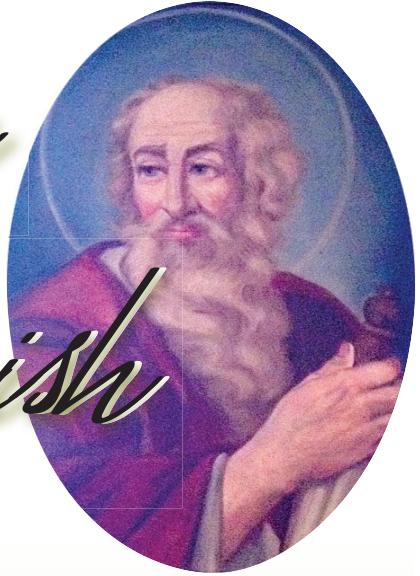


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Masses

Saturday	9:00 AM	Sunday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	7:45 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:15 PM		
Latin Mass	1:30 PM, first three Sundays		
	2:30 PM fourth Sunday of the Month.		
Weekdays	9:00 AM		
Holy Days	6:45 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM		

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Sacrament of Baptism

Sundays at 2:45pm except the 4th Sunday of each month by appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:45 PM. Anytime requested.

Sacrament of Marriage

Six months advance notice is mandatory.
Marriage preparation course required.
Call rectory for appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

Call the rectory for attention to home-bound

Parish Registration

Contact the rectory

Parish

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Parish Meetings

Monday	6:45 PM St. Paul's Folk Dance
Tuesday	8:00 PM Prayer Group
2nd Tuesday	8:00 PM Men's Group
Thursday	7:00 PM A.A. Beginners
Thursday	7:00 PM Al-Anon Beginners
Thursday	8:00 PM A.A. Closed Meeting
Thursday	8:00 PM Al-A Teen
Thursday	8:00 PM Al-Anon
1st Friday	9:30-11:00 Adoration
1st Friday	7:00 PM Holy Hour
Friday	7:30 PM Boy Scouts
Saturday	9:30 AM Religious Educ. PreK-8
Sunday	8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting
Sunday	7:00 PM Al-Anon Parents Meeting

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021



MASS Intentions

<u>Intention:</u>	<u>Requested by:</u>
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Dec. 11, 2021</u>
5:00 Les Hardy	Kathleen Jacob
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Dec. 12, 2021</u>
7:45 Patrick Quinn	Daly family
9:15 Seyilola Akinleye Oluwole	Mary Hoar
10:45 Lucia Capobianco	Son
12:15 For Holy Souls & Clare Thomas	
1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Dec. 13, 2021</u>
9:00 Anna Maria Biancardi	Maria
12:00 All the Faithful Departed	Joan Odell
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Dec. 14, 2021</u>
9:00 Elizabeth Cardone	Family
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Dec. 15, 2021</u>
9:00 Anna Maria Biancardi	Maria
12:00 Robert Costello (living)	
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Dec. 16, 2021</u>
9:00 Deceased Members of McInerney Family	
12:00 Benjamin Broderick	William & Agnes
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Dec. 17, 2021</u>
9:00 Michael McPartland	Mary/ Bill Turner
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Dec. 18, 2021</u>
9:00 Jenny Clancy	Margaret Keane
12:00 Rose Scavetta	Fanchi family
5:00 Tom & Peggy Hoar	Mary Hoar
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Dec. 19, 2021</u>
7:45 Catherine Cafferky	Mary Kilgarriff
9:15 Vincent McDonnell (living)	
10:45 Mary & Michael Woods	Joan Hayes
12:15 Teresa Foley	Evelyn Foley
1:30 People of the Parish - Traditional Latin Mass	



PRAY REMEMBER
the sick of our parish

Michael Curtin, Phyllis Esposito, Dominic Mannochi, Johnpat Cassidy, Charles Coglitori, Mary Byrne, Dorris Perry, Rey O'Mayan, Maureen Baratka, Betty Mancuso, Noel Marku, Yolanda Matias, Rick Ciucio, Matthew Benestad, Janzon Teng, Nunzio Siciliano, Casey Sparks, Richard Lyons, Geraldine Novick, Frank Pallett, Louis Campos, Sarah Haack, Andrea Caputo, Ed Stanton, Joan Napoli, Joseph Mulgrew, and Robert Bruckner.



Please remember in prayer all those who died this week especially, Kathleen Keefe, Gerard O'Connor, Kathryn Mastriaco, Catherine Meninger, Rafael Pico, Joan Odell, and those who mourn them.

LECTORS:

Dec. 11 th	5:00 A. Caputo	9:15 A. Canale
Dec. 12 th	7:45 T. Meaney	12:15 F. Brady

Weekly Collection

STEWARSHIP: Week of December 5, 2021:

1 st Collection	\$4,451
2 nd Collection	\$1,323
Other Monies	\$191
Online Contributions	\$1,700
Total	\$7,665

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The Standard of Christ vs. the Standard of Satan

After the devil had seduced Adam and Eve, God cursed the evil spirit and prophesied, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and her seed." The woman is Mary. Her seed is Christ. Ever since Eden there has been a deadly conflict between the followers of Christ and the followers of Satan. Not to know this is not to understand the most fundamental warfare that's been going on since the dawn of human history. ...Christ our Lord began His public ministry by first fasting for forty days in the desert and then allowing Himself to be tempted by the evil spirit. Part of the imitation of Christ is to expect to be tempted by the devil. Indeed the greater and firmer our desire for holiness, the stronger will be the efforts of the fallen angels to make us follow their example of refusing to serve God. The key of course, is to recognize the demons' strategy, and courageously act against what they are urging us to do. We may take it for granted that we are being urged to self-indulgence, the key to Lucifer and the key to the demons' temptations. The key is self: self-indulgence, self-assertion, and self-will. The impulse leading to this self-will is from the minions of Lucifer, who became the devil precisely because he used his will against God.

As the Church solemnly defined it at the Council of Trent, the devil became the devil because of his free will. Once the free will turns against God it becomes demon-like. Basic to a correct understanding of the spiritual life, in every state of life, is the fact that the following of Christ is a social venture. We must go beyond the desire for our own sanctification to cooperate with Christ in propagating His doctrine throughout the world. Togetherness is of the essence of our faith. Equally basic is the corresponding fact that the evil spirit is active in his propagation of his doctrine and he spreads a doctrine throughout the world. Remember the parable of the sower, who sowed good seed during the day, and then sometime later weeds began to grow, sown in the same field by an enemy. There are two sowers sowing their seed in the hearts and minds of men, one sower is Jesus Christ, the other is Lucifer. The focus of our concentration here is to compare the method used by Christ in organizing His followers with a corresponding and competitive method of Satan in mobilizing his agents.

First then, the standard of Satan: St. Ignatius Loyola says that the Chief Enemy of all summons innumerable demons and scatters them. Some to one city and some to another throughout the whole world, so that no province, no place, no state of life, no individual is overlooked. He goes around to lay traps for people to seek to chain them. First the demons are to tempt them to **covet riches** that they more easily obtain the empty honors of this world and then come to overweening pride. The first step will be **riches**, the second **glory**, the third **pride**. These three steps lead to all other vices. But whatever the possession, whether as cheap a thing as money, or special things like secular knowledge or even spiritual wisdom, the first step is to become wealthy and thus to attain recognition, praise, honor. Attachment to the things of this world gradually makes a person, not only dissatisfied with what he or she possesses, but hungry for acceptance, recognition, praise, and honor. Once proud this leads to all kinds of evils. Pride is the sin we most share with Satan and the fallen angels. Satan refused to serve God or to submit to His plan; these are strong tendencies in every human person as well.

Now the Standard of Christ: In the words of St. Ignatius, I quote, "Christ our Lord, the Lord of all the world, chooses so many persons, apostles, disciples and sends them throughout the whole world to spread His Sacred doctrine among all men. No matter what their state or condition may be, the address which Christ our Lord makes to His servants, whom He sends on this enterprise, is to urge them to seek to help everyone. First, by attracting them to the highest spiritual poverty, (Blessed are the poor in spirit says the Beatitude.) and, should it please the Divine Majesty, and should He deign to choose them, even to actual poverty. Secondly, by encouraging them to desire insults and contempt, for from these two things comes humility. So then, there are three steps. The first poverty, opposed to riches, the second scorn or contempt, opposed to worldly honor, the third humility, opposed to pride. From these three steps Christ leads them to all virtues. We now have the contrast and what a contrast this is. Christ's strategy is the direct opposite of Satan's.

It begins by inspiring His followers and future apostles in every age, in every state of life to practice the first beatitude, 'blessed are the poor in spirit', detachment of heart from earthly possessions and, if it is God's will, embracing actual poverty. The first condition for a person, who wants to serve Christ in winning souls for His Divine Majesty, is at least interiorly, to be detached from everything in this world. The only persons that Jesus Christ uses to spread His gospel are the people detached from the things of this world. Christ inspires His followers to actually desire, of course, under the influence of grace, to be scorned or held in contempt. You must want, to be scorned, despised, ignored, rejected, as Jesus was. That doesn't mean you go around behaving as somebody who is out of his mind.

But, for the world, anyone who follows Christ faithfully, is considered out of his mind and in the world's estimate, we are only as out of our mind as we are faithful in the following of Christ. The basic requirement, without which we are helpless in the face of the devil, is humility. Proud people are no match for Lucifer. This means being humble in our dealing with other people. And remember our dealing with other people begins inside of our own minds without a second thought. We are tempted to spontaneously think of others as somehow, at least somehow, inferior to us, so any thoughts of superiority on our part or inferiority on their part should be resisted. First then, what we call social humility and internal social humility. Again, it means humble resignation to God's will no matter how demanding this divine will can be, and the divine will can be very demanding. And always, always we should keep in mind, except for God, I wouldn't even be the air that I breathe, I just wouldn't be. Except for God, I wouldn't have a will. God gave me the mysterious but awesome power of choosing to do His will. All that I'm doing, therefore, when I accept God's will, and it has to be demanding otherwise there's no price. It is the most rational thing in the world to submit to the will of God. It further means, the habit of humble prayer, by surrendering our wills in patience. Following St. Peter, we are to maintain ourselves in calmness of spirit. Why? Because my faith tells me that I have God's grace on my side, alone I'm helpless, but with the grace of God, I can resist all the demons of hell.

If we're going to cope with the evil spirit in our lives, we must be vigilant. The devil is deceptive. He adjusts himself to pious people with piety, to intelligent people with intelligence, to artistic people with art, and so on. Be watchful. Then following St. Peter, never be afraid of the devil. Resist, stand up to him, do not weaken. St Peter reminds us "our strength comes from the fact that we have the Faith." We're in the presence of God, we trust in God's grace, we trust in the power of prayer and we know that God wants souls to be saved through others. And He wants us to be channels of His grace to other people, just to underline the necessity of prayer. Anyone who thinks that the injunction to pray always is a pious hyperbole is wrong. Remember we've said this before, the only grace you're absolutely sure of having whenever being tempted, by the evil spirit, is the grace to pray. To be assured of the grace that I need to cope with the devil, I must pray. (END)

The Virgin Mary Preparing for Final Victory

From the homily of Cardinal Ivan Dias, legate of the Holy Father for the opening of the celebrations of the beginning of the Jubilee of the 150th anniversary of the Apparitions of Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes, delivered (December 8, 2007):... *After her apparitions at Lourdes, the Holy Virgin has not ceased to manifest her great maternal concerns for the fate of mankind in her several apparitions worldwide. She has everywhere asked for prayers and penance for the conversion of sinners, for she predicted the spiritual ruin of certain nations, the sufferings that the Holy Father would face, the general weakening of the Christian faith, the difficulties of the Church, the rise of the Antichrist and of his attempts to replace God in the life of men, attempts which, despite their instant success, would nevertheless be destined to fail. Here, at Lourdes, as everywhere in the world, the Virgin Mary is weaving a enormous web of her spiritual sons and daughters in the whole world in order to launch a strong offensive against the forces of the Evil one, to lock him up and thus prepare the final victory of her divine Son, Jesus Christ. The Virgin Mary invites us once again today to be a part of her combat-legion against the forces of evil. As a sign of our participation at her offensive, she demands, among other things, the conversion of the heart, a great devotion to the Holy Eucharist, the daily recitation of the rosary, unceasing prayer without hypocrisy, the acceptance of sufferings for the salvation of the world... .*

The struggle between God and his enemy still takes place, even more so today than at the time of Bernadette,.. because the world finds itself stuck in the swamp of a secularism that wishes to create a world without God; of a relativism that stifles the permanent and unchangeable values of the Gospel; and of a religious indifference that remains undisturbed regarding the higher good of the matters of God and the Church. This battle makes innumerable victims within our families and among our young people. Some months before becoming Pope John Paul II, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla said (November 9, 1976): "We are today before the greatest combat that mankind has ever seen. I do not believe that the Christian community has completely understood it. We are today before the final struggle between the Church and the Anti-Church, between the Gospel and the Anti-Gospel." One thing remains certain: the final victory belongs to God and that will happen thanks to Mary, the Woman of Genesis and of the Apocalypse, who will fight at the head of the army of her sons and daughters against the enemy forces of Satan and will crush the head of the serpent. (emphasis added)



*Our Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
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Save the date: The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Silver Rose Prayer Service December 12th at 3PM at our parish to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. The Silver Rose is a sign of this Prayer Service. The Silver Rose passed on through our country, Canada, and Mexico through the Knights of Columbus.

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