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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 16, 2011

dear Padre

What are indulgences?

October 16, 2011

Whatever happened to indulgences? As a young person I heard about them all the time, but now when I mention them no one seems to know what I'm talking about.

Tom

Dear Tom,

Let's say I betray your trust. Afterward, I regret my behavior and tell you I'm sorry. You forgive me, but that doesn't mean our relationship isn't damaged. The same thing happens when we sin. We regret our behavior and confess our sin at reconciliation. Christ forgives us, but that doesn't mean our relationship—and our soul—isn't damaged.

Repairing this damage requires a combination of time and pain called *temporal punishment*. Indulgences free us from some or all of the temporal punishment in the same way medicine helps a cut heal more quickly and less painfully. Indulgences are granted through prayer and penance and when we perform works of mercy and love in imitation of Christ and the saints. After we die, we work through any remaining temporal punishment in purgatory.

Indulgences got a bad reputation during the Middle Ages because certain corrupt Church officials granted them in exchange for money. This was one issue that led to the Protestant Reformation.

The Church still teaches that prayer, penance, and works of mercy and love can partially or completely free us from temporal punishment. But, like purgatory, the topic of indulgences continues to be a source of disagreement between the Church and other faiths.

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THIS WEEK

OCTOBER 15TH - 16TH

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd Collection Mission Combined Collection

Coffee Social

Faith Formation Classes

Usher's Group II

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

5:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Arthur Kehl
request of St. Maurice Ushers' Group

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:30 a.m. Mass offered for +Agnes Murphy
request of Laurie Chamberlain

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AFTER MASS

10:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Charles Varrick
request of The Family

5:30 p.m. LITURGY OF THE HOURS

MONDAY, OCT. 17

9:00 a.m. Mass

TUESDAY, OCT. 18

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Frank Garibaldi,
request of Joan and Joe Soga

WEDNESDAY OCT. 19

9:00 a.m. Mass offered for +Rolande and +Clifford
Mishio, request of Niece and Nephew

9:00 a.m. -12 noon

Christmas Fair Workshop

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THURSDAY, OCT. 20: NO MASS

2:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Pictorial Directory photos at the
Parish Center

FRIDAY, OCT. 21 NO MASS

2:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Pictorial Directory photos at the
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SATURDAY, OCT. 22

Recitation of the Rosary before Mass

Readings for the Week of October 16, 2011

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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The Mission Combined Collection this weekend supports missionary works in Latin America, Asia, Africa and parts of the United States.

By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church, called to share their faith as missionaries. Today our missionaries are facing incredible odds as they labor in places like Africa where drought and the AIDS epidemic are causing enormous human misery. They need and rely on our support, through prayer above all, but also through our financial gifts.

Thank you for your generosity in the past and thank you for what you will do now to help our missionaries continue their vital work. When we support them, we join them, and in this way, we too are missionaries for Christ.



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"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Mt. 22:21

In reality, everything belongs to God. We would have nothing if God had not given us the skills, talents and opportunities to accomplish what we accomplish. Therefore, we have an obligation to return a portion of our gifts to God, for all gifts come from him and belong to him.

NEXT WEEK
OCTOBER 22ND – 23RD
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ushers' Group III

Saturday, October 22

5:00 p.m. Mass offered for +Annita DeTuccio

Altar Servers: MEGAN SHOREY, KAILA TOCE

Minister of the Word: CHARLES LUCHINI

Eucharistic Minister: PATTI CINEA

Sunday, October 23

7:30 a.m. +Mass offered for Frank Hilbie

Altar Servers:

Minister of the Word: STEPHEN PAUL

Eucharistic Minister: ARLENE GIGLIO

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AFTER MASS

10:00 a.m. +Mass offered for Wayne Fruke

Altar Servers: BEN VANDINE, NICK NEMPHOS

Minister of the Word: RITA SHEETZ

Eucharistic Minister: JOHN SHEETZ

ALL SAINTS DAY
 NOVEMBER 1, 2011:

The days of all Saints and All Souls are approaching. Let us take short look at Theological fundamentals to better understand the meaning of those Holy days, as well as the value of our prayers for our deceased.

On very first pages of the Bible we read ...Lord God formed man out of the clay of ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life... (Gen 2,7). It does not say making the man gave him life. Life has been given as a result of creating, as a result of action performed by God (blew into his nostrils the breath of life which is Soul). This specific way of receiving life left the mark on human heart, (You have made them little less than a god [angel] (Psalm 2). A long time before Christ people were able to understand this meaning.

In the 2 Maccabees (32 – 45) we read a story of Juda Maccabees who after battle, prayed and offered sacrifice for the dead who fell in battle. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if it were not expected that the fallen would rise, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.

We see there a strong believe in life after death. In Psalm 16 there is another strong belief expressed by an author probably King David ... For you will not abandon me to Sheol, nor let your faithful servant see the pit. You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence and the delights at your right hand for ever. (Ps. 16, 10-11.) In the book of Wisdom we find another important message ...For God formed men to be imperishable, the image of his own nature he made him. (Wis 2, 23.). As we can see these Holy Scriptures show us how important the question about Eternal Life is.

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 wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins she (The Church) offers her Most Holy and powerful prayer of Eucharist for them. Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective. That is Old Testament knowledge about Life after death. Jesus Christ teaches us much more, specifically about Eternal Life. His actions, miracles (giving life back to the dead) shows he is The Lord of Life. At the end of His earthly life He establishes The Sacrament of Eucharist, the treasure of the church – the Most Powerful Prayer. Why? because through the Priest He Himself becomes present among the people. For centuries all Catholic believers nursed this Treasure and used every occasion to use it (offer a Mass) especially for departed loved ones. All Souls Day 'Day of the Dead' is celebrated by many catholic countries, worldwide. This celebration originated with the Roman Catholics, and was established in the Catholic calendar as an official holy day. The Catholic religion is based on works, and the theological idea of Purgatory that has been accepted as a means of paying for sins.

Those believers who died in a 'state of grace' were promised 'heavenly rewards', after paying for their sins in purgatorial flames, while those who did not die in a 'state of grace', were to spend eternity suffering in Hell. Catholics did, however, believe (after Jesus' prayer) that they could pray their loved ones out of Purgatory. This practice gives us an idea of the spiritual significance of honoring the deceased.

November 1, is the official All Saints Day, which honors all saints who attained Beatific Vision, followed on November 2, All Soul's Day honoring the faithful departed. Generally, people celebrating this holiday would attend Mass, sometimes exhibiting the relics of saints on a catafalque, and by their prayer assist the souls of their loved ones from Purgatory to Heaven. They would then proceed to the cemetery to visit, bless and decorate the graves. This tradition is universal among Catholic countries, and accepted by the church.

In many countries, it is the tradition of the Church to offer prayers for the intention of loved ones departed. On All Saints Day every parish celebrated solemnly the Holy Eucharist at the cemetery. People in churches offered the Eucharist for departed loved ones and prayed for them much more during the month of November than at any other time of the year.

Father Wojciech would like to cultivate this old and good tradition of the Church. He will say nine Holy Masses for our brothers and sisters. The names of loved ones should be **PRINTED** on envelopes or sheets of paper to help the names to be read correctly.

The Novena Masses (nine Masses) will start with All Saints Mass on Tuesday November 1, at 9 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.. The remaining Masses for the Souls of the faithful departed will be said on November 2; 14; 15, 16, 21, 22; 28, and November 29.at 9:00 a.m.

May the Souls of all Our Loved ones Rest in Peace.

TO HAVE YOUR LOVED ONES REMEMBERED
ON ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS DAY

PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT THE NAMES EITHER ON AN ENVELOPE OR SHEET OF PAPER AND DROP INTO THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION BETWEEN NOW AND OCTOBER 23RD.

A Novena of Masses will be said ((nine Masses) to start on All Saints Day, Tuesday, Nov. 1st and will continue on the following dates: November 2; 14; 15; 16;21; 22; 28; and November 29th.



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