

Our Lady of the Rosary Roman Catholic Church

July 29, 2023 Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday

Mass Intention

"Special Intention" (C. Girardi)

Father is current accepting Mass intentions. Customary offering is \$25 per Mass.

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Today's liturgy lays stress on the terrible punishments which will one day be inflicted on those who have denied Christ. They will all perish and not one of them will enter the kingdom of heaven. Those who have been faithful to Him through all the adversities of this life, will also one day, be saved from the hands of their enemies and will follow him into heaven, whither he went at His Ascension, whose feast the Church celebrates at Paschaltide. St. Paul indeed, tells us: "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that which you are able, but will make also with temptation issue, that you may be able to bear it." Let us, therefore, beseech the Lord that His merciful ears "may be open to the prayers" of His suppliants and, in order that to those who seek He may surely give that for which they ask, He may make use to ask only for those things which are well-pleasing to Him. But divine justice is not content with protecting the just against their enemies and with rewarding them for their fidelity; it punishes also those who do evil. Elias threatened the faithless kingdom of Israel and made fire from heaven to fall on his enemies. The Israelites who tempted Jerusalem, over which our Lord wept and whose punishment he foretold for its rejection of Himself, was destroyed by war and fire. "Now," St. Paul tells us, "all these things happened to them in figure, and they are written for our correction." More than a million Jews perished at the destruction of Jerusalem because they had rejected the Messias, and in the Gospel our Lord always compared this tragic ending

to the catastrophes which will mark the end of all time when God will come to judge the world by fire.

Spiritual Life

Man, unaided by grace, is incapable of producing perfect justice and absolute good. Experience has proved it, St. Paul teaches it, the fathers will, later on, unanimously assert it, and the Church, in her Councils will define it. True, by the mere powers of his fallen nature, man may come to the knowledge of some truths, and to the practice of some virtues; but, without grace, he can never know, and still less observe, the precepts of even the natural law, if they are taken as a whole.

From Jesus, then, from Jesus alone, comes all justice. Not only is supernatural justice, which supposes the infusion of sanctifying grace in the sinner's soul, wholly from Him; but, even that natural justice, of which men are so proud, and which they say is quite enough without anything else, soon leaves one who does not cling to Christ by faith and love.

O Lord, teach me to be always docile to Your grace, to say yes to You always. To say yes to Your will as expressed in the commandments, to say yes to the intimate inspirations by which You invite me to a more intense union, to more generous selfdenial and more complete detachment. Grant that I my always be ready to open the door of my will to You, or rather, to keep it open always, so that You can enter there, and thus I shall not miss a single one of Your visits, a single on of Your delicate touches; not one of Your requests will escape me.

There are no difficulties except for those who worry too much about tomorrow. -Bl. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Do not let a day pass without doing some good in it. - St. Philip Neri



Announcements

Please join us for the Rosary. Sundays at 9 AM on Discord. https://discord.gg/K42TYCr

If you are not receiving the mission newsletter, please contact Christy Hilliard, <u>cahilliard7@gmail.com</u>.

Prayer List

Please remember the following intentions:

Sharon Rose, Donna Perry, Michael Spann, Kathleen Weidner, Dennis Smith, Theresa Fishman, Father Trough, Success of the Mission

Upcoming

August 12: Mass, 10 AM August 15: Assumption BVM (Holy Day) August 22: Immaculate Heart of Mary August 26: Mass, 10 AM September 9: Mass, 10 AM

Collections

Last Mass: \$945 Year-to-date: \$12,493



Dress Code Welcome! Out of respect for the True Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and for the edification of our neighbor, we kindly request that all who come to our parish observe the basic traditional Catholic standards of dress for church attendance: -Women and girls must cover their heads. Women and girls must wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee completely when standing or sitting. Slacks, shorts, sleeveless, tight or low-cut clothing, and dresses or skirts with long slits above the knees are not permitted. -It is recommended for men and boys to wear suit coats and ties for Sunday Mass. Jeans and other casual attire are inappropriate for attendance at church.