

## **Thanks for Adoring the Lord**

Thanks to those who came to Eucharistic Adoration on Halloween, praying to the Lord to convert hearts, to save souls, and to discipline His people, regarding the Circus Horrificus. Some people stayed the entire six hours!

## **More on the Circus Horrificus**

As we have said during announcements, we have no problem with family fun, such as pumpkin-carving and costume contests. However, evil is parading itself through a “family-friendly” guise.

We had no regrets about telling people not to attend. The more research we do, the more we find out about the deception of the Circus. For example, the Circus Horrificus website states: “Collaborating performances by ConSensual Circus.” If one does research behind the Consensual Circus, he or she finds:

*ConSensual Circus is a traveling group of performing artists and sex activists that strive to create a more realistic, authentic, and sex positive culture. Through examples of safe, sane, and consensual practices, modern day sex education is introduced into the circus. With that, a safe and fun environment is created where the audience is invited to explore all aspects of human sexuality, relationship structures, and gender roles.*

When someone buys a ticket to the Circus, the money goes to pay the employees who participate in the burlesque shows and fortune telling. Money is also given to the ConSensual Circus people to promote a message that goes against God. This is called material cooperation.

Significant numbers of people are turning away from God and do not want to discuss these topics on a moral level. So, we end up talking to them on a psychological level—behaviors have consequences in the brain. See the link at the end of this page and you will find all kinds of articles that talk about the psychological disturbances whenever God’s gift of sexuality is misused.

We do have a duty to read the word of God and pray with it. We see that demons tempt us to go away from the teaching of God, Who loved us into being to become His beloved Princes and Princesses. What does God say about the misuse of the sexual gift (that was given to a validly married man and woman for procreation)?

## **Romans 1:18-32:**

“The wrath of God is indeed being revealed from heaven against every impiety and wickedness of those who suppress the truth by their wickedness. For what can be known about God is evident to them, because God made it evident to them. Ever since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived

in what He has made. As a result, they have no excuse; for although they knew God they did not accord Him glory as God or give Him thanks. Instead, they became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless minds were darkened. While claiming to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for the likeness of an image of mortal man or of birds or of four-legged animals or of snakes.

Therefore, God handed them over to impurity through the lusts of their hearts for the mutual degradation of their bodies. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and revered and worshiped the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. Therefore, God handed them over to degrading passions. Their females exchanged natural relations for unnatural, and the males likewise gave up natural relations with females and burned with lust for one another. Males did shameful things with males and thus received in their own persons the due penalty for their perversity. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God handed them over to their undiscerning mind to do what is improper. They are filled with every form of wickedness, evil, greed, and malice; full of envy, murder, rivalry, treachery, and spite. They are gossips and scandalmongers and they hate God. They are insolent, haughty, boastful, ingenious in their wickedness, and rebellious toward their parents. They are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know the just decree of God that all who practice such things deserve death, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.”

**Action:** So, with the love of God in our hearts, we pray for all those who own the restaurants and bars that hosted the burlesque shows and fortune tellers. We also pray for all the people that went to any of these evil events. Finally, we pray for the conversion of all those who work for the Circus Horrificus and the ConSensual Circus. We want them to accept God as their Creator, and His teachings, which give us so much peace and joy. We want them to get to heaven one day!

We ask God to forgive us of our past sins and to forgive the sins of those participating in the Circus.

**Remember:** Do good, avoid evil, expose evil.

Go to the website [catholiceducation.org](http://catholiceducation.org) and then look for the search feature in the upper right hand corner. You can search key words such as: pornography, masturbation, homosexuality, and transgender. You will see many short articles that will teach the truth, and what effect these things have psychologically.

With truth, grace, time, and cooperation, God can do far more than we expect or imagine. He wants to give all of us freedom from unwanted inclinations and sin.

Dear Family, As you know, November 2 is All Souls Day. November is the month where we especially remember to pray for the dead. Please read the following to understand a few concepts about the dogma of Purgatory. You will be able to spread the truth which sets us free.

*Pax et bonum*, Fr. Michael

**Catholic Dogma Regarding Purgatory:** The souls of the just which, in the moment of death, are burdened with venial sins or temporal punishment due to sins, enter Purgatory.

### Some Bible References that Support the Dogma of Purgatory

+ **2 Maccabees 12:42-46:** Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out. The noble Judas warned the soldiers to keep themselves free from sin, for they had seen with their own eyes what had happened because of the sin of those who had fallen. He then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin.

+ **Matthew 12:32:** And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. [Comment on this passage from St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church (540-604 A.D.): “From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come.”]

+ **1 Corinthians 3:12-15:** If anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, the work of each will come to light, for the Day will disclose it. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire (itself) will test the quality of each one’s work. If the work stands that someone built upon the foundation, that person will receive a wage. But if someone’s work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire.

+ **Psalms 66:12:** You let captors set foot on our neck; we went through fire and water; then you led us out to freedom. [Origen and St. Ambrose considered this a proof of Purgatory: water is Baptism, fire is purgatory.]

+ **Revelation 21:27** (paraphrase): Nothing unclean will enter heaven.

+ **Malachi 3:3:** He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the LORD. [St. Jerome saw this as a proof-text for purgatory.]

### Some Statements from Sacred Tradition and the Magisterium

**Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), paragraph 1030.** All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

**CCC 1031.** The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire.

**CCC 1032.** The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead.

**St John Chrysostom**, Bishop, Doctor of the Church (347-407 A.D.): “Let us help and commemorate them. If Job’s sons were purified by their father’s sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them” (See Job 1:5).

**St. Augustine**, Bishop, Doctor of the Church (354-430 A.D.): “Some suffer temporal punishments only in this life, others only after death, still others both in life and after death, but always before this most strict and final court.”

### Common Sense and Purgatory

The first reason backing up the dogma of Purgatory and praying for the dead is simple common sense. We all know there is no selfishness in heaven. It simply can’t exist there, because God is pure love, pure unselfishness. But we also know that not all of us, not even all good Christians, die completely freed of selfishness and selfish tendencies. Therefore, those who die with some selfish habits and self-centered attitudes, still clinging to their Christian soul, need to be cleaned up a bit before they enter heaven. This cleaning up process is known as purgatory. The word actually comes from Latin root “purgatio” [puhr- GAHT-see-oh], which means cleansing or purifying.

This purification can also take place here on earth. One of the reasons God permits suffering is precisely to give us an opportunity to accept and endure it with love, as Christ did on the cross. When we do that, suffering becomes a medicine that lessens our selfishness and helps us grow in every Christ-like virtue: patience, humility, fortitude, and wisdom. But when we keep our friendship with Christ alive in this life without really giving it top priority, we allow sinful and selfish habits to grow in our souls like weeds in a garden. In that case, after we die, God has to pull out the weeds and clean out the garden before we can fully enjoy the divine presence in heaven—that’s the painful process of Purgatory.

In sum, common sense tells us that most of us will need some spiritual cleaning up after we die and before we enter heaven. Pray for the dead to get to heaven.

## A Quick Summary of Purgatory from the *Diary of St. Faustina, Paragraph 20*

I saw my Guardian Angel, who ordered me to follow him. In a moment I was in a misty place full of fire in which there was a great crowd of suffering souls. They were praying fervently, but to no avail, for themselves. Only we can come to their aid. The flames which were burning them did not touch me at all. My Guardian Angel did not leave me for an instant. I asked these souls what their greatest suffering was. They answered me in one voice that their greatest torment was longing for God. I saw Our Lady visiting souls in Purgatory. The souls call her “The Star of the Sea” [*Stella Maris*]. She brings them refreshment. I wanted to talk with them some more, but my Guardian Angel beckoned me to leave. We went out of that prison of suffering. [I heard an interior voice] which said, **My mercy does not want this, but justice demands it.** Since that time, I am in closer communion with suffering souls.

## The Dialogue of St. Catherine Mentions Purgatory

**Chapter 43.** God the Father says, “So no one waits to be judged. All receive their appointed place as they leave...And the imperfect, in mercy...come to that place called purgatory.”

**Chapter 81.** The Father speaking about the demons: “Rather they glorify Me as My executioners, for through them is manifested My justice to the damned and to those in purgatory.”

**Chapter 148.** God the Father states: “And if you turn to purgatory, there you will find My gentle immeasurable providence toward those poor souls who foolishly wasted their time.” [The Father goes on to say that we can pray for them.] “Now because they are separated from their bodies, they no longer have time in which to merit.” “...by giving alms and having My ministers say the Divine Office, by fasting and praying while you are in the state of grace, you can by My mercy shorten their time of punishment.”

## Seminary Appeal: Second Collection This Weekend

Seminarrians **Geoffrey Calvert** and **Konnor Peterson** will be speaking at our Masses this weekend to make the appeal. Make checks out to St. Anne, St. Bernard, or Our Lady of the Snow and we will combine them to write one big check.

## Pint with a Priest. Tuesday, November 5 at 6 p.m. at The Peak Restaurant in Winter Park

C. S. Lewis wrote: “Reason is the natural organ of truth, but imagination is the organ of meaning.” How does Christianity form our imaginations and help us become saints? Let’s talk about it.

**Catechism of the Catholic Church, para. 2181:** “The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of

all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants). Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.”

## Thanks for being Pro-Active!

Many of you completed “All Souls” envelopes. We will put them on the altars for Mass in November many times. You gave \$2,198. This covers the cost of *Totus Tuus* (Vacation Bible School).

## “Paul, Apostle of Christ” Movie Nights

Fathers Michael and Peter want to have movie nights at all five churches with this movie. StA and StI, schedule with Fr. Michael; StB and OLS, Fr. Peter.

## Calendar of Events

**-Nov 15 (Fri).** Mass and Movie Night, StP; begin at 6 p.m.

**-Dec 12 (Thu).** OL of Guadalupe Mass at St. Peter and Our Lady of the Snow, 6:30 p.m. Fiesta afterward.

## Mass Collections, October 26 – 27

St. Anne	\$ 889
St. Bernard	918
Our Lady of the Snow	1055
St. Peter	537
St. Ignatius	<u>1018</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5454</b>

## Vocations Prayer Calendar

*Please pray for our seminarians every day.*

**Sat**—David Hall & Juan Hernandez

**Sun**—Kevin Kasel & Deogratias Katongole

**Mon**—Ryan Kent & Sile Kone

**Tue**—Owen Limarta & Trevor Lontine

**Wed**—Jacob Machado & Ryan Mack

**Thu**—Juan Madrid & Christopher Marbury

**Fri**—Increase in vocations to priesthood/religious

## Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS

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

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

-Sat, Nov 2, StA, 5 p.m., Joseph and Annette Burbach

-Sun, Nov 3, StB, 7 a.m., People in our region/visitors

-Sun, Nov 3, OLS, 9:30 a.m., Dan and Diane Bielski

### Weekday Masses

-Mon, Nov 4, StA, 8:30 a.m., Sean Ladd

-Tue, Nov 5, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Edward and Terra Plute

-Wed, Nov 6, StB, 8:30 a.m., Keith/Debbie Morrison

-Thu, Nov 7, **OLS, 5:30 p.m.**, Victor and Jan Derks

## Mass Intentions and Schedule for StP and StI

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

-Sun, Nov 3, StP, 10 a.m., People in our region/visitors

-Sun, Nov 3, StI, 1 p.m., Mark and Debbie Goulette

-Fri, Nov 8, **StI, 5:30 p.m.**, Repose of Holy Souls 2