



**Archdiocese of St. Louis  
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Lectio Divina  
Saint Gertrude, Virgin**

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- The third reading, pause for 2-3 minutes reflecting on "*Where does the content of this reading touch my life today?*"  
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**First Reading**

*Eph 3:14-19*

Brothers and sisters:

I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.



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**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 23:1b-3a, 4, 5, 6*

***R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul.

***R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me.

***R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

You set a table before me in front of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

***R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the LORD for endless days.

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**Alleluia**

*Jn 15:9b, 5b*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Remain in my love, says the Lord; whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.

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**Gospel**

*Jn 15:1-8*

Jesu said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.