

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Masses and Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 22

Green

Third Sunday after Epiphany, *II Class*

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

11:45 AM Pro Populo

Monday, January 23

White

St. Raymond of Penafort, Confessor, *III Class*

7:30 PM Dominic McLaird

One of the glories of the Dominican order, he was known as a great moral theologian and an outstanding confessor. He was renowned for his miracles, the most well-known being how he crossed sea separating Barcelona and Majorca in six hours while standing on his mantle. He died in 1275.

Tuesday, January 24

Red

St. Timothy, Bishop/Martyr, *III Class*

6:30 AM Private Intention

12:10 PM Deceased of Donofrio & Skalecki families

On the eve of the conversion of St. Paul, the Church has fixed the feast of St. Timothy, his faithful companion on his missionary journeys. The Epistle of the Mass is a passage from one of the two letters St. Paul wrote to him to point out his duties as a bishop.

Wednesday, January 25

White

Conversion of St. Paul, *III Class*

7:30 PM John and Julie Morrison

Thursday, January 26

Red

St. Polycarp, Bishop/Martyr, *III Class*

6:30 AM Private Intention

12:10 PM Suzanne Parker +

The name Polycarp means "abundant fruit." He was a disciple of St. John who made him bishop of Smyrna. He defended our Lord's divinity against several heretics and would be martyred at an advanced age, being burned in the middle of an amphitheater and then struck with a sword.

Friday, January 27

White

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop/Doctor, *III Class*

12:10 PM Joseph B. Smith

Of incredible intellect, his powerful eloquence earned him the surname Chrysostom, meaning "golden mouth." With St. Athanasius, Gregory Nazienzen, and Basil, he forms the group of the four great doctors of the Eastern Church. He died in 407.

Saturday, January 28

White

St. Peter Nolasco, Confessor, *III Class*

11:00 AM John Delisle +

Born of noble and wealthy parents in France, he was commissioned by our Lady to found the order of Our Lady of Mercy for the Ransom of Captives. When all the funds of the work were exhausted, the religious were bound by their rule to take the places of the prisoners with the infidels. He died in 1256.

Sunday, January 29

Green

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, *II Class*

8:00 AM Patrick and Kathleen Kennedy

11:45 AM Pro Populo

Catechetical Lecture Series

Fr. Harkins will present a four-lecture series *Reflections on the Traditional Roman Liturgy* on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:30, beginning this Sunday, January 22, which will detail some history of its development along with principles behind the ritual. All are invited.

Please note that there will be no lecture next Sunday, January 29.

Roe v. Wade Anniversary

Today marks the 39th anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in this country. Be sure to continue praying for the end of this scourge to our society, the conversion of the hearts of many who support it, and the healing of those who suffer its effects. The national bishops' conference has authorized that the votive Mass for peace be said tomorrow, January 23.

Fr. Saguto Away

Fr. Saguto will be away Monday through Saturday for some vacation. There will be no change in the usual Mass and confession schedule, but please note that Compline will not be sung this Monday or Wednesday evening.

Knights of the Altar

As the Knights of the Altar Servers' Guild is now forming, any boy or young man interested in joining the ranks and serving at the altar is asked to email Fr. Harkins at namservers@yahoo.com.

Contribution Statements

Statements of recorded contributions for 2011 have been mailed. If you would like a more detailed statement, or believe there is an error, please contact the rectory.

Candlemas Day—February 2

Next Thursday, February 2, is the feast of our Lady's Purification, commonly known as Candlemas. The High Mass that evening at 7:30 will begin with blessing and distribution of candles and a candlelight procession around the church. This blessing and procession of candles recalls the manifestation of Christ as the Light of the world, received in the temple by Simeon as God's messenger: *A light of revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for Thy people Israel*. It is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, of the Marian feasts. All are encouraged to attend.

Please Keep In Your Prayers:

Souls in Purgatory, Parish seminarians, Closure of local Planned Parenthoods, Shirley Hendrix, Strauss family,

Anna Marie Roth, Hans Sharp, Dominic McLaird, Anthony Arena, Mary Purcell, Jackie Danieli, Jeff Aiken, Richard Hopp, John Barber, James King, Cliff Sears, Cindy Bailey, David Hobbs, Louis Leclezio, Stephanie Brusich, Mary McKinsey, Mark Hillis, John Deller +, Gerald Nikolaisen +, Fr. Santan Pinto +, Anthony Strauss +, Patrick Sursely +, Jeff Kozitza +

Contributions *May God reward your generosity.*

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Calendar of Events

January 22 First Communion Classes begin
January 22 Catechetical Lectures (1st of 4)
February 2 Candlemas Day (*Procession and Mass*)
February 3/4 First Friday/First Saturday
February 5 Septuagesima
February 12 Potluck
February 17 Evening of Recollection
February 22 Ash Wednesday

A Final Thought...

If we consider fraternal charity as a means of advancing union with our Lord, we shall find in Him the model to which we must conform. If we truly desire to be one with Him, we must obviously try to love our fellow men as He did. Now that includes even our enemies. He forgave them all. He died for the very men who crucified Him. He prayed for them on the Cross in the agony they gave Him. *Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.* This forgiveness is not always easy in practice. Yet its importance and its urgency can be gauged from the fact that our Lord puts this amazing request on our lips in the *Our Father: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespassed against us.* He makes us set as a limit to God's forgiveness of our sins against Himself, the same limit that we put to our forgiveness of our neighbors' faults against us. And He adds: *For if you forgive men their offenses, your heavenly Father will forgive you your offenses. But if you will not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive you your offenses.*

This is the essential point in the spiritual life and one that calls for frequent effort and watchfulness. We must keep a careful control over our thoughts to prevent any tendency to brood over the wrongs—real or imaginary—that have been done to us, and to avoid wishing evil to the person responsible or even taking deliberate pleasure in his misfortunes. When we are wronged, our external behavior has to be regulated by prudence, but we must

prompt to pray for the wrongdoer, as was Christ Himself. Few things make us so dear to God as this. And those whose love for our Lord is seeking expression, can find no better expression than praying for, and serving their enemies.

Of our duty in charity to assist our neighbor in temporal matters, there is no need to write here at any length. All that we do for him is done for Christ, and, insofar as almsgiving is concerned, we must remember that once our own reasonable needs and those of our dependents are satisfied, we are only stewards for the remainder of our property and are under an obligation to assist our neighbor out of what is superfluous. This form of Christian charity is so well known that sometimes people think that it is, if not the only, at least its principal form. And modern society tends to judge the value of a man's life by the amount of good he does for his fellow man. The true Christian measure depends rather on what he has done for God.

But the result of popular misconception is that one often forgets that our principal duty to our neighbor is a supernatural one, and that the principal way of satisfying that duty is also a supernatural one. The most destitute man in the world is the man in a state of mortal sin. He cannot rise out of his sin without the help of a grace, which he cannot merit strictly for himself. The greatest work of fraternal charity is that by which grace is obtained from God for those in mortal sin. And grace is only obtained by a spiritual life. The greatest service we can render our neighbors is to sanctify *ourselves*. In doing so, we become, if not a power house, at least a transformer station in the network of distribution of grace. There is no limit to the supernatural service we can render our neighbor by a life of faith, hope, charity, humility, and the abandonment to the will of God.

Fr. Eugene Boylan, *This Tremendous Lover*, ch. 16