



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



ALTAR BREAD

For the Soul of
ARMANDO TORRES

By Torres Cabezas Family
July 25th - 31st, 2021



SANCTUARY LAMP

IN
THANKSGIVING

By Alexandra Dunac

July 25th - 31st, 2021

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 17—18, 2021: \$4,045.00

July 18-19, 2020: \$3,191.00



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

December 8, 2020-December 8, 2021

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intentions



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| Sat, 07/24/21 | 05:30 pm |
| Ferruccio Rocchi | |
| Sun, 07/25/21 | 09:00 am |
| Birthday Memorial of Marie Ange Desrouleaux | |
| 07/25/21 | 11:00 am |
| Jose Gonzaga | |
| Mon, 07/26/21 | 07:00 am |
| Armando Torres | |
| Tue, 07/27/21 | 07:00 am |
| Msgr. Victor Serrano | |
| Wed, 07/28/21 | 07:00 am |
| Birth Blessings for Ryann Gonzaga | |
| Thu, 07/29/21 | 07:00 am |
| Thanksgiving for 80th Birthday of Norma Lastimosa | |
| Fri, 07/30/21 | 07:00 am |
| Primitiva Nepomuceno | |
| Sat, 07/31/21 | 08:30 am |
| Thanksgiving for God's tender Mercies & favors received | |

AVAILABLE DAYS FOR MASS INTENTIONS

NO MORE AVAILABLE DAYS FOR THIS YEAR



July 25, 2021



How to help Souls in Purgatory

A common misconception among Catholics, even good Catholics, is regarding what happens after a person dies. Many are convinced that their loved ones, as they pass from this life to the next, immediately enter to the glory of heaven, even if they did not live an exemplary or holy life.

"Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does abominable things or tells lies, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life." Revelation 21:27

Jesus also says:

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God."
Matthew 5, 8

When someone dies many people say: "He is already resting", "she is in a much better place", "he no longer suffers, he has passed away"! Even though there are not bad intentions with these statements, however they could cause a lot of damage for obvious reasons.

If the deceased is in a "better place", that is, in heaven, then it is true that he/she does not suffer because he/she already enjoys eternal bliss in heaven, therefore, it is not necessary to pray, offer prayers or sacrifices for his purification and the rest of his soul. There is no need to pray for his

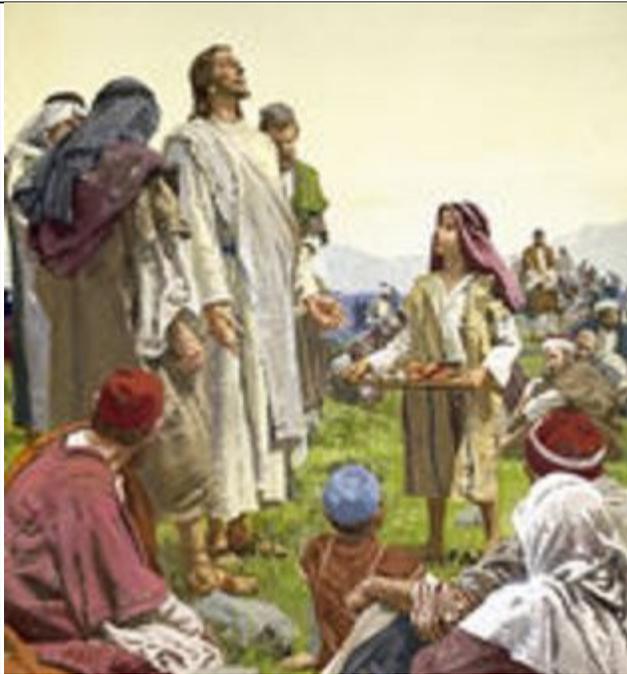
soul anymore, and why waste time offering sacrifices for someone already in heaven?

But let's speak out with the blaze of truth! Only souls of absolute purity, clean from all stain of sin or attachment, will be able to enter the kingdom of heaven. If we are honest, we have to admit that we have not reached such a high degree. Only those who have perfected themselves in charity - in supernatural love for God and for their neighbor - can enter into full holiness and enter the house of God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, Mary, the angels and the saints! ! Therefore, no matter who the person is or who was, in passing from this life to the next, it is a very healthy and God-pleasing practice to offer prayers, expiatory sacrifices, Masses and alms for the deceased. Don't canonize them ahead of time! Let's not claim that they are already in heaven; Only the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has the authority to officially declare that the deceased is holy, that he is in heaven.

Who dies in grace and friendship with God but not perfectly purified, needs greater purification to reach the sanctity necessary to enter heaven, that is why they go through the transitory state of purification, which we call purgatory.

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines purgatory:
A state of final purification after death and before entrance into heaven for those who died in God's friendship, but were only imperfectly purified; a final cleansing of human imperfections before one is able to enter the joy of heaven. (CCC, 1031; see also CCC, 1472)*

To be continued...

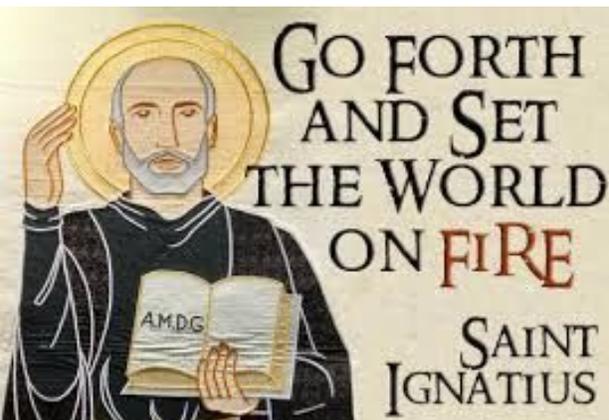


FEEDING THE HUNGRY

The prophet Elisha fed a hundred



St. Martha — the dear friend of Jesus and witness to how he raised her brother Lazarus from the dead. Ask her today to help us grow in faith. Let's say with her: "Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God!"



READINGS

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time—B

Reading I: 2 Kings 4:42-44
 Psalm: 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18
 Reading II: Ephesians 4:1-6
 Gospel: John 6:1-15

people with twenty barley loaves, and there were leftovers. Jesus fed about five thousand with five barley loaves and a couple of dried fish, and there were leftovers. That is God's desire for us: everyone should find food in abundance.

Today's reality is different. Every three days more people die from malnutrition and disease than from the bombing of Hiroshima, and every year more people die from preventable hunger than died in the Holocaust, even though we grow enough grain in the world to provide every man, woman, and child with a satisfactory diet of 3000 calories.

The Second Reading from Ephesians tells us to "make every effort to preserve the unity which has the Spirit as its origin and peace as its binding force." The problem with the world is its fragmentation; it lacks unity and peace.

The problem is not with God's providence, for God has provided us with enough food for everyone, and then some.

The problem is the divisions in the world that prevent food from getting to people or keep people away from the food.

God has given blessings to the world: if only we could learn to use those blessings for the benefit of all.

Since there are so many people in this world afflicted with hunger, this sacred Council urges all, both individuals and governments, to remember the saying of the Fathers: "Feed the man dying of hunger, because if you have not fed him you have killed him."

Vatican II, Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, 1965

Gerald Darring

ORATIO IMPERATA AGAINST THE COVID-19

Merciful and compassionate Father, we come to you in our need to seek your protection against the Covid-19 virus that has disturbed and even claimed lives.

We ask you now to look upon us with love and by your healing hand, dispel the fear of sickness and death, restore our hope, and strengthen our faith.

We pray that you guide the people tasked to find cures for this disease and to stem its transmission.

We pray for our health workers that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion.

Grant them health in mind and body, strength in their commitment, protection from the disease.

We pray for those afflicted. May they be restored to health.

Protect those who care for them.

Grant eternal rest to those who have died.

Give us the grace in these trying times to work for the good of all and to help those in need.

May our concern and compassion for each other see us through this crisis and lead us to conversion and holiness.

Grant all these through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen.

Mother Mary, help of all Christians, pray for us.

St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.

St. Roch, pray for us.

REPORT ABUSE

Protecting God's Children

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all credible complaints, and encourages anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct by the clergy, religious and lay staff to tell us immediately, so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to sexual abuse victims. To report an allegation call Child and Youth Protection. 201-407-3256, Fax: 973-497-4001. Or In person, 171 Clifton Avenue. Newark, NJ 07104

Ministries: If you're interested in ministries of service either as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please fill out the form below and give it to Fr Frank. An information & a training session will be held so you'll be prepared.

Name : _____

Telephone _____

I am interested in serving as a Lector

I would like to serve as an Eucharistic Minister

We are Looking for more Altar Servers, girls and boys, third grade or older, to participate as ALTAR Servers. This ministry is a wonderful privilege for either young

Or older people. It allows you to participate actively in the weekend celebrations of the Eucharist. Please fill out the form below and return to the rectory or Fr Frank

Name: _____ Grade _____

Phone _____ School _____

You can Sponsor the ALTAR BREAD, the SACRIFICIAL WINE, or the SANCTUARY LAMP!

The Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread and Sacrificial Wine are nice ways to remember someone in need of healing, those who are celebrating births, anniversaries, etc. or a deceased loved one.

It reminds us the ever presence of Christ. We bring our intentions into HIS PRESENCE with our offering.

If you wish to remember someone in this special way, the Sanctuary Lamp will burn for a week, and the Altar Bread OR the Sacrificial Wine of everyday Mass will be offered for your intention an entire week

Please, consider offering the: (circle one)

Sanctuary Lamp or Altar Bread or Sacrificial Wine

In Memory of:

Or for this special occasion: _____

Starting on: ____/____/____ (always starts on Sundays)

Requested by: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Please fill out this form and return it, either to the Rectory or to Fr. Frank, with a check in the amount of \$25.