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Jesus said to His disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory, and then He will send out the angels and gather His elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.'"

~Mark 13:24-27



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FROM OUR PASTOR

Blessed Purgatory month, everyone!

Can you feel your family saints both in the antechamber of Heaven (Purgatory) AND those fully in Heaven praying for you? ... because they ARE! And we are praying with the ones fully in Heaven for those not yet fully in Heaven. One hand washes the other, right? By the way, since we are part of a Carmelite parish church, we get to celebrate **ANOTHER (CARMELITE) ALL SAINTS' DAY AND ALL SOULS' DAY** today and tomorrow, which means that last night you (hopefully) took full advantage of another HALLOWEEN and went out with your friends and children into the neighborhood to take back OUR FEASTS from the secular and occult culture.

Here are some more thoughts from Fr. John Hampsch, CMF, on "Is Purgatory a Dead Issue?":

The "suffering" of purgatory is very real, and is twofold: a profound remorse for sin and a profound longing for the fullness of God's presence (Beatific Vision: I Cor. 13:12). The purpose of this "suffering" is also twofold: first, a purification from the defilement of any unrepented venial sin (and this could conceivably be done in an instant, at the moment the soul separates from the body, when it clearly recognizes the heinousness of sin and repents); and second, a perfecting or spiritual growth process in undeveloped virtue, especially love, along with a disengagement from long habits of sin and long-standing thought patterns like resentments, etc. We know that post-death learning and improvement are possible because Jesus evangelized deceased persons (I Peter 3:19 and 4:6) between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

The last part of the question refers to the apparent incompatibility of the doctrine of Purgatory with Jesus' redemptive act that dissolves sin that is repented of. More than 500 Scripture passages refer to God's mercy in forgiving repented sin, such as Hebrews 8:12: "I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." The Catholic Church champions the teaching on God's mercy (a part of which is Purgatory itself, paradoxically). Purgatory does not cause the removal of sin, as many people erroneously think, and as many non-Catholics accuse us of teaching. Purgatory clears up only the effects of that forgiven sin. Jesus' blood shed on Calvary purifies us of sin (I John 1:7, etc.), but not necessarily of the remnant effects of that sin—such as the tendency or habit of sin. Jesus' redemptive act does not "cancel the acquired propensity to evil," as St. Gregory of Nyssa wrote in the fourth century. Yet, by God's mercy and grace, we can work toward that supplementary goal, as the Bible so often attests, toward a fuller "purification" (I Peter 1:22), and a "completing" of a salvation already attained by faith (verse 5).



Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, -Fr. Thomas



Fasting from the Sin of RESENTMENT...

Today, I choose to fast from the sin of unforgiveness. If resentment is firewood for your anger, unforgiveness is gasoline! Especially when we've been deeply hurt, we think that forgiveness means letting the other person off the hook, as though what happened to us was okay. Forgiveness, though, isn't about the other person. Forgiveness is about us. Unforgiveness actually keeps us tied to our hurt. Unforgiveness has been medically linked to early death, arthritis, cancer, heart disease, and a number of other physical ailments. Forgiveness is easier than we think, since it is a decision, not a feeling. In fact, when we decide to forgive, our emotions will eventually follow our decision. There are four important keys to forgiveness:

1. **Decide to forgive; don't wait for your emotions to feel it.**
2. **Depend on God; grace is the antidote for negative emotions .** **Take time to ask yourself . . . Who in my past or present have I not forgiven? What benefit do I think I get by holding on to unforgiveness?**
3. **Pray for the other person.**
4. **Bless them, speak well of them, and don't gossip.**

Pray slowly . . . Heavenly Father, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce unforgiveness and repent all the ways I have sinned because of it. I reject every form of unforgiveness in my life. I ask you, Father, to forgive me, and I forgive myself for my unforgiving heart and actions. Holy Spirit, make me aware of any unforgiving thoughts, feelings, and actions. Amen.

The above is taken from the book, *Lenten Healing*, by Ken Kniepmann—available for sale in the parish office.

GOOD NEWS IN THE END

"The end is near!" Many of us recall such predictions from religious sources, mostly small evangelical sects but even the larger Jehovah's Witnesses. Catholics, too. For instance, Pope Saint Clement of Rome declared the end is near for the year 90; his successor Pope Sylvester II for 1000; and Innocent III predicted 1284 as the world's end by adding 666 years to the date of Islam's beginning. "The end is near!" Today's Liturgy of the Word opens with Daniel's prediction of "a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began" (Daniel 12:1), for some "an everlasting horror and disgrace" (12:2). In today's Gospel, Jesus seems to describe precisely what Daniel's vision will look like: "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken" (Mark 13:24–25). "The end is near!" Well, at least the end is certain, based on these Scriptures proclaimed ominously midway through this month of All Saints and All Souls.

If the end is near or at least coming for certain, Someone else is even nearer, indeed with us already! For one thing, today's Hebrews reading offers us this blessed assurance: "by one offering (Jesus) has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated" (Hebrews 10:14). So, by the all-sufficient sacrifice of Christ, forgiveness is ours, our "consecration" having begun in Baptism. Christ's sacrifice, offered once and for all on the cross, is now made ever present in the Church's Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Mass. But even before we hear Hebrews proclaim such Good News, we need to listen with joyful hope to Daniel. For, at that very time, Daniel declares "unsurpassed in distress, at that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book" (Daniel 12:1). Recalling Hebrews again, the writing of Daniel's "book," namely the Book of Life, begins when our names are inscribed on the day of our baptism.

Seen then as positive, Daniel's predictions blossom even more beautifully in Jesus' Good News. Indeed, Jesus invokes that very image: "Learn a lesson from the fig tree" (Mark 13:28). Consider well: Jesus does not predict produce that comes forth withered, or even worse, poisoned, ending in (for many of us) winter's dark clouds, deep snow, and brutal cold. Placing before our eyes instead a gloriously lovely and positive image, Jesus declares: "When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that Summer is near" (12:28). So where is the "Gospel good" in today's passage? Precisely in what happens after "that tribulation" and "the powers being shaken" in the Gospel's opening lines (12:24–25). For Jesus promises that we will "see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory'" (12:26). Jesus "will send out the angels and gather His elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky" (12:27): Jesus' whole family gathered together, the little and lowly lifted up, the lost sheep found. Tender is Jesus' mercy; blessed fruit that endures and nourishes us into eternity! So, we hope indeed that the end is near!

SCHOOL CORNER



SEE'S CANDY SALE: Please buy your See's candy for the holidays from Saint Therese Carmelite School. You can download the order form from the home page of the Church's website; then just return the filled-out form to the School office **by November 29. Your candy will be ready for pick-up the week of December 13 at the school office.**

Get your kids out of the public schools! Call the School for information about the new diocesan \$50 million financial assistance for new families. Our school has openings in most grade levels from TK through 8th Grade; we will gladly give you a personalized tour! The classical curriculum, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Carmelites present and active in our classrooms, weekly Masses, confessions, and a strong religion program are some of the attributes that make our school special. We are blessed to have faculty members who are all knowledgeable in classical education and who all love and actively practice their faith.

SAVE THE DATES: 1) OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION on December 11 AND; 2) POKER NIGHT on February 25.

ACCEPTABLE TO GOD

Holy Time Warp! This week is the last we will hear from the letter to the Hebrews. It makes the point that when Jesus allowed Himself to be crucified, He was actually being a priest, offering Himself for the sins of the world. Jesus replaces the high priests of Israel, whose offerings had no power to forgive sins. After giving His life for us, He takes His place as God's equal. He is now the eternal Priest, so all clergy since then are visible signs of that priesthood.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus' sacrifice is there: The bread that is His Body is broken; the wine that is His Blood is poured out. We are present at His death and resurrection, without needing a flux capacitor or a time warp. **Instead of taking us back in time, He brings His saving death and resurrection to us now. His sacrifice is an eternal one, redeeming all past and future sins.** So if you have come back to Church after being absent for years, you don't have to hide behind the hymnal. If you have sins weighing on your conscience, God has already offered you forgiveness. He knows all our weaknesses and lets us learn from our mistakes.

The Eucharist also reminds us that Jesus is present in glory, with us always, sharing His priesthood with all the baptized. We, too, are called to forgive, starting with ourselves. We can show God's mercy by forgiving each other. Since Jesus lives in us, we offer our lives as sacrifice for sins—as St. Paul said, "I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions" (Col 1:24). Does that mean we are supposed to seek ways to suffer? No, it means the suffering we cannot avoid can become our offering to God, a way to take up our cross as Jesus did, and a way to experience God's power in our weakness.

At the Eucharist, we pray with the priest, "...that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God..." All the sacrifices we make, from accepting serious illness to giving up something for Lent, are ways we take part in the priesthood of Christ.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.



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CELEBRATE WITH OUR CARMELITE NUNS!



The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary invites you to attend Mass at the Carmel (215 East Alhambra Road) at **10:00 a.m.**, **THIS Wednesday, November 17**, followed by a reception on the front lawn of the Monastery. **If you plan to attend, please email your RSVP to CloisteredCarm.Aux@gmail.com.**

PLEASE NOTE: There is **street parking only**, so try to carpool. Wear low-heeled shoes for comfort and safety on the grass (in the event of rain, the event will be cancelled).

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

The next Consecration to St. Joseph will take place on the **SOLEMNITY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION on Wednesday, December 8, at the 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass.** Prior to that, there will be five gatherings on Wednesdays, (we began on November 3 and will continue meeting every Wednesday through December 8). You can choose to attend at either 12:00 Noon or 6:00 p.m. (meet in the Guadalupe Courtyard (enter through the Adoration Chapel doors).

You will need the book, ***CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father***, by Fr. Donald Calloway, which contains 33 days of preparation and may be purchased in the parish office for \$15 (also available on Amazon and other websites). For more info, contact: Maria Alejandra (626) 993-4236 / ale3767@yahoo.com.

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THE CHIVALRY OF ST. JOSEPH

In the third panel of the Mérode altarpiece, a 15th-century triptych also known as *Annunciation with St. Joseph and Donors* (shown below), St. Joseph is busy building a mousetrap. This is probably a reference to St. Augustine's metaphor of the cross as a mousetrap set for the devil. St. Joseph is therefore doing his bit as guardian of the nascent Church by helping to construct a trap for the devil.

In this and many other depictions of the domestic life of the Holy Family, St. Joseph is portrayed as a man who "sorts" problems in a practical way. He finds solutions by being both brave and prudent. He had to preserve Our Lady's dignity when she was found to be with child before their marriage. He had to get his family to safety when Herod's henchmen slaughtered the Holy Innocents. Like the medieval Christian knights who later made arduous journeys to protect pilgrims and sacred places in the Holy Land, St. Joseph had to face danger and deal with it.

"In St. Joseph, justice is combined with tenderness, strength and decisiveness with flexibility and openness to the will of God," said the late Catholic writer Stratford Caldecott in a 2002 address. "He is an adventurer, too, like the 'questing knights' of later legend."

Quoting the French poet Charles Péguy, Caldecott added: "There is only one adventurer in the world, as can be seen very clearly in the modern world — the father of a family. Even the most desperate adventurers are nothing compared to him."

Father Jean-Jacques Olier, who founded the Society of St. Sulpice in the 17th century, argued that St. Joseph is unique among the saints because of the mysterious bond that exists between him and God the Father. A multitude of saints have represented Christ in this or that aspect of their heroism, but only St. Joseph, among all the saints, has a special vocation to represent God the Father.

Today, St. Joseph is the patron saint of fathers — both fathers by nature and spiritual fathers, of whom priests are the obvious example. He is also the patron saint of those who grow up without a father, often as a consequence of the devil's war against the family — a war in which fatherhood is under systematic attack.

If you want to attack the Logos, you need to attack fatherhood. If you want to attack the priesthood, you need to attack fatherhood. If you want to attack the family, you need to attack fatherhood. The powers of darkness have not yet abandoned their project to cripple humanity, their defeat at Calvary notwithstanding. The destruction of the family is their endgame strategy, as Sister Lucia of Fátima testified on the basis of the private revelations she received.



The deepest meaning of chivalry is to use one's strength to defend the faith and the vulnerable, and to do so without any regard for one's own self-interest. Nobility exists precisely in self-surrender, which is clearly exemplified in St. Joseph, who was noble by disposition as well as by birth.

St. Bernardino of Siena commented, "St. Matthew establishes the direct line of all the fathers from Abraham to the spouse of the Virgin, clearly demonstrating that all patriarchal, royal and princely dignity came together in him."

All chivalrous men, all children without fathers, all priests on the front lines of a cosmic battle, all women who wish they had a knight to protect them — all would do well to pray to St. Joseph as St. Teresa of Ávila did:

O holy protector of the Holy Family, protect us children of the Lord Jesus Christ; keep far from us the errors and evils which corrupt the world; assist us from Heaven in our struggles against the powers of darkness. And as you once protected the Divine Child from the cruel edict of Herod, now defend the Church and keep it safe from all dangers and threats. Amen.

Mass Intentions

November 13—November 20, 2021

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Mike Marikian, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 am: Larry Jarvis, RIP
7:30 a.m.: Dan Hummel, INT
9:00 a.m.: Lucristi T. Herrera, RIP
11:00 a.m.: Ukani Family, INT
1:00 p.m.: Nicole Sanchez, INT
5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Nicholas Solichin, B-Day INT
*7:30 am: Erick Nathaniel Ogaz, BDay INT
8:00 a.m.: Carolina Toohey, RIP
7:00 p.m.: Supriaty Nurdin, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 am: Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD INT
*7:30 am: Dcn Joe/Lorraine Mizerski, INT
8:00 a.m.: Daisy Thompson, B-Day INT
7 pm: Erika, Phoenix & Edwin Rivera INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Helen Hummel, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Jessica Arenas, B-Day INT
8:00 a.m.: Henry Waxman, RIP
7:00 p.m.: In Thanksgiving

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Carolina Toohey, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Lorelei V. Sunga, B-Day INT
8:00 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT
7:00 p.m.: Maria Elena Paredes, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Lauren Cheah, INT
*7:30 am: Daniel Rosenthal, RIP
8:00 a.m.: Daisy Thompson, INT

Saturday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
8:00 a.m.: Maria Concepcion Aguilar, RIP

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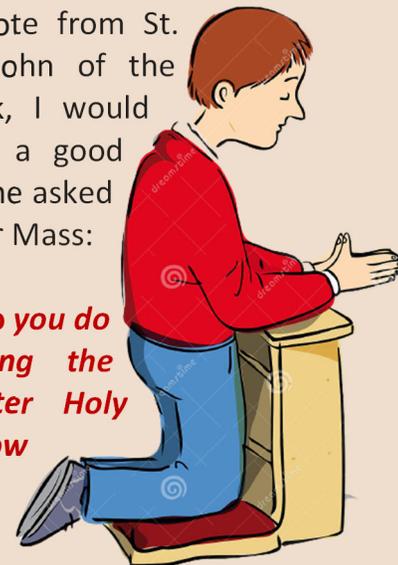
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Quiet Listening Prayer

By Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD

Rather than quote from St. Teresa or St. John of the Cross this week, I would like to address a good question someone asked me recently after Mass:

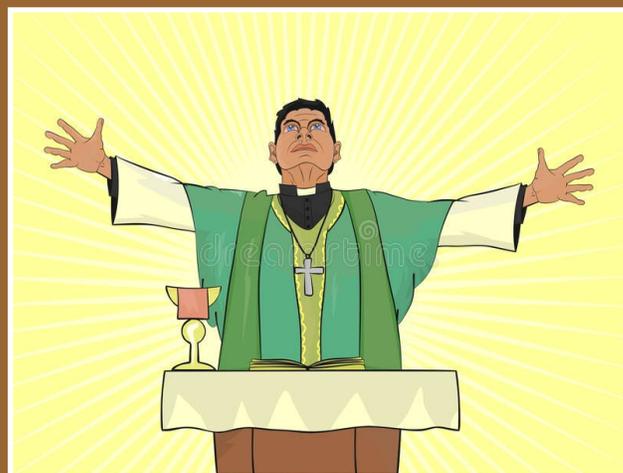
"Father, what do you do up there during the silent time after Holy Communion? How do you pray??"



As I said to the person asking, I try to spend my time with each One of the Three Divine Persons, remembering that He is looking at me and I'm trying to look back at Him—or I tell Him about my worries or the good things happening in the Parish, or about my Carmelite Brothers and my natural family members and friends.

Then I ask Him what He would like me to know about those fears and blessings...and then I listen for His response...

(To be continued next week)



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