

"It was a light not of this world, the light of many suns in one. It was a sunrise such as the world had never seen, a great green super-sun climbing in a fraction of a second to a height of more than 8000 feet, rising ever higher until it touched the clouds, lighting up earth and sky all around with a dazzling luminosity. Up it went, a great ball of fire about a mile in diameter, changing colors as it kept shooting upward, from deep purple to orange, expanding, growing bigger, rising as it was expanding, an elemental force freed from its bonds after being chained for billions of years. For a fleeting instant, the color was unearthly green, such as one only sees in the corona of the sun during a total eclipse. It was as though the earth had opened and the skies had split. One felt as though he had been privileged to witness the birth of the World- to be present at the moment of Creation when the Lord said: Let there be light." These words of a New York Times columnist eyewitness give us an idea of what the people saw when the first experimental atomic bomb went off in Alamogordo, New Mexico on July 16, 1945. Three weeks later the atomic bomb would instantly kill around 80,000 people in Hiroshima, Japan with another 55,000 dying later from the effects of the bomb. It truly gives us a fear what man can do to man. And just recently we have seen the power of the Corona Virus sending fear in people all over the world with all the lockdowns and mask-wearing. But in comparison to the power of the angels, these things are so minuscule!

When we consider the power of the angels, we can use many examples from Scripture to illustrate the point. Let us consider a few to know that their power is much greater than the powers of this world. In the fourth book of Kings we see the angel of the Lord killing 185,000 soldiers of Sennacherib in one night- without the need of an atomic bomb- after the leaders of that army proudly boasted of their powers to the Jews. In the book of Exodus we read the angel of death not being stopped from killing all the first born Egyptians even though the Israelites were still the slaves of the Egyptian people. In the book of Maccabees we see Heliodorus ready to plunder the holy temple of the Jews, but an angel of the Lord appears, beating him until he is almost dead; however, he is saved only after the High Priest intercedes for him, who just moments before was powerless to stop this ambassador of the king from plundering the temple. On Resurrection morning we read that the soldiers were terrified at the appearance of the angel just as men were terrified at the appearance of the angel to Daniel, and in both cases, fleeing the scene! And the Apostles were just living in fear of these very soldiers! Of course, we know of the angels who warned Lot to flee Sodom and Gomorrah because they were about to destroy those cities; then we see the terrifying way in which they destroyed those cities. Finally, we see the awesome power of the angels in the Apocalypse (Chapters 8, 9 , 12) dealing out many plagues to the whole world. Even with the devils we see their powers in the scene in Matthew's Gospel when they are cast out of the possessed man and are permitted to enter a very large herd of swine and immediately the pigs in great commotion jump into the sea. And, of course, we know of the many terrifying scenes in the Gospels of the possessed people powerless to do anything to the devils without the help of Our Lord.

No matter how bleak it may look in our world, we should always know that we have the stronger on our side. But we must remain faithful to the practice of our Religion if we want to see these kinds of wonders done on our behalf. Sometimes the good can be permitted to suffer, even greatly, because of the sins of their people as we see Daniel, Tobias, and many other Old Testament Jews lamenting about the sins of their countrymen and admitting that they are deserving of punishment. In our age, we must acknowledge that there are many sins that cry to Heaven for vengeance which are being committed daily like abortion, homosexual marriages, etc... So we too can suffer, even greatly, for the sins of our countrymen! It should be an encouragement for us to get on our knees to prevent further wrath on our nation.

St. Paul in his Epistle to the Ephesians (6,11-17) gives us the ways to fight the demons after he warns us of our battle with them. He tell us "to put on armor of God that we may be able to stand against the deceits of the devil." And then he tells us in what this armor of God consists: "standing in all things perfect", that is, remaining faithful to God's commandments. "Having our loins girt about with truth", avoiding all lies and rejoicing with the truth! "Having the breastplate of justice", that is, always giving God and our neighbor their due. "And having your feet shod with the gospel of peace", that is, living the precepts of the gospel. "In all things taking the shield of faith", as St. Paul further says, "that without faith it is impossible to please God"(Hebrews 11,6). "And having the sword of the spirit which is the word of God"- let us not be afraid to speak always in an edifying manner to our neighbor! Let us then console ourselves with the fact that if we are on the side of God and His angels we have nothing to fear. St Paul says it so eloquently, "For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor might, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus Our Lord." (Romans 8, 38-39)



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+ Mass Schedule for OCTOBER 11 <sup>th</sup> 2020 - OCTOBER 18 <sup>th</sup> 2020 +			
SUN	11 <sup>th</sup>	XIX SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Academy	7:30 am / 9:00 am High Mass / 11:00 am 5:00 pm Vespers
MON	12 <sup>th</sup>	Ferial Day	7:15 am / 11:15 am
TUE	13 <sup>th</sup>	St. Edward <i>King, Confessor</i>	7:15 am / 11:15am
WED	14 <sup>th</sup>	St. Callistus I, <i>Pope, Martyr</i>	7:15 am / 11:15 am
THU	15 <sup>th</sup>	St. Teresa of Avila, <i>Virgin</i>	7:15 am / 11:15 am
FRI	16 <sup>th</sup>	St. Hedwig, <i>Widow</i>	7:15 am
SAT	17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, <i>Virgin</i>	8:00 am
SUN	18 <sup>th</sup>	XX SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Building Fund	7:30 am / 9:00 am High Mass / 11:00 am 5:00 pm Vespers & Benediction

## 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION TODAY

Today's second collection is for our academy. The Catholic School helps to continue the future of the church and a parish. Please be generous.

## FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

We will begin our Sunday catechism classes for First Communicants and Confirmands today, approximately 10 minutes after the High mass.

## ALL SOULS

All-Souls Envelopes are available in the vestibule. Please have them ready to be placed on the altar by October 31.



## 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 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.

## SSPX ROSARY RALLY IN SALEM

We are still planning for a Rosary Rally in honor of Christ the King and Our Lady, Queen of the Holy Rosary, on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am in Salem. A flyer is posted in the vestibule of the church.

## 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.

NEWS AND UPDATES

CLEAN-UP DAY - POSTPONED

Due to the rainy weather yesterday, our parish clean-up day has been postponed till next Saturday at 9:00 am. Once again, we invite all the men and teenage boys of the parish to help. Please see Mik Bryant if you have any questions.

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 president of the United States recently was diagnosed with the Coronavirus and recovered from it very quickly! It should give us the confidence to not excessively fear this virus. Let us take the reasonable steps to avoid getting sick (e.g., washing hands, eating healthy, etc.) Let us continue to pray to St. Joseph to watch over our parish during this pandemic. Those who are sick are asked to refrain from coming to Mass until they are better. Thank you for your cooperation.

Eucharistic Crusade Treasure Sheet		
September 2020		
	Offerings	436
	Masses	239
	Communions	234
	Spiritual Acts	161
	Sacrifices	1,076
	Decades	1,460
	Visits	149
	Silence	170
Examples		742

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 have finished the first month of the school year this past week. We continue to ask people to avoid going to school during the school day as the doors at the school will be locked until the state restrictions come to an end. 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

We are planning to celebrate our order's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at our old church in Silverton. A picnic/potluck will follow the Solemn High Mass. The Mass time for the celebration will be at 12:30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule to help give us an idea of how many people will attend. This sign-up sheet will also include a column for you to indicate the side dish you will bring to the picnic. The main and side dish and beverages will be provided. The deadline for sign-up will be Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for good weather.

Day	Collection	
October 4	\$3,149.00	
October 11		
October 18		
October 25		
TOTAL	\$3,149.00	

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 17th - St. Mary Magdalen  
Oct 24th - St. Zita

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

EUCHARISTIC 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 11 <sup>th</sup>	OCTOBER 18 <sup>th</sup>	OCTOBER 25 <sup>th</sup>	NOVEMBER 1 <sup>st</sup>
MC	Joseph Bruhn	Jerome Fawver	Gerard Fawver	
TH	Joshua Saucedo	Chris Saucedo	Michael Bruhn	
AC	Joseph Mataisz	Charles Short	Anthony McCoy	
AC	Thomas Zach	Tyler McCoy	Ambrose Demers	
CB	Simon Zach	Anthony Short	Samuel Green	TBA
TB	Daniel Mataisz	Isaac Solonika	Eric Kirk	
TB	Gilchrist Zach	Robert Solonika	Ryan Zach	
TB			Augustine Sullivan	
TB			John Allen	
TB			Dominic Bruhn	
TB			Sebastian McCoy	
TH 2			Jerome Fawver	

“Penance! Penance! Penance! Pray to God for sinners. Kiss the ground as an act of penance for sinners.”

*Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Bernadette*

St. Bernadette was neither bright nor intellectual, she did not know how to meditate, but she always had her rosary in her hand saying it.

St. Padre Pio said many rosaries every day.

