

November 12, 2023 • 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Cathedral of
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Veterans Day
November 11, 2023

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Most Reverend Donald E. DeGrood, *Bishop*

LITURGY GUIDE - November 12, 2023

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Welcome to the Cathedral of St. Joseph and thank you for joining us for the celebration of Holy Mass today!

Please, silence your cell phones and refrain from eating, drinking or chewing gum in the Cathedral. Help keep our Cathedral tidy by utilizing the waste baskets found near the main entrances.

Please, do not take pictures during the Mass celebration. You are welcome to take pictures after Mass.

INTROIT - (At 9:15 AM & 11:00 THE INTROIT IS SUNG BY THE CHOIR, FOLLOWED BY THE OPENING HYMN)

Intret oratio mea in conspectu tuo: inclina aurem tuam ad preces meam Domine. (Verse) Domine Deus salutis meae: in die clamavi, et nocte coram te.

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord. (Verse) O Lord, God of my salvation, day and night have I cried before you.

OPENING HYMN

645

ST. THOMAS

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

(striking breast three times) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, hea-ve-nly King, O God, al - migh - ty Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are sea-ted at the

right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer-cy on us. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Wisdom 6:12-16

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her.

She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

(Refrain sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)

My soul is thirst - ing for you, O Lord, thirst - ing for you my God.

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O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you; for you my soul is thirsting. For you my flesh is pining, like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

I have come before you in the sanctuary, to behold your strength and your glory. Your loving mercy is better than life; my lips will speak your praise. **R**

I will bless you all my life; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet; with joyful lips, my mouth will praise you. **R**

When I remember you upon my bed, I muse on you through the watches of the night. For you have been my strength; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please Stand*
(Sung first by cantor, then congregation repeat)



Stay awake and be ready!
For you do not know on what day your Lord will come. **R**

GOSPEL **Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus told his disciples this parable:
"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary,
Pray for Us. Amen*



PROFESSION OF FAITH *Please Stand*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *(bow here)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN (4:00 PM AND 7:30 AM) ABBOT'S LEIGH 534
God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (9:15 AM)
Gressus meos dirige Domine secundum eloquium tuum: ut non dominetur omnis iniustitia, Domine. Guide my footsteps, O Lord, according to your work, so that no iniquity may ever gain the upper hand, O Lord.

Offertory Anthem (11:00 AM) C.V. STANFORD (1852-1924)
Beati Quorum Via

Beati quorum via integra est, qui ambulant in lege Domini. Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Celebrant: Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

AGNUS DEI

Cantor or Choir: *Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
All: have mer - cy on us. *To repeat* grant us peace. *Last time*

ECCE AGNUS DEI
Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

HOLY COMMUNION
All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with their arms crossed over their chest to signal their desire to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (4:00 PM, 7:30 AM)

The Lord is my shep - herd; there is no - thing I shall want.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (9:15 & 11:00 AM)

Quinque prudentes virgines acceperunt oleum in vasis suis cum lampadibus: media autem nocte clamor factus est: Ecce sponsus venit: excite obviam Christo Domino.

The five wise virgins took oil in flasks with their lamps; at midnight there was a cry: "Behold the bridegroom is here; come out to meet Christ the Lord."

Communion Meditation (11:00 AM) Maurice Duruflé
Tantum Ergo (1902-1986)

Tantum ergo sacramentum veneremur cernui, et antiquum documentum novo cedat ritui; praestet fides supplementum sensuum defectui.
Genitori Genitoque laus et iubilatio, salus, honor, virtus quoque sit et benedictio; procedenti ab utroque compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Down in adoration falling,
 This great Sacrament we hail,
 O'er ancient forms of worship
 Newer rites of grace prevail;
 Faith will tell us Christ is present,
 When our human senses fail.
 To the Everlasting Father,
 And the Son who made us free
 And the Spirit, God proceeding
 From them Each eternally,
 Be salvation, honour, blessing,
 Might and endless majesty. Amen.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 634 **RESIGNATION**
 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

CLOSING HYMN 551 **ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR**
 Hail Redeemer, King Divine

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A gift to our 6th annual Tuesdays 4 Teachers effort helps to ensure future generations of Knights will receive the best quality, Christ-centered education. To learn more about our efforts during the month of November, please scan the QR code or go to www.ogknights.org/giving/tuesdays-4-teachers

On **Tuesday, Nov. 14th** if you eat at **Pancheros** (Either Location from 5pm-8pm) or **Valentinos**, a portion of the sales will be given back to the Bishop O'Gorman Catholic Schools.

Volunteers are needed for Christmas at the Cathedral -
 It is that time of year when the Catholic Community Foundation starts making final plans for "Christmas at the Cathedral." Volunteers are needed in a variety of positions: decorating, ushers, valet parking and servers. This annual event helps support the **Bishop Dudley House** and the **Care and Maintenance Endowment** for Cathedral Parish. As parishioners we can take pride in helping to make our Parish be the "Beacon of Hope." Call the Catholic Community Foundation [605-988-3765](tel:605-988-3765) to become a volunteer for this very beneficial fundraiser for our community.

Bishop O'Gorman Catholic School Job Opportunities -
 We are looking to fill many positions throughout our schools. If you know someone who would be a great fit for our schools have them check us out at: <https://ogknights.tedk12.com/hire> or Scan.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Abbey of the Hills 10th Anniversary - Open House Celebration is December 2, 2023. from 2-6 p.m.. Included activities: Tours, Sing-Along, Holiday Shopping, Raffle Prizes, St. Nick Bags for the kids and Social (hearty hors d'oeuvres, sweets, tastings). For more information, contact Renee at events@abbeyofthehills.org or call [605-398-9200](tel:605-398-9200).

Holiday Grief Program - "He is Stable" hosted by The Lourdes Center on December 5, 2023 (6:30-8:00 pm) at St. Therese Church in Sioux Falls. There will be presentations along with a beautiful candle lighting ceremony. Cookies and Cocoa to follow. Children are welcome. Call [605-988-3775](tel:605-988-3775) or go to: tlc@sfcatholic.org.

2023 Fall Seminary Visits: Visit St. John Vianney Seminary and/or Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary with Fr. Tony Klein and Fr. Michael Kapperman. **Registration deadline is November 9th, 2023.** You have to be a male, 16-25 years of age. Visits are at St. John Vianney November 16-18 and Immaculate Heart of Mary November 11-13. There is no cost to visit. Email Fr. Klein at frtonyklein@sfcatholic.org or call Emma at [605-988-3772](tel:605-988-3772).

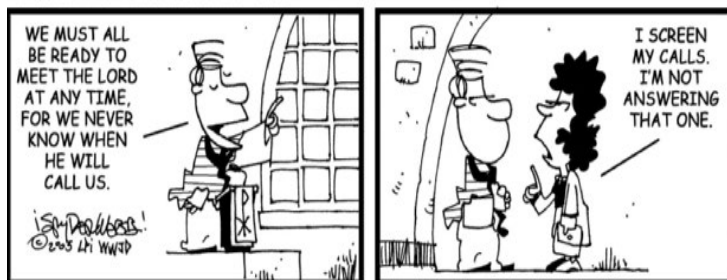


Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Ct St Patricia will celebrate a Memorial Mass for Deceased members on Tuesday, **November 21st at 6:00 pm** in Holy Spirit Church with Archbishop Gullickson, presiding. There will be a Soup supper with several choices of soup following in the lower level of the Church. A business meeting will conclude the evening. All Catholic women are invited to join us for the evening!

Annual Prison Christmas Packages

The SD Prison Chaplains Assoc. is once again asking for donations for those incarcerated. Christmas is a very difficult and lonely time for inmates and this small gesture lets them know they are not forgotten. For some it is the only gift they will receive. Please join us in this beautiful act of charity and Corporal Work of Mercy "visit the imprisoned". Donations can be sent by **November 30th to SD Prison Chaplains Assoc., Christmas Sacks, 601 W 57th St., Sioux Falls SD 57108.** Please write "Christmas Sacks" in the memo. Give electronically at <https://www.convergeheartland.org/donate> and choose **SDPCA Christmas Sacks**. For more information visit the Prison Ministry link on the Sioux Falls diocese website <https://www.sfcatholic.org/prison-ministry/>. Any questions ~ feel free to email Mo Irvine at prisonministry@sfcatholic.org

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Liturgical Roles



November 18/19

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 pm Laura Barnett, Kate Piercemogen
7:30 am Carl Eisenberg, Sandy Fitzgibbons
9:15 am Connie Luke, John Moneke, Bonnie Poppenga
11:00 am Susan Albers, Matt Enderson, Bob Lux
4:00 pm Ministers as Scheduled

Lectors

4:00 pm Julie Cleary, Shawn Cleary
7:30 am Michael Fitzgibbons
9:15 am Robert Binstock, Ruth Bordewyk
11:00 am Mary Enderson, Andrew Welbig
4:00 pm Readers as Scheduled

Altar Servers

4:00 pm Pontifical Servers
7:30 am Megan Ulin, Will Ulin
9:15 am John Paul Beaner, Asher Hunt, Henry Lanners
11:00 am Jonathan Billion, Dominic Ostermann, Joseph Tran
4:00 pm Servers as Scheduled

Mini-Bus Driver

4:00 pm Mitch Brandner

Dow Rummel Diane Bauch

Good Sam Nancy Ann Kadinger

Readings for the week of November 12, 2023

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/
1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135,
175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/
Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3,
4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

CONGRATULATIONS

Susan Morgan is Cathedral 500 Club's second winner for November 2023. She has received a check for **\$93**. Anyone interested in joining will find applications at the front entrance (Duluth Ave) of the Cathedral. Cost is \$5/month. Applications must be received by **November 27** to be in the December 2023 drawings. Call the Parish Office - [605-336-7390](tel:605-336-7390) for details.

Mass Intentions

Mon. Nov. 13•	<i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</i>
12:00 pm	Kyle Hills & Family
Tue. Nov. 14•	<i>Weekday</i>
12:00 pm	Special Intention
Wed. Nov. 15•	<i>St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>
12:00 pm	✠ Dean Rallis
Thu. Nov. 16•	<i>St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin</i>
12:00 pm	Deacon Tim & Julie Dickes
Fri. Nov. 17•	<i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i>
12:00 pm	Justin Budan
Sat. Nov. 18•	<i>Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin</i>
4:00 pm	Travis Hills & Family
Sun. Nov. 19•	<i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am	✠ Bryon Hills
9:15 am	✠ Valeria Platz
11:00 am	✠ Payton Hills
4:00 pm	Pro Populo

Sanctuary Candles

This week the five sanctuary candles in the Sacred Heart Chapel have been requested for the following intentions:

- 1.) For the **Eucharistic Revival**
- 2.) ✠ Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 3.) Peter Lux
- 4.) Simon Walker
- 5.) Increased devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Cathedral Events Calendar

Sunday, November 12 -

2:30 pm - Bakhita RCIA & Sacrament Prep classes - School

Monday - Friday - Please, come pray before Jesus in the Tabernacle at the Cathedral for a **Eucharistic Revival** in our Diocese.

Monday, November 13 -

6:30 pm - Young Adults

Tuesday, November 14 -

9:00 am - Cathedral Quilters - Cathedral School

10:00 am - Women's Group - Cathedral School

7:00 pm - Adult Education - Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 15 -

6:45 pm - RCIA - Parish Hall

Thursday, November 16 -

7:00 pm - Adoration & Reconciliation in the Chapel

Saturday, November 18 -

12:00 pm - Reconciliation in the Cathedral

3:00 pm - Reconciliation in the Cathedral

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Faith Education - Our next class will be on Tuesday, **November 14** in the **Parish Hall** at **7:00 pm**. Please join us for refreshments, conversation and a deeper understanding of the Cardinal Virtues. The series is from the Institute of Catholic Culture by Dr. John Cuddeback. For more information or questions email: **Timothy Nestor** timothynestor@gmail.com.

Cathedral Young Adults - Young adults (age 20-35) are welcome to join the Cathedral Young Adult Community for our weekly formation, monthly socials & prayer events. Times and locations are sent out via email or text message - contact Abigail acarter@sfcatholic.org to receive updates! It is a great time to meet with other young adults to share and grow your faith.

Formed.org - Easy and Free to signup. Go to formed.org, enter our parish, your name/email and enjoy movies, books and more.



As a Catholic parish community, we strive to be a beacon of faith, hope and charity by supporting those in need. This month the **Cathedral Outreach Ministry** is asking you to extend a helping hand to the St. Francis Mission, a Catholic mission located on the Rosebud Indian Reservation (www.sfmission.org) which the parish has supported the past five years. Please help us collect **NEW gloves/mittens, hand warmers, socks and toiletries (deodorant, shampoo and toothpaste) for adults and children**. The drop off bins are located at each exit and in the parish office until **November 19th**. Thank you!

Welcome New Members!

Thank you for choosing Cathedral of St. Joseph to be your Family in Faith.

McKayla Hermanson

Brent Wiering

Rachael Smoot & Leon

If you would like to become a Cathedral member call **605-336-7390**.



*Anointed by the Holy Spirit
through the waters of Baptism*

Aron Yosef Egu - Son of Yosef Egu Gabriel

& Meheret Bahari Tulli

Violet Belle Wiese - Daughter of Nolan and Megan Wiese

Congratulations and welcome into our Family of Faith!

If you are expecting or have a child to be baptized, please call Deacon Bill Radio (**605-336-7390**) for baptism planning.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS NOVEMBER 4 / 5



Envelopes	\$	13,143.00
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		Total \$ 23,889.69

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Thank you for your Support and Prayers!

CATHEDRAL INFORMATION

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Parish Office Email: cathedral@sfcatholic.org

Office Hours: 8:30am-5pm M-Th, 8:30am-3pm Friday

Cathedral Church Hours:

8am-5pm Monday-Saturday

7am-Noon & 3:30-5:00 Sunday

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 7:30am, 9:15am, 11:00am,

4:00pm (St. Josephine Bakhita Community)

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 12pm (Noon)

Confessions

Thursday 7:00pm

Saturday 12 Noon & 3:00-3:30pm in Cathedral

(In the Chapel if a Wedding is scheduled)

Adoration

Thursdays 7pm-8pm (In the Chapel during Confessions)

First Friday of the month at 11am in the Cathedral

Self Guided Tours

1:00 pm Monday-Friday (except Holy Days)

Guided Tours-By appointment 605-336-7390

Parish Staff

Rector, Very Rev. James P. Morgan

Parochial Vicar, Rev. Pasquale Armando Francesco

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Wedding Coordinator, Mary Enderson

Counseling Services

The Lourdes Center (Formerly Catholic Family Services)

Counseling and Grief Programs **605-988-3775**

Sacraments

Baptism The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for our parishioners on Sundays after the 11AM Mass. Parents must attend a Baptism preparation meeting. To schedule a meeting for preparation contact the parish office at **605-336-7390**.

Matrimony Six months preparation required. Registered parishioners, please contact the parish office. All others, contact the pastor of your home church. For wedding information, go to www.stjosephcathedral.net, under Sacraments.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office to request this Sacrament if you have been diagnosed with an illness, in preparation for surgery or in case of serious illness.

Catholic Cemetery - St. Michael's Cemetery 605-338-3376

CLERGY REFLECTION

What is life after death?

Do you know that it is very easy for an African to believe in life after death? Most of African Traditional Religions have the concept of life after death and also there are some rituals done several times in a year at their cemeteries or the tombs of their family members. Some of them offer real food and drinks to satisfy all the departed souls until the souls join their ancestors and rest in peace.

Ancient Egyptian kings desiccated their bodies for use in the afterlife and built pyramids – 'resurrection machines' (Mummification) – that would ensure the pharaoh had eternal life by transfiguring him into a star, living on in the night sky forever. Pharaohs were buried with their earthly things and also their servants were buried with the king. Sometimes they buried them alive thinking they were going to continue living the same life, simply changing to the next place, like moving to a new city and a new house.

Our Church teaches that immediately after death our soul separates from our earthly body, and we stand before God for judgement. We then enter heaven, purgatory or hell.

Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longing, the state of supreme, definitive happiness. Those who are free from all sin enter heaven immediately. Purgatory is a place of purification for those who die in a state of grace and friendship with God, but who are not yet fully purified. Those in purgatory are assured a place in heaven after their purification. We pray for those in purgatory, that they may soon be with God in heaven. I would like you to get a book called '**An Unpublished Manuscript On Purgatory**' by Sisters M.de L.C. to know more about purgatory. Hell is for those who have willingly chosen to reject God and his love. If we persist in a state of serious sin, we damn ourselves to hell. At the end of time, our Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead. All souls will be rejoined with their bodies, and those in purgatory will be joined to the blessed in heaven. The Last Judgement will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God's love is stronger than death.

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

Fr. Pasquale Armando Francesco

Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Holy Souls in Purgatory



Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen

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