

Gems of Wisdom from the *Diary* of Saint Faustina

888. Silence is so powerful a language that it reaches the throne of the living God. Silence is His language, though secret, yet living and powerful.

889. Jesus, You have given me to know and understand in what a soul's greatness consists: not in great deeds but in great love. Love has its worth, and it confers greatness on all our deeds. Although our actions are small and ordinary in themselves, because of love they become great and powerful before God.

The Mass Schedule is on the Website for Holy Days—Immaculate Conception and Christmas

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 8

- St. Bernard, 8:30 a.m.
- St. Anne, 5 p.m.
- Our Lady of the Snow, 6:45 p.m.
- St. Ignatius, 4:30 p.m.
- St. Peter, 7:30 p.m.

Quick Apologetics (Defending Your Faith)—The Communion of Saints

Some people think Catholic Christians are cultish or weird because we ask the saints to pray for us and with us. They, first, think we are worshipping creatures by calling for their assistance. Second, they say, "Why are you praying to St. Joseph? He is dead. He cannot hear you."

To the first objection, we know that we worship God alone. When we call upon the saints for prayers, we are not worshipping them. We do pray for each other on this earth. Recall in 1 Timothy 2:1, God says through St. Paul, "First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions and thanksgivings be offered for everyone...." So, God is asking us to pray for one another. God is humble. He wants to use the whole team. So we can ask anyone to pray for us, those here on earth and those in heaven (or in purgatory).

As far as the second objection...are those who have died unable to hear us? No. Through a special grace, God let's them hear us. In Mark 12:18-23, the Sadducees try to deny the resurrection by testing Jesus. Jesus replies to them immediately, "Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. Now about the dead rising—have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account of the burning bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!" (Mark 12:24-27).

Even in Hebrews 12:1, it says, "...we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...." Many times we go by ourselves to God for help or to praise Him.

Sometimes we ask for the saints in heaven to join us and intercede or praise God. It would be abnormal if we did not ask others to pray for us—either those living on earth or in heaven.

What to Do for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

- Have Masses offered for them
- When you go to Mass, when you receive Holy Communion, offer it for them
- Pray a Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Pray Psalm 130 (*De Profundis*) for them

Saturday Evening Mass at St. Bernard, 7:30 p.m.

Begins again on November 19.

Second Collection for Christmas Families

We will take a second collection on Thanksgiving weekend in order to sponsor 4 or 5 poor local families for Christmas. In all previous years, you have been so generous that we have been able to buy everything on the wish lists of these families. Thank you.

Calendar of Events

-Dec 8 (Thu). Immaculate Conception—Holy Day

Mass Collections, October 29 – 30

St. Anne	\$ 2077
St. Bernard	1274
Our Lady of the Snow	1467
St. Peter	541
St. Ignatius	885
Total	\$ 6244

Vocations Prayer Calendar

Please pray for our seminarians every day.

Sat—Blaise Buches & Cesar Cruz

Sun—Jeffrey Dodds & Rommy Goyes

Mon—Alberto Marrufo & Jun Pham

Tue—Jahn Sainea & Jack Rueschhoff

Wed—Daniel Viana & Hernaldo Arrieta

Thu—Jason DiRito & Zachary Michalczyk

Fri—Increase in vocations to priesthood/religious life

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS

KEY: StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

-Sat, Nov 5, StA, 5 p.m., Sean Ladd

-Sun, Nov 6, StB, 7 a.m., +Dylan Mosely

-Sun, Nov 6, OLS, 9:30 a.m., Parishioners and visitors

Weekday Masses

-Mon, Nov 7, StA, 8:30 a.m., Lee and Ditta Gillan

-Tue, Nov 8, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Ken and Trudy Rozas

-Wed, Nov 9, StB, 8:30 a.m., Keith and Debbie Morrison

-Thu, Nov 10, OLS, 8:30 a.m., Peter/Kathleen Brownell

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StI and StP

KEY: StI = St. Ignatius (Walden); StP = St. Peter

-Sat, Nov 5, StI, 4 p.m., Parishioners and visitors

-Sun, Nov 6, StP, 10 a.m., Kent and Cindy Hester