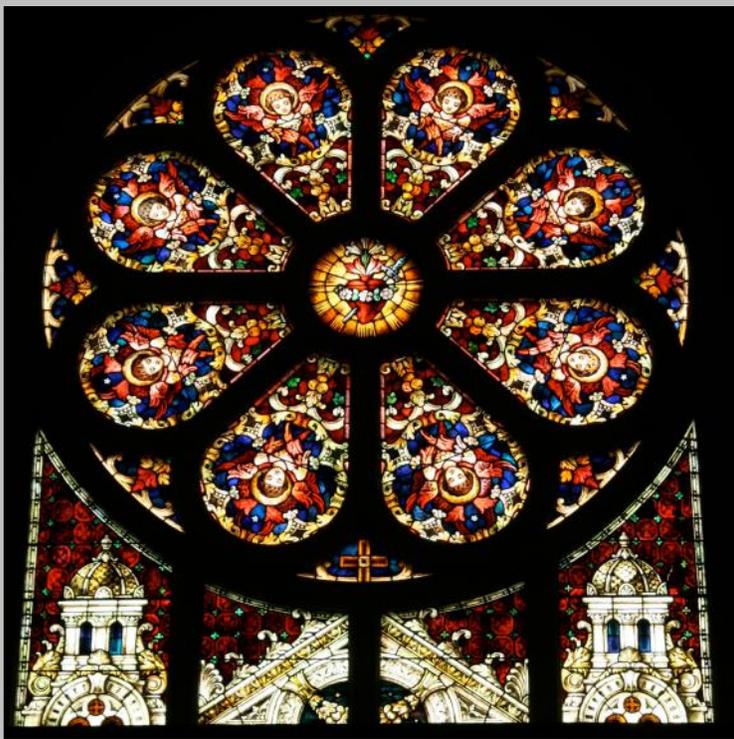




# St. Joseph the Worker

*Beautiful Liturgy - Reconciliation – Healing*

*Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - NOVEMBER 4, 2018*



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## 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.

## 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.

## 10:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass



### Thursday, November 22, 2018

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

## SUNDAY MASSES - November 4, 2018

**8:00 am** – Fr. John Gribowich

**10:00 am** – Fr. Kenneth Nobrega

**11:30 am (Spanish)** – Fr. Alex Castillo

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday

8:00 am

10:00 am

11:30 am

#### November 4th

Eufemiano Sanchez +

Amado Judit +

Familia Moreno Perez

#### Monday

9:00 am

#### November 5th

Aurea Serna +

#### Tuesday

9:00 am

#### November 6th

Jennifer Larrabee +

#### Wednesday

9:00 am

#### November 7th

Fr. Alexander Castillo

#### Thursday

9:00 am

#### November 8th

Alex Reggi

#### Friday

7:00 am

#### November 9th

Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### Saturday

9:00 am

#### November 10th

Livia Larrabee

### 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](mailto: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

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## Let's consider these "Greatest Commandments"

Today's Gospel reading brings us to the very essence of a stewardship way of life, as Jesus responds to a question posed to Him by one of the scribes: "Which is the first of all the commandments?" His answer is a beautiful and concise description of a Christian steward's life: "The first [commandment] is this... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."



Let's consider these "greatest commandments" as they relate to three aspects of a Christian steward's daily life — the giving of our time, talent and treasure.

The use of time refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord — in other words, our prayer life. Since time is a gift to me from God, I show my love for Him and my gratitude for this gift by giving Him the best portion of my time. Of course it is vital to talk to God throughout the day, but if I really want to love Him with all my heart, soul, mind and strength, shouldn't I make time for God "first" on my agenda each day? Not as an afterthought, but as a time I have intentionally chosen to spend only with Him.

The use of talents refers to the way I offer the abilities, skills, and interests the Lord has given me for the good of those around me. Doing so is a practical way to "love my neighbor as myself." At the same time it is also a way to love the Lord with all that I am and have, since He has told us that whatever we do for others we are also doing for Him.

The use material gifts — or treasure — likewise demonstrates both love of God and of neighbor. When I trustingly offer a sacrificial gift to God through the offertory collection I am showing Him in a very tangible way that He comes before all else in my life and I am putting my material resources at the service of my neighbor in the parish community and beyond.

When we live for God and others, we are living a stewardship way of life. And like the wise scribe in today's Gospel, we are moving closer to the kingdom of God, our ultimate destination.

## 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 is needed and important - Together we can restore our beautiful church to its original glory.



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## Glorious, St. Joseph



**Pray for us.**

## Selfless teen goes miles out of his way to deliver food to dying man.

- Elizabeth Pardi



***Dalton Shaffer didn't think twice about serving a family in need.***

When someone goes out of their way to perform an act of kindness, it's especially encouraging when they reveal that they didn't think twice about it — an uplifting reminder that there are truly honorable people in this world whose first instinct is to do good for others, no matter the inconvenience.

So when someone drives seven hours in the middle of the night to do a good deed, and that someone is a teenager who has to be at his second job in the morning but says he “really didn't think twice about it,” you better believe it inspires hope in humanity.

According to *Today*, earlier this month Dalton Shaffer, an 18-year-old manager of Steve's Pizza in Battle Creek, Michigan, was working one evening at Steve's Pizza when he received a phone call. It was David Dalke, a man 230 miles away in Indianapolis, Indiana, calling from the home of his daughter, Julie, and her husband, Rich, whose fight with cancer was quickly coming to a sorrowful end.

As Julie later explained in a Facebook post, she and Rich lived in Battle Creek 25 years ago and had fallen in love with the pizza at Steve's. “I can't possibly describe how delicious this pizza is, she wrote, “but several moves and all these years later, it is still the gold standard and we've never found a better pizza yet.”

The two of them had recently been planning a visit back to Battle Creek when Rich unexpectedly ended up in the ICU when his cancer took a turn for the worst. When he was sent home, he was put in hospice care to prepare for the end.

In an attempt to bring them some comfort since they'd had to cancel their trip, Julie's thoughtful dad, David, dialed Steve's Pizza and asked if they might be able to send their condolences to a former loyal customer. In response, Dalton, the manager on duty, asked what toppings Julie and Rich enjoyed. Even though Steve's is a carryout joint that doesn't deliver, Dalton told David he'd drive a couple pizzas out to Indianapolis after he closed the restaurant at 10 p.m. “When I rolled into the driveway at about 2:30, 2:40, the family was waiting up for me,” Dalton told *Today*. “The dad ... came out and he gave me a big hug.”

The teen graciously declined David's offer to get him a hotel room for the night, and then got back into his car and drove three and a half hours back home in time for a morning shift at his second job.

Of his good deed, Dalton simply said that he didn't think twice about it. Also, he declared, “I just would, like anybody reading ... to just think of the family ... [and] pray for them. They're going to be going through a hard time.”

In a society where teens are sadly labeled as being self-centered, Dalton absolutely shatters the stereotype in the most admirable way. He makes us all feel, as Julie put it, “beyond overwhelmed and humbled by this act of genuine kindness.”

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## Pray St. Gertrude the Great's powerful prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory



***According to tradition, many souls would fly to heaven when this prayer is prayed with heartfelt devotion.***

St. Gertrude the Great was a holy mystic of the 14th century, who began receiving heavenly visions at age 25 while living in a Benedictine community. Among her mystical visions was a glimpse into Purgatory. There she saw a man she was praying for and his soul appeared as a toad, suffering from the sins he committed on earth. After reciting a short prayer for him, she asked Jesus if it had any effect. He replied by saying, “Certainly, the souls in Purgatory are lifted up by such supplications, but also brief prayers that are said with fervor are of even greater benefit for them.”

The Church has always taught that 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.

During one of these visions Gertrude was given a prayer by Jesus for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. It is piously believed that 1,000 souls are released from purgatory by praying this prayer with the heart.

Below is this powerful prayer, one that trusts in the unfathomable mercy of God, poured out for us on Calvary.

***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.***



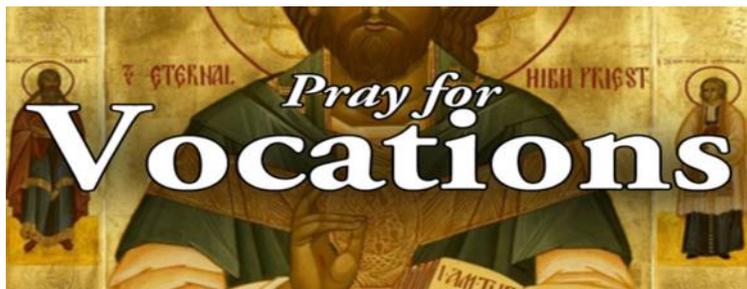
**"I just liked these photos..."**  
- Fr. KN

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### **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).

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### **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](mailto:gloria@stjosephtheworkerchurch.org)

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### **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.

# 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 want 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 aspect 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!***

## The history of incense and why it's used at Mass.

- Larry Peterson



*This fragrant element of our Catholic heritage dates to millennia before Christ.*

For me, there is something about the smell of freshly burned incense filling the church that is spiritually uplifting. But where did it come from and why do we use it?

The use of incense in religious worship started more than 2,000 years before Christianity even began. The use of incense in China is documented before 2000 BC. Trade in incense and spices was a major economic factor between east and west when caravans traveled the Middle Eastern Incense Route from Yemen through Saudi Arabia. The route ended in Israel and it was here that it was introduced to the Roman Empire.

Religions in the western world have long used incense in their ceremonies. Incense is noted in the Talmud and is mentioned 170 times in the Bible. (e.g., Exodus 30: 1):

*“For burning incense you shall make an altar of acacia wood ...”*

The use of incense in Jewish worship continued long after the beginning of Christianity and was a definite influence in the Catholic Church's use of it in liturgical celebrations. The Church sees the burning of incense as an image of the prayers of the faithful rising to heaven. The symbolism is mentioned in Psalm 141:2:

*“Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering.”*

There is no specific time frame recorded to let us know when incense was introduced into the religious services of the Church. No evidence is available to show its use during the first four centuries of the Church. But there are references of it being used in the New Testament. Luke, in the beginning of his Gospel, speaking about the birth of John the Baptist, writes:

*Then, when the whole assembly of people were praying outside at the hour of the incense offering, the angel of the Lord appeared to him standing at the right of the altar of incense. Zechariah was troubled by what he saw and fear came upon him.*

Incense is a sacramental, used to sanctify, bless, and venerate. The smoke from the incense is symbolic of the mystery of God Himself. As it rises upward the imagery and smell convey the sweetness of Our Lord's presence and it reinforces how the Mass is linked to Heaven and Earth, ending in the very presence of God.

The smoke also symbolizes the intense faith that should fill us and the fragrance is representative of Christian virtue.



The GIRM (General Instruction of the Roman Missal) permits the use of incense at several times during the Mass. When something is incensed, the censer (thurible) is swung three times, which represents the Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity.

There are different times during the Mass that incense may be used.

- During the entrance procession
- At the beginning of Mass to incense the altar and the cross
- Before the Gospel reading

In addition, incense is used at funerals both in the church at the casket and at the cemetery. It is used on Holy Thursday as the Blessed Sacrament is put in repose. And during the Easter Vigil, five grains of incense are placed into the Paschal Candle.

Finally, let us go to the Book of Revelation 8:3-4:

*Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a gold censer (thurible). He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones on the gold altar which was before the throne. The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel.*



**Yes, the use of incense is deeply rooted in our Catholic heritage.**

## 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.

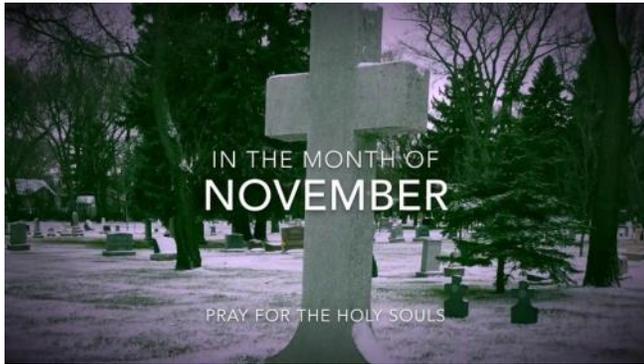
### 1) Offer Masses for the Dead:

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

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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.*



## 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.**