

"When thou didn't pray with tears, and didn't bury the dead, and didn't leave thy dinner, and hide the dead by day in thy house, and bury them by night, I offered thy prayer to the Lord."( Tobias 12,12) These words of Scripture give us an idea not only of the influence the good angels have on us but the care they have for their fellow creatures of God. If the bad angels can influence us in so many kinds of ways to evil, we should also know that the good angels will have a similar kind of power and influence, but for the good.

The angels treat us more like fellow creatures of God, almost as equals, whereas, the devils try to influence or get power over us only to enslave us. The good angels respect our free will but try to guide us in using it well. Notice the concern Angels have for us with the angel Raphael who offers the prayers of Tobias to God, watching over and protecting his son, Tobias Jr., on his journey, bringing God's blessings to the family, etc.... It truly shows an intimate concern they have for us, especially our guardian angels. There is an example of the angel giving knowledge to man. Daniel is in deep prayer and he sees the angel Gabriel who tells him, "O Daniel, I am now come forth to teach thee, and that thou mightest understand. From the beginning of thy prayers the word came forth: and I am come to show it to thee, because thou art a man of desires." (Dan 9,22-23) This scene how much an angel can see in our lives. We also see the constant care for God's people in the Old Testament in the numerous times the good angels protect the Jews.

St. Ignatius of Loyola has much to say of the work of the good angels and it would be good to consider a few of those thoughts. He says, "that it belongs to God and His angels to bring true happiness and spiritual joy to the soul and to free it from sadness and disturbance which the enemy causes." In the Apocalypse we read of St. John weeping much because no one was "worthy to open the book", but then being consoled by the angel ("weep not") who gives him the solution to the dilemma. (Apoc. 5,4) The great Saint adds further that, "when the angel consoles, he does so for the advancement of the soul, that it may grow and rise to what is more perfect." Notice the Angel in the garden of Gethsemane consoling our Lord in His human nature to continue on His road to the Passion, "and there appeared to Him an angel from Heaven, strengthening Him." (Luke 22,43) The good angel is an encourager, not one who discourages! He removes obstacles, he gives good reasons to continue, he consoles us in difficulties to help us go on; whereas the devil places seemingly many obstacles in our path to discourage us from a good work. How many an occasion we have fallen for these supposed obstacles! He goes on, " We must pay close attention to the course of our thoughts, and if the beginning, middle, and end are all good and directed to what is entirely right, it is a sign that they are inspired by the good angel." We can see later after our decisions were made whether we were being led by the good or bad angel.

Finally, St. Ignatius says, "In those who are making spiritual progress, the action of the good angel is gentle, light, and sweet, as a drop of water entering a sponge." In the mysterious tenth chapter of Daniel, we see the prophet, after much fasting and prayer, sorrowful, weak and without strength; but the angel appears to him, consoling him, "fear not, Daniel, thou man of desires, for I am now sent to thee, for from the first day that thou didst set thy heart to understand, to afflict thyself in the sight of thy God, thy words have been heard: and I am come for thy words." The angel adds, "Fear not, O man of desires, peace be to thee: take courage and be strong." These are not the words of the father of despair! Be careful when you are suffering and try to listen for the words of inspiration from your guardian angel, and not to the selfish spirit of the evil one! The words of the angel of Raphael to Tobias are very relevant here: "And because thou wast acceptable to God, it was necessary that temptation should prove thee." (Tob. 12,13) How often when we suffer, we look at it as something unjust, but the good angel tries to give us another attitude towards suffering! St. Ignatius concludes, "But if the soul is going from bad to worse, the good angel enters with noise and disturbances like a drop of water falling upon a rock. "The angel will try to awaken sinners, perhaps even sharply, out of their sinful state.

In conclusion, the angels are our fellow citizens. The angel tells St. John who was about to bend down to adore him, "See thou do it not, for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them that keep the words of the prophecy of this book." (Apoc. 22,9). He is assuring the Evangelist that he is just one of his own ready to help him in his need. Let us re-establish our devotion to our Guardian angels especially during this month in which we honor them.



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+ Mass Schedule for OCTOBER 4 <sup>th</sup> 2020 - OCTOBER 11 <sup>th</sup> 2020 +		
SUN 4 <sup>th</sup>	XVIII SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	7:30 am / 9:00 am High Mass / 11:30 am 5:00 pm Vespers followed by Benediction
MON 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ferial Day	7:15 am / 11:15 am
TUE 6 <sup>th</sup>	St. Bruno, <i>Confessor</i>	7:15 am / 11:15am
WED 7 <sup>th</sup>	The Most Holy Rosary	7:15 am / 11:15 am
THU 8 <sup>th</sup>	St. Bridget, <i>Widow</i>	7:15 am / 11:15 am
FRI 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. John Leonardi, <i>Confessor</i>	7:15 am
SAT 10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Francis Borgia, <i>Confessor</i>	8:00 am
SUN 11 <sup>th</sup>	XIX SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	7:30 am / 9:00 am High Mass / 11:00 am 5:00 pm Vespers

## ROSARY SUNDAY

We will have a Rosary procession this morning following the High Mass. The intentions of our Rosaries will be in conjunction with our Society's District Rosary Crusade.

## SSPX – ROSARY CRUSADE

Our District Superior has a Rosary Crusade that will end on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. The intentions of this Crusade are for:

- 1 – A successful presidential election.
- 2 – In thanksgiving for Our Lady's protection during the recent plague and the triumph of her Immaculate Heart.



## VESTIBULE BULLETIN BOARD/TABLE

All faithful are asked to see Father before they put any reading material in the vestibule. We ask you kindly for your cooperation in this matter.

## CLEAN-UP DAY

We will have a clean-up day this Saturday, beginning at 9:00 am. All men and teenage boys of the parish are invited to come. Please see Mik Bryant if you have any questions.

## OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is devoted to the Holy Rosary in the liturgy. Let us honor and renew our devotion each day with the Holy Rosary.

## SSPX ROSARY RALLY IN SALEM

We will have a ‘Christ the King/Rosary “Rally” (peaceful protest) in Salem on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. More information will be given later.

## FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Starting **NEXT** Sunday, we will begin classes for First Communicants and for Confirmation for those individuals who do not attend a traditional Catholic school. Classes will be around 10:30am.

NEWS AND UPDATES

ALL-ADORATION

All-Day Adoration will begin this Saturday at 8:30 am. The intentions for these adorations are as follows:

- 1) For the establishment of the social reign of Christ the King throughout our country and the entire world.
- 2) For the election of the president, congress, etc., most conducive to fostering the social reign of Our Lord throughout government and society.
- 3) As well as protection from the anti-religious restrictions and sicknesses resulting from COVID-19.
- 4) Successful choice for new Supreme Court Justice.

There is a Sign-Up Sheet in the vestibule of the church. The Adorations will continue until the November Elections.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Governor of Oregon has been hinting about bringing more restrictions because of the recent spike in numbers of the Coronavirus. Please continue to social distance inside and outside of the church especially as churches have been severely restricted during this pandemic. This will help those who are especially vulnerable to this virus. Those who are sick are asked to refrain from attending Mass until they are better. Thank you for your cooperation. Let us continue to ask St. Joseph to watch over our parish during this time.



St. Dominic receives the Rosary from Our Lady

MORE NEWS AND UPDATES

ADULT CATECHISM

With the continued extra Masses because of the COVID-19 virus restrictions and the various Sunday special ceremonies we will be having in October, the earliest we can begin the adult catechism class will be after November 1<sup>st</sup>.

ACADEMY NEWS

We continue to ask parishioners to avoid coming to the school while classes are in session. The doors will be locked until many of the school restrictions are lifted. Thank you for your cooperation.

HIGH SCHOOL CATECHISM

Father Portugal is now giving his Catechism classes on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. These classes are for those teenagers who do not attend a traditional Catholic school.

50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Due to all the restrictions coming from this coronavirus crisis, we will change our celebration plans for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 1<sup>st</sup>. We are now planning for a Solemn High Mass at our old chapel in Silverton Oregon followed by a picnic which will be organized by our chapel in Portland. More details will be given as we draw closer to November 1<sup>st</sup>. We continue to pray to our Patron, St. Pius X, to watch over our Society Priests, Sisters, Brothers and Oblates and the chapels under their care.

Day	Collection	
September 6	\$2,777.00	
September 13	\$2,954.00	
September 20	\$3,237.00	
September 27	\$2,537.00	
TOTAL	\$11,505.00	

GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION – *Check inside bulletin for any changes.*

DAILY ROSARY 6:00pm

Tuesdays - 7:00pm followed by  
Devotions for Priests

BENEDICTION

Thursdays - 6:00pm  
Sundays - See Front Page

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS

Tuesday – 7:30pm  
Saturdays – 8:30am  
Sundays – 7:00 am / 8:30 am / 10:15 am

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Mass – 7:15am & 7:00pm  
Holy Hour at 6:00pm  
the 7:00pm Mass

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Mass – 8:00am Sung Mass

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES:

Blessing of religious articles will be on the  
3rd Sunday of the Month after the Mass.

CLEANING ROSTER

Oct 10th - St. Philomena  
Oct 17th - St. Mary Magdalen

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month at 7:00pm

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

ADULT CATECHISM CLASS

Class starts about 10 minutes after Mass

HIGH SCHOOL CATECHISM

Class are each Wednesday at 7:30pm

EUCCHARISTIC CRUSADE &  
CHILDREN OF MARY MEETING

Mondays - 3:15pm to 4:00pm

**BAPTISMS:** To arrange a Baptism please contact  
the prior to set up a date and time.

**MARRIAGES:** Couples considering Marriage must contact  
the prior six months before the wedding ‘*according to church law*’. Details will then be worked out.

**EMERGENCY SICK CALLS:** Contact: 832-545-4302

	OCTOBER 4 <sup>th</sup>	OCTOBER 11 <sup>th</sup>	OCTOBER 18 <sup>th</sup>	OCTOBER 25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>MC</b>	Max Saucedo	Joseph Bruhn	Jerome Fawver	Gerard Fawver
<b>TH</b>	Michael Bruhn	Joshua Saucedo	Chris Saucedo	Michael Bruhn
<b>AC</b>	Anthony McCoy	Joseph Mataisz	Charles Short	Anthony McCoy
<b>AC</b>	Chris Saucedo	Thomas Zach	Tyler McCoy	Ambrose Demers
<b>CB</b>	Weston Zach	Simon Zach	Anthony Short	Samuel Green
<b>TB</b>	Erick Kirk	Daniel Mataisz	Isaac Solonika	Eric Kirk
<b>TB</b>	Benjamin Saucedo	Gilchrist Zach	Robert Solonika	Ryan Zach
<b>TB</b>	Ryan Zach			Augustine Sullivan
<b>TB</b>	Jonathan Zach			John Allen
<b>TB</b>				Dominic Bruhn
<b>TB</b>				Sebastian McCoy
<b>TH 2</b>				Jerome Fawver

“When the devil wishes to make himself master of a soul, he seeks to make it give up devotion to Mary.”

St. Alphonsus

