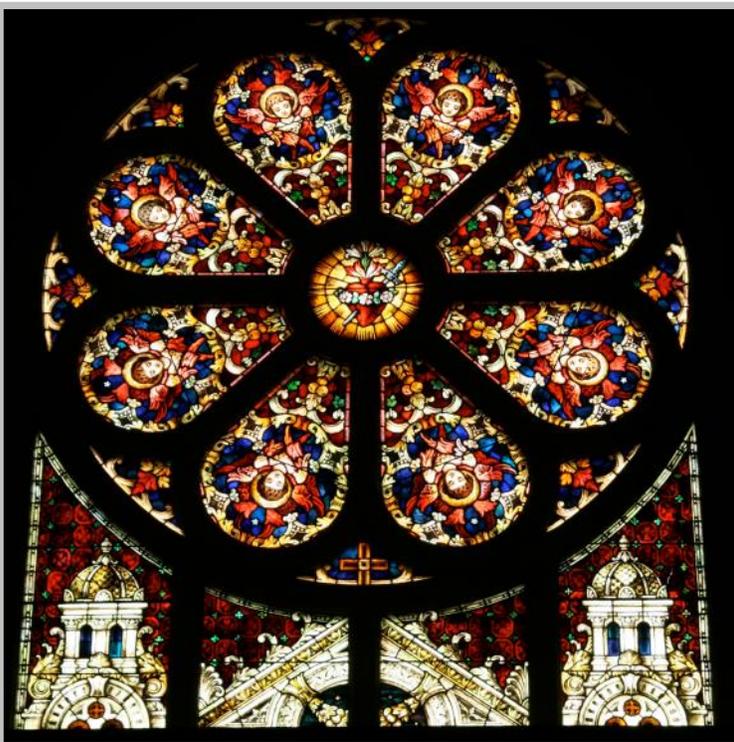




St. Joseph the Worker

Beautiful Liturgy - Reconciliation – Healing

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - OCTOBER 28 2018



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Monday thru Friday 9:00 am—5:00 pm
(Closed 12 Noon—1:00 pm for lunch)

MONDAY-SATURDAY

Mass: 9:00 am

SUNDAY

Mass: 8:00 am

Confessions: 9:45 am

Mass: 10:00 am

Mass: (Spanish) 11:30 am

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

6:00 pm—7:00 pm

Confessions: 6:00 pm—6:45 pm

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

On Wednesday Evenings

Holy Hour, Confessions and Rosary Prayer Group

Every Wednesday evening we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from **6:00 – 7:00 pm** with Confessions available from **6:00 – 6:45 pm**.

The **Rosary & Devotion Prayer Group** meets at **7:00 pm**, following the Holy Hour.

All are welcome.

Sant' Egidio Community

The Community of Sant' Egidio meets **every Thursday** at 7:00pm for prayer in our church chapel. All are invited to join for prayer and for some Christian fellowship.

FOR YOUR NOVEMBER CALENDAR



Thursday, November 1, 2018 - All Saints Day

Mass Times:

9:00am 7:00pm

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, November 2, 2018

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)

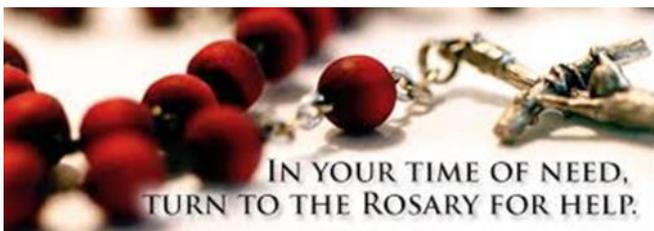
Mass Times: 7:00pm Solemn Candlelight Requiem Mass
(There will not be a 9:00am on this day.)

Thursday, November 22, 2018

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass Time: 10:00am

(There will not be a 9:00am Mass on Thanksgiving Day)



October is Rosary Month-Pray yours today.

SUNDAY MASSES - October 28, 2018

5:00pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass - Fr. Kenneth Nobrega

8:00 am – Fr. Laurent Okitakatshi

10:00 am – Fr. Kenneth Nobrega

11:30 am (Spanish) – Fr. Hugo Franca

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday

8:00 am

10:00 am

11:30 am

October 28th

Janise Lee

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Lilian Hood +

Monday

9:00 am

October 29th

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday

9:00 am

October 30th

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday

9:00 am

October 31st

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday

9:00 am

7:00 pm

November 1st

Holy Souls in Purgatory

SJW Parishioners

Friday

7:00 pm

November 2nd

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday

9:00 am

November 3rd

Minda W Vargas +

Would you like to have a Mass offered in honor or memory of someone?



It is easy, stop by our parish office or email Gloria Maldonado, our parish secretary at: gloria@stjosephtheworkerchurch.org

If you have a particular date in mind, let us know and we will try and accommodate you. The suggested donation is \$10.00.

Dear Visitors and Guests:



If you have been blessed by your visit to St. Joseph, please consider blessing our parish with a gift.

Through generous donations by faithful people like yourself, we intend on restoring this historic church back to its former glory, little by little.

You can make a safe, fast and easy one (1) time donation or a recurring donation with the ease of your smart phone through PUSHPAY. Follow these steps below:

Step 1) Enter the number: 77977

Step 2) Enter the letters "SJW" in the message section.

How simple it is to encounter Jesus!



As Christian we are called to devote a regular portion of our time to God in prayer. Perhaps we find it intimidating to find the right words when approaching our perfect and all-holy God.

Today's Gospel shows us we need to have our "act together" before we can spend time with Him in prayer. In this passage from Mark, we see that Bartimaeus received a powerful answer to prayer at a very low point in his life. There, he sat, begging at the side of the road in a very undignified manner. His posture wasn't exactly reverent, and his prayer wasn't eloquent, just a desperate, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."

But it was a sincere cry from his heart. And Jesus, though surrounded by a sizable crowd, heard it, and called for Bartimaeus to come to Him. Folks from the crowd called to Bartimaeus, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." And right there on the spot, Bartimaeus experienced a profound moment of personal encounter with our Lord and the healing of his vision he desired.

How simple it is to encounter Jesus! All we must do is reach out to Him in prayer and we can be assured that He will hear us and call us to Himself. So let's all take courage this week knowing that Jesus is calling us right now to spend time with Him just as we are, in all our weakness and brokenness. Tell Him, the great High Priest, what your needs are and then, like Bartimaeus, follow Him, and keep on keeping on in this stewardship way of life. It's a life with the ultimate happy ending.

Novena of Masses for Holy Souls in Purgatory



*is being offered by
Fr. Nobrega*

Beginning Thursday,

October 25th and

culminating with the
Friday, November 2nd

7:00pm

All Souls Requiem Mass.

All Souls Offering Envelopes with names of deceased loved ones will be placed on the Altar throughout the Novena Masses

All Donations will go to support St Joseph the Worker.

All Souls Candlelight Requiem Mass

Friday, November 2nd at 7:00pm

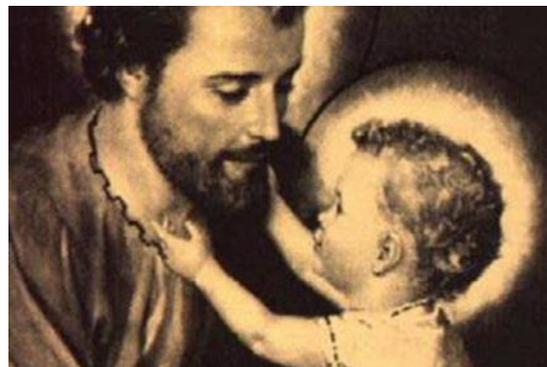
Join Father Nobrega for a beautiful and solemn Candlelight Requiem Mass. Invite your family and friends for this very special evening of prayer for our deceased loved ones.



Memorial Table

Throughout the Month of November, we will be honoring, remembering, and praying for our beloved dead. You are invited to bring framed photographs of your deceased loved ones and place them on our memorial table in the church.

Glorious, St. Joseph



Pray for us.

Prayer to St. Joseph after the Rosary during the Month of October



To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;

O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;

O our most mighty protector, be propitious to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness;

and, as once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect Gods Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;

shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die holily, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.



This prayer to Saint Joseph—spouse of the Virgin Mary, foster father of Jesus, and patron saint of the universal Church—was composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, Quamquam Pluries. He asked that it be added to the end of the Rosary, especially during the month of October, which is dedicated to the Ro-

sary. The prayer is enriched with a partial indulgence (Handbook of Indulgences, conc. 19), and may be said after the customary Salve Regina and concluding prayer. It may also be used to conclude other Marian devotions.

How Much Should I give?

Many people **recommend** that Catholics consider working toward biblical tithing: 10% of your gross income. Fr. Kenneth Nobrega supports and recommends the venerable practice of tithing 5% to the parish church and 5% to worthy charities.

Household Income	3%			5%			10%		
	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
\$20,000	600	50	12	1,000	83	19	2,000	167	38
\$30,000	900	75	17	1,500	125	29	3,000	250	58
\$40,000	1,200	100	23	2,000	167	38	4,000	333	77
\$50,000	1,500	125	29	2,500	208	48	5,000	417	96
\$60,000	1,800	150	35	3,000	250	58	6,000	500	115
\$70,000	2,100	175	40	3,500	292	67	7,000	583	135
\$80,000	2,400	200	46	4,000	333	77	8,000	667	154
\$90,000	2,700	225	52	4,500	375	87	9,000	750	173
\$100,000	3,000	250	58	5,000	417	96	10,000	833	192
\$120,000	3,600	300	69	6,000	500	115	12,000	1,000	231
\$150,000	4,500	375	87	7,500	625	144	15,000	1,250	288
\$200,000	6,000	500	115	10,000	833	192	20,000	1,667	385

Please Contribute as much as possible to the material needs of St. Joseph the Worker so that we can continue to keep our doors open and be a refuge for those seeking spiritual help and healing. Your help in needed and important - Together we can restore our beautiful church to its original glory.



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A prayer to our Lady for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Holy Mary, Mother of Mercy, I offer you, most Holy Mother, the souls suffering in purgatory, in particular I pray for: _____ name(s) _____ and for those poor souls for whom no one particularly prays for. I beg you to be so kind as to look upon them with your merciful eyes and ask for their release from their torments. Through your hands, O Holy Virgin, I offer to the Lord this act of love, asking His mercy for the souls that are being purged. Amen.

Your votive candle is a silent but visible sign of prayer and devotion. May God bless.

5 Ways to Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

- Philip Kosloski



Praying for the souls of those who have died is an ancient practice of the Church -- here's how to do it this November.

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory and the faithful are encouraged not only to remember the passing of relatives and friends, but most importantly to pray for the souls of the deceased. Praying for the souls of those who have died is an ancient practice of the Church, one that is based on the Catholic teaching regarding Purgatory.

The Catechism offers a brief explanation regarding this state in the afterlife: “The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect... As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come” (CCC 1031).

“[E]very sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory” (CCC 1472).

On account of this reality, the *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy* explains, “Hence derives the pious custom of suffrage for the souls of the faithful departed, which is an urgent supplication of God to have mercy on the souls of the dead, to purify them by the fire of His charity, and to bring them to His kingdom of light and life. This suffrage is a cultic expression of faith in the communion of saints. Indeed, ‘the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead; and “because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins” (2 Mac 12, 46) she offers her suffrages for them.”

It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the souls of the faithful departed, imploring God to purify the souls of the dead “by the fire of His charity” and to bring them at last to their Heavenly Home.

The Church offers numerous ways to pray for the dead. For the purposes of this article, here are five of the most common that the Church recommends, especially in the month of November.

1) Offer Masses for the Dead: It is a custom in the Church to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for a particular soul, whether they are a deceased relative or friend. The *Directory* recommends having Masses offered on the “third, seventh, and thirtieth day following their deaths, as well as on their anniversaries.” Contact your local parish to inquire about offering a Mass for someone.

Pope Benedict XVI recommended this practice in *Sacramentum Caritatis*: “I wish, together with the Synod Fathers, to remind all the faithful of the importance of prayers for the dead, especially the offering of Mass for them, so that, once purified, they can come to the beatific vision of God. A rediscovery of the eschatological dimension inherent in the Eucharist, celebrated and adored, will help sustain us on our journey and comfort us in the hope of glory” (SC, 32).

2) Pray the Novena for the Holy Souls: Composed by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, the nine days of prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory is a more prolonged way to pray for the deceased. Traditionally it is prayed in preparation for All Souls Day or in the days following the celebration.

3) Visit a Cemetery: An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the 1st to the 8th of November; on other days of the year it is partial. Besides benefiting the Holy Souls, visiting a cemetery is a healthy reminder of our own mortality, realizing that we too will pass from this life to the next.

4) Pray the “Eternal Rest” Prayer: A partial indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, can be obtained when the “Eternal Rest” prayer is prayed with faith. The prayer is as follows:

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

This prayer is used most often during the liturgical functions surrounding a funeral, but is often prayed by families in connection with prayers before and after meals.

5) Pray Saint Gertrude the Great’s Prayer for the Holy Souls: One of the most popular prayers for the Souls in Purgatory is that of Saint Gertrude the Great. She received many visions of Our Lord during her lifetime and expressed to Jesus her great desire to pray for the deceased. In return, Jesus taught Saint Gertrude the following prayer. It is piously believed that 1,000 souls are released from purgatory by praying this prayer with the heart.

Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for all sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Ten Reasons Why the Rosary is Powerful



- Fr. Dwight Longenecker

Saints say it. Popes say it.

The Rosary is a powerful weapon against evil. But have you stopped to figure out why?

Here are ten reasons why the Rosary prayer is the most powerful and how you can use it most fully.

1. It Engages Your Will

The human will is powerful because it is a sharing in God's power. He gives us the will to choose to do good or choose to do evil, and that will, in and of itself, is a powerful weapon in the spiritual realm. That's why Satan seeks to enslave us and incapacitate our will through addictions. When our will is joined with God's will through prayer we literally tap into God's own power source.

2. It is Physical

God has given us bodies and souls. Angels—and this includes demons—are purely spiritual creatures. They have no physical form and are therefore inferior to us. When we pray the rosary we use our bodies. We hold the rosary beads which include a crucifix. If possible we should adopt an intentionally physical posture for prayer—either walking, kneeling or sitting attentively. If possible we should also use other physical sacramentals like blessed candles, holy water, maybe some incense and holy pictures or statues. When we use the physical aspects of prayer we are using tools that we have and which Satan does not have.

3. It Engages our Linguistic Functions

God has not only given us bodies. He has given us physical speech. We have tongues to praise him. We have vocal chords and breath to speak and sing. Satan does not have the means of physical speech. Animals do not have physical speech. Humans do. Therefore we should pray the rosary out loud moving our lips. This engages our physical bodies and our intellect through which we are able to produce speech.

4. It Involves Our Imagination

The non-verbal part of our mind communicates through imagery. We not only think with language, but we think in pictures. Satan likes to captivate our imagination through sinful images. These images can be communicated through internet, television or any visual stimulus, but he also wants our imagination to dwell in images that are destructive. So our imagination can be used for lustful fantasies, violent imaginations against our enemies or indulging in negative memories. When we meditate on the mysteries of the rosary we engage that channel of our mind in a positive and purifying way. Meditating on the mysteries therefore cleanses our imagination and engages and uses the imagination to promote God's will rather than evil.

5. The Rosary Occupies the Language Facility

In order to allow the imagination to be properly cleansed through meditation it helps to switch into imagination mode. Unfortunately our minds usually function in a linguistic mode—using speech and speech concepts to think through problems, think about the future, plan what comes next etc. By praying the rosary this channel of our mind is occupied and the doors can open to the imagination and what I call the “sub linguistic” parts of our being.



6. The Sub Linguistic is Accessed

Much of our soul work takes place in the realm of emotions. Emotions are not linguistic nor are they imaginative. They are just raw emotions. We feel angry. We feel rage. We feel lust. We feel bliss. We feel peace. True emotions are irrational and unexplainable. The emotional area of the soul is also the area where we have our foundational experiences. In the mother's womb and in the pre-linguistic stages of life we experience life in an irrational and emotional way. As we pray the rosary and the linguistic channel is occupied and the imaginative channel is occupied the Holy Spirit can access the sub linguistic, deep down, raw experiences of our earliest days. If there are wounds and bad emotional memories there Mother Mary can heal them.

7. The Healing Mysteries are Applied

I have written more about how this works in my book *Praying the Rosary for Inner Healing* but suffice it to say that as we pray the rosary, the mysteries of Christ's birth, ministry, passion and glory are opened up and the Holy Spirit applies them to our own inner needs. Where there are impurities they are purged, where there are bad memories, they are healed. Where there are wounds, Doctor Jesus and Nurse Mary minister to our needs.

8. Spiritual Warfare is Engaged

Satan hates the rosary. He hates Mary. He hates the gospel. He hates God. He hates Christ the Lord. He hates the Lord's Prayer. He hates the Hail Mary. He hates you. Every time you pray the rosary, because of what I outlined above, you are entering the territory that he wants to claim as his own. He wants control over your will. You take that from him. He wants control over your speech. You take that from him. He wants control over your imagination. You take that from him. He wants control over your emotions and your early life. You take that from him.

9. The Battle Against Evil in the Word is Opened

I have written more about this in my second book on the rosary called *Praying the Rosary for Spiritual Warfare*. Here I can say that in many ways the mysteries of the gospel bring alive Christ's victory over Satan and by praying the rosary we can apply those victories against Satan's work in the world.

10. It is Accessible and Easy for All

The fantastically amazing thing about the rosary is that God does this very deep healing work in individual lives and in the world in this most accessible and easy way. No need for long sessions of psychoanalysis or counseling for most people. Instead ordinary men, women and boys and girls can simply pray the rosary. All these good things happen even when they are unaware that these deep aspects of praying the rosary are taking place. It doesn't matter who—an old peasant woman or a smart college professor, a little child or a busy mom. Billions of Catholics. All can pray the rosary.

So stop complaining and get busy praying!



Need A New Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation or Marriage Certificate?

Sacramental certificates from St. Joseph the Worker can be obtained from our parish office usually within one or two business days. We kindly ask for a \$25 donation for each requested certificate which will go towards the support of St. Joseph the Worker Church.

Please contact Gloria Maldonado our parish secretary at (510) 843-2244 or email gloria@stjosephtheworkerchurch.org

Why Light a Votive Candle?



A Votive Light is a "silent sentinel" and can burn for your special intentions or for someone who is in need of prayers. This is a thoughtful expression of your sentiments and best wishes for any occasion. Your Votive Light can be an act of faith and charity - the light is a symbol of the sacrifice you have made in behalf of someone else - and it is a silent reminder of your prayers for them.

Unlike a regular purchase, a votive candle donation is an "offering" made to God through the intercession of the Saints which also helps support our St. Joseph the Worker Church's mission of beautiful liturgies, reconciliation and healing.

Your prayerful votive offerings are "lighting up" our church with beauty and prayer. Thank you, and may God bless you.

Parish Office Hours

Gloria Maldonado, our office secretary is ready to welcome and assist our parishioners and visitors. St. Joseph the Worker Parish Office Hours are from **Monday thru Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm** (closed noon to 1:00 pm for lunch).

Tarot cards: The dark truth behind the popular trend.

- Philip Kosloski



Sales are up and the highest they have been in 50 years.

The past few years have seen a dramatic increase in tarot card sales, with searches for tarot cards trending on Etsy and general sales of decks at the highest they have been in 50 years.

According to a tarot card reader interviewed in the New York Times, “There used to be this idea of tarot being connected to that chick in a shop behind a neon sign who’s going to take you for a ride and tell your future ... That’s different now. Witchcraft and feminist spirituality, especially in our political climate, are having a moment. Tarot is part of that.”

Tarot cards are being used in a number of new ways and more people are quitting their jobs to become readers. While generally believed to have originated from playing cards in ancient Egypt, most tarot cards today trace their origin to the 18th century and were used for occult purposes. (As a note, there do exist tarot playing card games that are not occult in origin, but use similar images and are closely related.)

Tarot card readers typically use these cards to reveal something about a person’s future, which is also called “divination.” The Catholic Church teaches strongly against such practices in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to “unveil” the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone. (CCC 2116)

Using tarot cards for the purpose of gaining “hidden knowledge” is never a good idea and opens up a person to the demonic. It represents a desire for power and a rejection of God’s providential care over creation.

Jesus instructed his disciples to not worry about the future and to trust in God, “Do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ... Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day’s own trouble be sufficient for the day” (Matthew 6:25-26, 34).

Using tarot cards can also attract the attention of various demons and evil spirits. An ex-tarot card reader admitted after she broke away from the practice, “It was after getting rid of them that there were several strange happenings, I began to feel the presence of a spirit, which kept visiting me between May and August. I realized the cards had actually connected me with ‘something,’ as I started to feel a presence which kept coming to me, very often, almost weekly. It came at any time ... because I had finally broken the connection, and it was trying to keep it.” Ultimately the devil is behind anything that tries to drive us away from God and distrust his loving care of us. This was what happened in the Garden of Eden, when Satan tried to give Adam and Eve “hidden knowledge,” saying that God was keeping something from them.

Let us trust God and keep the words of the prophet Jeremiah close to our heart, “For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11).