

SAINT FRANCIS EXCHANGE

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NOVEMBER 2016 – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

LETTER FROM THE MONSIGNOR

AND making a gathering, he sent twelve thousand drachms of silver to Jerusalem for sacrifice to be offered for the sins of the dead, thinking well and religiously concerning the resurrection. – II Maccabees 12:43

THIS month we remember those who have fallen asleep in the Lord: the holy souls that having died in a state of grace repay what they owe in justice for those sins properly confessed and forgiven.

Praying for the dead has always been my custom, a pious practice that my Irish family took quite seriously. By the time I was a young man I had a notebook with the names of the dead that I *still add to* and pray for on a daily basis. I cannot remember praying my Rosary without adding a decade for the faithfully departed.

My devotion to the Holy Souls was confirmed and encouraged by a pious Religious priest that I met in the traditional seminary, and he lent me a book to read one November, *Father Francis Xavier Schouppé's* work entitled *Purgatory*. Still available, I highly recommend its reading. The book belongs on every serious Catholic's bookshelf as

it tells many wonderful stories and explains the Church's *true* doctrine that concerns the state of Purgatory.

One of the most diabolical deceptions of the modernist new Church is its "canonisation" of every person who dies (regardless of their religion or state of their soul) and therefore the discarded practice of praying for the souls of the faithfully departed: no Masses, no votive candles and no prayers. Those souls that do make it to Purgatory are set to languish there bereft of our efficacious prayers and sacrifices. I often ask the faithful from the pulpit: *if we do not teach others, especially the young, about praying for the dead, who will pray for us when we pass from this vale of tears? Who will aid us in the expiation of our sins?*



Padre Pio used to say: *we must empty Purgatory with our prayers!* The Christian must always be aware of the needs of others before his own, and this is doubled when it comes to

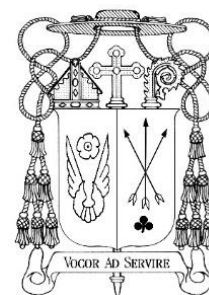
ending the suffering of the Poor Souls. I remind every reader of this fact – make friends of the Poor Souls and pray for them often, because there is no such thing as an ungrateful Holy Soul – help a soul get to heaven and you have a special saint who will assist you in your needs here on earth: and will pray for your souls from on high!

Make and keep a list of your loved ones whom have died and pray for their soul each and every day, especially during the month of November when there are many indulgenced prayers and pious practices that will aid you (see the article inside). I would also encourage you to "spiritually adopt" a soul; simply ask Our Lady to direct your prayers and sacrifices for a soul that has no one to pray for them: we will be so surprised when we find out in heaven who has been praying for us!

As always, I am most grateful for your prayers and support. Be assured of my paternal benediction and prayers, especially at Holy Mass. I remain,

In Christ the King,

Monsignor ✠ Thomas JF Sebastian



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: I read somewhere that many times Saint Paul asked God for mercy but God kept saying His grace was enough. Why do you think, if it is true, that God would answer Saint Paul by saying His grace was sufficient?

In Our Lord, FC, Adelanto, CA.

A: Such a good question, which underlines the importance of reading the Holy Bible on a regular basis and getting a firm understanding of its meaning: In 2 **Corinthians 2:7 - 9** we read that the Apostle was given a "sting in his flesh," that is, a great temptation. He begs God for the removal of the temptation but God allows the temptation to remain so that S. Paul might be perfected. God's grace will help us overcome all sin and temptation: this is our "work" - to be perfected by God's grace, not have our temptation to sin just "disappear" - we must participate and cooperate with God's grace in dying to sin.



S. Paul in prayer.

If you have a question, please feel free to send them via mail or e-mail (info@stfrancisoratory.org).



Saint Andrew
(30th of November):
Pray for us!



PRAYER REQUESTS

YOUR continued prayers are requested for the sick, especially Mr. Joseph Bremmer, Mr. Frank Calderon, Mr. Alfredo (Freddy) Cortes, Mr. Alfred Smith, Mr. & Mrs. William

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Schiermeyer, Mrs. Denise Huizenga, Mr. John Owen, and Mrs. Maria Gomez. Please also remember in your prayers the souls of those who have died, especially Mr. Emil Farrar†, Mr. Craig Marquette†, and Mrs. Elvira Solis Hernandez†. *If you know of someone unable to attend Holy Mass due to sickness please be sure to let one of the priests know so they can arrange for a sick call.*



FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY

OUR First Friday devotions will be on the 4th of **NOVEMBER**, and our First Saturday devotions will be on the 5th of **NOVEMBER**. First Friday Mass is at 7:00 p.m., followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament; First Saturday will be at 8:00 a.m., followed by the Devotions to the Immaculate Heart.



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS



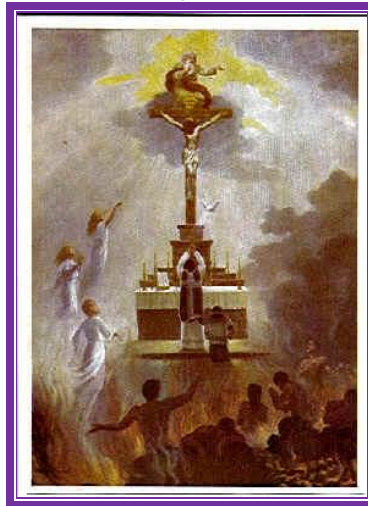
Tuesday the 1st of November is the feast of **ALL SAINTS: a Holy Day of Obligation.** Holy Mass will be offered at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.

ALL SOULS DAY: DEVOTIONS AND PIOUS PRACTICES

ON Wednesday the 2nd of November is the commemoration of **ALL HOLY SOULS**, and we will offer Holy Mass for their intentions beginning at 6:00 pm. There will be three Masses offered in a row (as the Catholic Custom on this day). Holy Communion will be offered for the faithful at 6:45 pm. Additional pious

(and indulgenced) customs are:

- ❖ Recite Prayers or perform devout exercises during the month of November.
- ❖ Participate in *public* exercises held in a church or oratory.
- ❖ Visit a cemetery during the 8 days of commemoration of the Holy Souls.
- ❖ Make a Heroic Act of Charity for the Holy Souls (Confession, Communion and prayer for the Intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff).



Sunday Mass Time:
10:00 am – Parochial Mass
with Homily

Daily Mass Times:
Tuesday through Saturday
8:00 am

First Friday 7:00 pm
Confessions one half of an hour before Holy Mass

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MASS GUILD

Holy Mass is offered on the First Saturday of every month for all Friends and benefactors of **SAINT FRANCIS ORATORY CHAPEL**. Your generous donation (one time *or* monthly) enables you to be remembered upon the Altars of the Society, where *only* the traditional Latin Mass is offered, as codified and canonized by His Holiness, Saint Pope Pius V, *perpetually* approved of.

We would like to remind those who send Mass requests to **PLEASE** include the name of the person and/or intention with your stipend. Mass Cards will be sent to concerned parties upon request. Thank you and God bless you!



☛ Saint Francis Chapel is staffed by the Priestly Society of Christ the King (SSCR); properly trained and ordained Roman Catholic Priests who are faithful to the teachings and disciplines of the Roman Catholic Church. Saint Francis is not affiliated with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Our Holy Fathers, the Popes, most especially Saint Pope Pius V in His infallible decree *Quo Primum*, have given their permission in perpetuity to offer the Traditional Latin Mass (*Missal of S. Pope Pius V* and rubrics of *S. Pope Pius X*).



**S. FRANCIS DAY
PICNIC!**

ON Sunday the 2nd of October we held our annual **S. Francis Day Picnic** after Holy Mass – there was wonderful food, sports for the kids and highly *appropriate music* (provided by Mr. David Damits and his friends). Here are some images for those who were unable to attend in person:



Our own Mr. David Damits giving the picnic a “thumbs up”



Fr. Matthew Howard, sscr with his parents Paul & Camille Howard



Everyone sitting down and getting ready for all the goodies...



Mr. Richie Rojas and Master William Huizenga – Altar Boys enjoying themselves.



Mr. Nick Garofalo and Kirk Lewis apparently discussing the intricacies of BBQ coal...



Msgr. Sebastian with longtime parishioners the Smith girls (Fennifer and Alyssa) and Mr. Richard Fawcett.



As long as the ladies of the Oratory are supervising everything will be alright!

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One of the best things about our annual picnic (in addition to all the *yummy* food) is the closeness and friendship between all our families. There are old faces to reminisce with and new faces to “get to know” and learn more about. For example, who new little Jude Francis was such a good football player (sorry, soccer...)?



Jude Francis and “soon to be married” Danny Sherrill kicking the ball about.

And here is the reason we are all here:

