Daily Reading for July 23rd – St. Birgitta.

**Reading 1, Galatians *2:19-20***

 19 In fact, through the [Law](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6916) I am dead to the [Law](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6916) so that I can be alive to God. I have been crucified with Christ 20 and yet I am alive; yet it is no longer I, but [Christ](https://www.catholic.org/clife/jesus) living in me. The [life](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7101) that I am now living, subject to the limitation of human nature, I am living in faith, [faith](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=4554) in the Son of [God](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5217) who loved me and gave himself for me.

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

 1 [Song of Ascents] When [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) brought back Zion's captives we lived in a dream; 2 then our mouths filled with laughter, and our lips with song.

Then the nations kept saying, 'What great deeds [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) has done for them!' 3 Yes, [Yahweh](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6291) did great deeds for us, and we were overjoyed.

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

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

**Gospel, *John 15,1-8***

 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 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. 3 You are clean already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 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. 5 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. 6 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. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for whatever you please and you [will](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=12332) get it. 8 It is to the [glory](https://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=5201) of my Father that you should bear much fruit and be my disciples.