

## Daily Reading for July 23<sup>rd</sup> – St. Birgitta.

### Reading 1, Galatians 2:19-20

<sup>19</sup> In fact, through the Law I am dead to the Law so that I can be alive to God. I have been crucified with Christ  
<sup>20</sup> and yet I am alive; yet it is no longer I, but Christ living in me. The life that I am now living, subject to the limitation of human nature, I am living in faith, faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.

### Responsorial Psalm, *Psalms 126, 1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,6*

<sup>1</sup> [Song of Ascents] When Yahweh brought back Zion's captives we lived in a dream; <sup>2</sup> then our mouths filled with laughter, and our lips with song.

Then the nations kept saying, 'What great deeds Yahweh has done for them!' <sup>3</sup> Yes, Yahweh did great deeds for us, and we were overjoyed.

<sup>4</sup> Bring back, Yahweh, our people from captivity like torrents in the Negeb! <sup>5</sup> Those who sow in tears sing as they reap.

<sup>6</sup> He went off, went off weeping, carrying the seed. He comes back, comes back singing, bringing in his sheaves.

## **Gospel, *John 15,1-8***

<sup>1</sup> I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

<sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. <sup>3</sup> You are clean already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, unless it remains part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a branch -- and withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire and are burnt. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for whatever you please and you will get it. <sup>8</sup> It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and be my disciples.