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.