

All-Merciful / All-Just

By Father Libby

The month of November brings with it an interesting collage along with elections on the secular level; National Vocations Week the first weekend and following week, then at the end of the month we enter Advent. But primarily it is about the *dead-living*. Today there are so many movies and shows about the *living-dead* that we often forget about those who have died yet are still living. And so Holy Mother Church has a month set aside to remember them in a special way. And what better way to remember them than by taking an extra hour of adoration for them in the month of November? It is there, in adoration, as an extension of the mass, that we are most closely united with the other two parts of the Church—the Church Triumphant (the Saints in Heaven enjoying the Beatific Vision) and the Church Suffering (the Saints in Purgatory being purified, secure that one day, by our prayers, almsgiving and sacrifices, they will attain that Beatific, happy, Vision in Heaven).

It's so great to think of being connected to all the saints in heaven and the souls in purgatory in a special way when we are there before the Lord, the Vine, we, the branches; how in adoration we can get a plenary indulgence for them by spending even a ½ hr with the Lord (along with the other normal conditions; confession within 20 days, reception of the Eucharist on the day we adore, prayers for the Holy Father with detachment from any habits of sin). And of course what wonderful benefits we receive by showing up to adore. Isn't it beautiful how God has set up the Church so that when we help others, we also help ourselves?

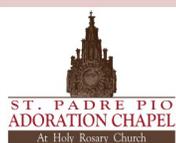
And what do we do in the chapel once we are in there? I'd recommend in November for your time of meditation the Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. What are those souls in purgatory suffering for? Clearly some lack in their earthly life—some sin, some failure at achieving virtue, some selfishness or self-centeredness. While on this earth God our loving Father is constantly coming up with 'plan B' for us when we choose a path less than the best possible one we could have chosen. He loves us so much that he coaxes us out of despair constantly so that we don't give up. There's always a plan B in this life, always a way back to the Father

and so we should never give up, never despair (which is what the devil wants us to do), but if we fall, immediately rise and take the next alternative route, choose the next act of charity God puts before us.

But God is, along with being All-Merciful, also All-Just. He has to be or He wouldn't be God. There's a price that needs to be paid when we don't love God or neighbor as well as we could, and that is what has to be expiated in purgatory. Now certainly Christ has already paid the price of our sins, what we have done and failed to do. But we often forget that when we fall short or sin, we first and foremost (after offending God of course) hurt our closest neighbor, that is, we hurt ourselves who is our closest neighbor. When we choose something other than perfect love, we 'warp our own soul' in a certain way, we hurt ourselves, and this is what needs to be purified in purgatory as 'nothing unclean enters heaven', as the book of Revelation reminds us (Rev. 21:27).



This is why proper self love is so important, essential. This is why making time every day to spend with the Lord (ideally in front of the Blessed Sacrament but if you can't get here every day then at least in your house in front of a crucifix or the enthroned Sacred Heart in your home—talk to me if you haven't done the enthronement!). You are worth taking the time for the Lord! You are worth choosing not to sin rather than just pleasing the crowd! So in this month of the dead-living, let us not be the living-dead; those who have chosen sin, that is, improper self love, over God. Let us help those in purgatory by helping ourselves with daily plenary indulgences like the one that includes ½ hr at least of adoration. Let us meditate on the Four Last Things, not to bring despair, but in order to bring the true joy of knowing what God has done for us and choose it well.



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Prayer feeds our lives. Prayer is a gift. It is a gift because Christian Prayer is based on knowing the Lord Jesus, and having the Holy Spirit stir and move through us in prayer. Please keep these intentions in your prayers.

Pray for those that are not able to attend Mass with us

Jill Anderson- Home

Ted Bodus- Woodside Assisted Living Facility

Betty Flaska- Home * Georgetta Galla- Joy Givers

Theresa Garvin- Joy Givers * John King- Home

Loraine Kulanda - Home * Ann Mazurek- Home

John Peplinski- Medilodge * Joanne Popa- Home

Frank Majszak - Medilodge South * Elizabeth Randall- Home

Mike Shorter- The Villa at Traverse Point

Thelma Weber- Woodside Assisted Living Facility

Please call the office to correct & update this list.

Please pray for those receiving the Sacraments

First Sacraments Candidates

Karl Atlman

Lucas Baker

Natalie Berninger

Dlemar Bromley

Philip Dunphey

Blaise Grignon

Brianna Goff

John Jeffrey

Mark McManus

Luke Parishall

Margaret Ritola

Axton Thorne

RCIA Candidates

Alex Bendickson

Drew Gibson

Rebecca, Dale & Brianna Goff

Evan Penney

Stephen Starling

Thomas Williams



May the Holy Spirit guide them on their journey into the Catholic Faith

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Recent Prayer Intentions

David Mikowski (son of Shirley) - hospitalized * Elections

Young woman & daughter in danger * Gena Culver

Beverly Brown * Dave Morris * Marilyn Lane * Jeff Cooper

Terry Weber (Kingsley) - Cervical spine surgery recovery

Summer (age 18) - diabetes complications * Carol

Hurricane Devastation * Joan Gauthier - continued healing

Ben (age 25) - Hit by car on bike - possible paralyzed

Baby Henry Gauthier - healing * Nicole M - kidneys

For our country * Sarah * Robin R - heart issues * Trinity

Fr. Christopher Henderson * Robert * Jane

Cancer Patients:

Cynthia Lieby * Peter Freundl * Carmen Dietrich * Kathleen

Shari * Danny Mikowski * Richard Plamondon * Carrie DeLille

Therese Rosinski * Leah D.

For the recently deceased & their families

Cheryl Olds * David Mikowski * Joe Schichtel

Bill Dunn * Charlie McDonald * Beryl S.

Jeff Cooper * Shari Libbs * Kathy B. * Dawn W.

* Ongoing Prayer Intentions *

* Chris Berkey - Neurological issues (Clinical trial hopes) *

* Delores (Ditto) Couturier - stroke recovery *

* Dakota Korson - 3 yrs. old - Neuroblastoma (Cancer) *

* Lucas P. - teen - serious food allergies and EOE *

* Ron Rushton - stroke recovery *

* Amy Thoreson - for complete healing *

* Kayla Tondreau - SJIA & many health struggles *

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St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



& THEIR FAMILIES

- Ken Artz —US Air Force
- Isaiah Belanger —US Navy
- Charles Berninger —US Coast Guard
- Nicholas Bryan —US Army
- John Bunek —US Navy
- Curtis Bunek —US Navy
- Keith Castle —US Marines

- Matthew Culver —US Navy
- Tim Fisher —US Army
- Peter Freundl —US Coast Guard
- Avery Kohler —MI National Guard
- Christopher Kohler —MI National Guard
- Jacob Kunde —US Air Force
- Austin McQueer —US Marines
- Andrew Tondreau —MI National Guard
- Ryan Tondreau —US Army
- Leif Vanderwerf —US Marines
- Daniel Weber —US Army
- Anya Woods —MI National Guard
- Tim Wigton —MI National Guard
- Andrew Zeits —US Army

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. ~ Amen.