

Pentecost is Approaching; Begin the Novena on May 31

Pentecost is on Sunday, June 9. Don't forget to wear red that weekend. Pick up the Novena to the Holy Spirit this weekend. Or visit <http://grandcatholic.com/prayers/> and click on "Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts."

Praying the Rosary for Our Beloved Deceased on First Sundays at Our Lady of the Snow (OLS)

All are welcome to pray the Rosary every **first Sunday** of the month at OLS at 9 a.m. before Mass. June 2 is the first prayer session. We will pray for the intention of gaining a plenary indulgence for those baptized Catholics who have died within our parish boundaries or who had their funerals at our churches. Here is the current list of those who passed away in 2018 for whom we had funerals:

Paul Robertson
Charlene Geeck
Ted Fasso, Sr.
Jan Reynolds
Randall DeBey
Richard DeBey
Lucy Suska
Cheryl Hoes

If you would like to add to this list, please call Annette Charnecki at 970-281-2011.

The St. Teresa of Calcutta Mercy Group initiated this effort. This group formed after going through the Fr. Michael Gaitley series. If you are interested in joining, call Annette.

We thought it would be helpful to explain what an indulgence is. To start, an example is useful. If a person borrows a friend's camera, drops it and damages it, the friend may forgive the borrower, but there is something more that needs to happen. The borrower needs to make things completely right by paying for the repair of the camera. So it is with sin. Using imagery: when we sin, we hammer a nail in Christ's hand on the Cross. When we go to Confession, the nail is removed, but we need to cooperate with Christ to heal the wound. As long as there is a wound, we have work to do. God helps us to repair the wound as we do spiritual and corporal works of mercy and undergo some suffering.

Many of us die without loving God with our whole heart and without completing repairing the damage of our sins. In God's mercy, many people go to Purgatory for further purification (very painful suffering because it is spiritual) before entering Heaven. (You can find an article about Purgatory on our website.) In Purgatory, one cannot pray for himself/herself. But we can. We can pray and make sacrifices for those in purgatory to lessen their time there. This is a partial indulgence—we

are "paying for what they owe" to God. We are helping remit some of their temporal punishment due to sin.

The Church teaches us what prayers and sacrifices we need to make in order to gain partial indulgences and plenary indulges for those in Purgatory (or for ourselves).

A plenary indulgence is a full remission of punishment due to sin and immediate entrance into Heaven! It requires certain prayers (example: novenas, Rosary, etc.), going to Confession, receiving Holy Communion, praying for the intentions of the pope, and being free of attachment to sin. Being detached from sin is not easy, but it should not deter us from cooperating with God for a plenary indulgence. Even if we have some attachment to sin, God will grant a partial indulgence.

The next bulletin, June 9, will have a Youtube reference regarding indulgences for learning purposes.

So join us on June 2 at OLS at 9 a.m. to pray the Rosary for our beloved deceased. Meet other people in the group and network and discuss your faith.

Quick Apologetics (Defending Your Faith)—The Bible

We, as Catholic Christians, use a Bible that has 73 books (called the canon of Scripture); there are 46 books in the Old Testament, 27 in the New Testament. The canon of Scripture was settled at the Council of Rome in 382, under the authority of Pope Damasus I. This canon included the Septuagint, or Alexandrian Canon (written in Greek) of the Old Testament—46 books. It was soon reaffirmed on numerous occasions. The 73 books were affirmed at the Council of Hippo in 393 and at the Council of Carthage in 397. In 405 Pope Innocent I reaffirmed the canon in a letter to Bishop Exuperius of Toulouse. All of these canons were identical to our modern Catholic Bible. The Church also reaffirmed the 73 books of the Bible at the Councils of Florence (1442), Trent (1546), Vatican I (1870), and Vatican II (1965).

So why do Protestants have 66 books—seven less books? Historically, near 100 A.D. Jewish leaders rejected seven of "our books" [Wisdom, Sirach, Judith, Baruch, Tobit, and 1 and 2 Maccabees], mainly because they could not find versions of them written in Hebrew. This Jewish version is called the Palestinian Canon. In 1529, Martin Luther chose the Palestinian Canon, using the same reason to reject the seven books—he could not find the Hebrew version.

However, close to 1950, archaeologists found Hebrew copies of the seven books in question in the Dead Sea scrolls at Qumran. Who would have known?!

In the New Testament, there are 300 quotations taken from the Septuagint, which was used by Jesus and the New Testament writers. If Jesus used the Septuagint, we had better do the same.

Jesus and His Teachings, Yes! New Age/Occult, No!

Parents, you know that video games seem to waste a lot of time—time to exercise, time to pray, time to read, etc. Be especially careful not to let your kids play video games with a theme that God is the enemy and the devil is a hero. Be careful of the following for sure:

- 1) **Tecmo's Deception: Invitation To Darkness** (Playstation) – Players “make an unholy pact and sell their soul to Satan in exchange for power” with the object of the game being to ensure the resurrection of Satan and obtain his power. (This game is rated “T” for teen.)
- 2) **Nocturne** (Playstation 2) – A game in which the hero (a demon) destroys the three archangels St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, then goes on to destroy God.
- 3) **Devil Summoner** (Playstation 2) – Involves communicating with and recruiting demons. One demon tells the player “That Catholic Church is such an eyesore” and in the end of the game, blows up the Church.
- 4) **Shadow Hearts** (Playstation 2) – The hero uses his power to intercept and destroy God and “save the world.” Some games in this series are rated “T”.
- 5) **Dragon's Age Origins** (Playstation 3/Xbox 360) – Game revolves around the story of God going mad and cursing the world. A witch attacks believers and players can “have sex” with her in a pagan act called “blood magic” so she can “give birth to a god.” Another scenario allows player to have sex with a demon in exchange for a boy's soul.
- 6) **Dante's Inferno** (Playstation 3/Xbox 360) – Loosely based on the Divine Comedy, player travels through nine circles of Hell, fighting demons, “unbaptized babies” and other tormented souls. (This game is being considered for a movie by Universal Pictures.)
- 7) **Guitar Hero** (Playstation) – Players use guitars decorated with pentagrams. God is repeatedly mocked by the devil and in the end, the devil is the hero of the game. Women dressed as Catholic school girls are degraded. (Rated “T” for teen.)

Other games with Satanic themes are **Darksiders**, **Koudelka**, **Trapt**, and **Bayonetta**.

Future Church Celebrations with Meals after Mass

Jun 15, StB. Jun 30, StP. Jul 26, StA;
Jul 31, StI. OLS, Aug 4. More details coming.
Count on potluck meals after the Masses.

Wisdom of The Dialogue of St. Catherine

Summary of Chapter 16. St. Catherine was happy that God told her how to calm His wrath—prayers full of desire and tears. She was glad and fearless in the face of the world's persecution.

Her prayer: “Have mercy, eternal God, on Your little sheep, Good Shepherd that You are. Do not delay in

Your mercy for the world, for already it almost seems they can no longer survive! Everyone seems bereft of any oneness in charity with You, eternal Truth, or even with each other: I mean, whatever love they have for each other has no grounding in You.”

Summary of Chapter 17. God answered her prayer. He said, “I created them with such burning love and gave them grace and gifts without number...but see, daughter, how they strike back at Me with every sort of sin...” They have poisoned the whole world with sensual selfishness. “This evil they do by means of other people.” “[E]very good and every evil is done by means of your neighbor.”

Summary of Chapter 18. The Father says that no one can escape Him. He has them in justice because of their sin, or in mercy. God created all of us in His love. He will be merciful to us because of His servants—those who have a deep friendship with Him and are praying for the world.

Ancient Hebrew Scrolls

Coming to Our Lady of the Snow for Display on Wednesday, June 12, in the evening. More details coming. Visit: <http://ancienthebrewscrollproject.org/>

Biblical Hebrew manuscripts are the Holy Scripture-received, recorded, and preserved by the Jewish people. They have been carefully copied from the originals throughout the millennia. These Ancient Hebrew Scrolls make up the only complete set of the TANAKH (Hebrew Scriptures, or what some refer to as the Old Testament) in the world that you can see.

Sixteen scrolls make up an entire TANAKH; however, this traveling Ancient Hebrew Scroll display contains all 16 scrolls plus duplicates making this collection a total of 40 scrolls.

Scrolls in the display are unique and most of them are 250 years old or older. Six of the scrolls in the collection were commissioned by this project to be written in Jerusalem by a scribe (sofer) when a worldwide search failed to discover those needed to complete the set. These ancient scrolls were written in countries all over the world: Israel, Poland, Iraq, Morocco, and Russia to name a few; however, each scroll at different times and in its own history, made its way to Jerusalem and from there was discovered and purchased by this project. Each scroll has a look and a story of its own.

Totus Tuus Vacation Bible School; June 16 – 21

Our Lady of the Snow. \$20 donation recommended.
Grades 1-6: Mon – Fri, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Grades 7-12: Sun – Thur, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Be sure to pack lunches for your children.

A Parent's Litany for the Return of Our Children to Practice the Catholic Faith

Response: **have mercy on us and on our children.**

- +God the Father Almighty,
- +Jesus, Son of Father,
- +God the Holy Spirit,

Response: **save our children, O Lord.**

- +Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar,
- +Sacred Heart of Jesus,
- +Jesus, our Divine Mercy,
- +Jesus, the Good Shepherd,

Response: **pray for us and for our children.**

- +Mary, Mother of Jesus,
- +Our Lady of Siluva, whose tears touched the hearts of an entire village,
- +Sorrowful Mother, whose heart was pierced with anguish,
- +Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, intercessor for children,
- +St. Joseph, patron saint of fathers and helper of families,
- +St. Francis de Sales, laborer for conversion of souls,
- +St. Theresa, with your little ways of prayer,
- +St. Jude, patron saint of difficult situations,
- +St. Gertrude, intercessor of poor souls,
- +St. Monica, mother of the prodigal Augustine,
- +St. Michael the Archangel, warrior against evil,
- +St. Anne, grandmother of Jesus,
- +St. Faustina, who told us of Divine Mercy,
- +St. Odilia, helper of those blind to the truth,
- +St. Anthony, finder of the lost,

Response: **touch Your children, O Lord.**

- +Through the tears of a mother,
- +Through the prayers of a father,
- +Through a grandparent's anguish,
- +Through Your promises, O God,

Let us pray. God our Father, we bring You ourselves and our family members. We are in need of the healing touch of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit fill us, and may Your angels and saints guide us down the path back to You. We ask this in the name of Jesus, in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

For more prayers and information, visit: www.marianmantle.com; phone: 913-526-8977

Please Welcome Fr. John Longbuco Next Weekend

Fr. John is here to mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Pint with a Priest

Tuesday, June 4, 6 p.m. at The Peak restaurant in Winter Park. This month's topic: To be determined. Come, bring a friend, and learn something interesting.

Cuatro Semanas en la Biblia

Viernes 31 de mayo de 7 a 8 p.m.

Venga por solo 4 semanas para aprender sobre la gran historia que se cuenta en la Biblia, y cuál es nuestra parte de la historia. Esto es para todos, por favor invita a tus amigos.

Sports-Bible Camp; Tentative: July 18-19

- Days: Thursday-Friday
- Time: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Where: Fraser Valley Sports Complex.
- For boys and girls: kindergarten completed through 6th grade completed.

Calendar of Events

- Jun 12 (W). Ancient Hebrew Scroll Project. Discussion of how the Bible was circulated (by Charles Garrett)
- Jun 15 (Sat). St. Bernard Church celebration
- Jun 16-21, (Sun-Fri). *Totus Tuus* (VBS) at OLS
- Jul 18-19 (Thu-Fri). Sports-Bible Camp

Mass Collections, May 18 – 19

St. Anne	\$ 2448
St. Bernard	1696
Our Lady of the Snow	1269
St. Peter	586
St. Ignatius	<u>602</u>
Total	\$ 6601

Vocations Prayer Calendar

Please pray for our seminarians every day.

Sat—Hernaldo Arrieta & Felipe Colombo

Sun—Juan Madrid & Davide Milani

Mon—Joseph Bui & Patricio Chuquimarca

Tue—Daniele Arienzo & Peter Brancale

Wed—Joseph Do & Rommy Munoz

Thu—Javier Moretten & Jose Medina

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, May 25, StA, 5 p.m., Peter and Kathleen Brownell

-Sat, May 25, StB, 5:30 p.m., Peggy Walker

-Sun, May 26, StB, 7 a.m., Barry and Aimee Kroneberger

-Sun, May 26, OLS, 9:30 a.m., People in region/visitors

Weekday Masses

-Mon, May 27, StA, 8:30 a.m., Jordan and Victoria Goray

-Tue, May 28, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Brian and Kendall Vogel

-Wed, May 29, StB, 8:30 a.m., Carolyn Murphy

-Thu, May 30, OLS, 8:30 a.m., Healing/Reparation Mass

-Fri, May 31, OLS, 8:30 a.m., Fr. Peter's intention

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StP and StI

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

-Sun, May 26, StP, 10 a.m., Michael and Joan Good

-Sun, May 26, StI, 1 p.m., People in our region/visitors