



November - Month of the Holy Souls

"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. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead." (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1030 -1032*) Pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of Faith.

What must I do to inherit Eternal Life?



In his play, *Hamlet*, Shakespeare puts this on the lips of Hamlet: "To be, or not to be, that is the question." Hamlet was contemplating suicide. In the gospel reading of

the 28th. Sunday of Ordinary Time (Oct. 15) St. Mark tells of how a man came running to Jesus and asked: "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life." (see Mk 10:17 seq.; Mt. 19:16 seq.; Lk 18:18 seq.) That was by far a more important question than Hamlet's. That indeed is *the question*. It is the question for each of us. Jesus responded to the man - he responds to us: "You know the commandments." He stated the substance of six of them. He implied that one must live according to them if one is to inherit eternal life.

The Domestic Church The Home



Jesus established his Church on Peter (Kepha, the Rock; see *Mt 16:18* seq.) and the other Apostles. He commissioned them to: "go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the

Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you." (see *Mt. 28:19* seq.) This Church is the Universal - the Catholic - Church. The family in the home is a church in miniature. It is a Domestic Church. It is to image the Universal Church. Parents are commissioned by Jesus Christ, as the Apostles were. They are commissioned to "make disciples" of their children; to "Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." They are entrusted by Christ to "Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you." Teaching the Truths of Christ's Gospel and Prayer (of adoration, praise, petition and thanksgiving) are an essential part of the life of the Universal Church. The same must be

The Catholic Church, exercising the authority to rule, sanctify, and govern given it by our Lord Jesus Christ gives us, in addition to the Ten Commandments, what are known as the Precepts of the Church. They (in addition, of course, to observing the Commandments) provide the minimum one must do in the practice of the Catholic Faith to be a "Catholic in good standing." These are:

1. "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor."
2. "You shall confess your sins at least once a year."
3. "You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season."
4. "You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church."
5. "You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church."
6. Marriage of Catholics must be witnessed by an authorized priest or deacon and two witnesses.

true of the Domestic Church. Indeed, if the Domestic Church is not a place of Christian instruction by word and example and family prayer it is not likely that its members will participate in the Faith life of the Universal (Catholic) Church.

Devotions

("So you could not stay awake with me for even an hour?" - *Mt. 26:40*):

- Mon (5:15-6:15 p.m.): Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.
Thurs (4:00- 6:00 p.m.): Exposition and Adoration of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Church Restoration and Repair

Queen of the Snows Church: *Work completed:* Restoration and Repair work has been completed - reconstruction of supporting concrete piers; addition of three supporting concrete piers; removal of deteriorated sections of roof supporting and floor supporting beams and replacement with new beam sections; painting of reconstructed piers and repaired beams.

Work in progress: Construction of handicap access ramp and re-figuring of rest room to handicap access requirements - plans have been approved by the Placer County Building Department; work has begun. Contractor: Dennis Schlumpf (parishioner) and Associates.

Corpus Christi Church: Once the work on Queen of the Snows church is completed Corpus Christi Church will be evaluated for structural integrity and needed repairs and restoration. Once repair and restoration is completed painting of the church, of which it is in obvious need, will follow (next summer, God willing!).

Compliments and thanks to all; full-time parishioners, part-time parishioners and visitors who have contributed financially to the needed care of the two churches of our parish.



Winterize our Parish

Winter's approach calls for preparation of our churches and church grounds: general clean up of grounds; setting snow plowing markers; checking / servicing heating systems; firewood splitting;

other needs that a cursory survey may reveal. Having these tasks done by parishioner volunteers saves our parish monies to meet other demands. Pick your task and time. Whatever you do, do for the glory of God.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The second collection on November 19th will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

"Wherever Your Treasure Lies, there your heart will be." Look about your home. What in it do you treasure? Everything, to some extent. But in what order? Is there anything in it that indicates it is a Domestic Church? Does anything in it in any way resemble your parish church? A crucifix? A stature of Christ; of the Blessed Virgin Mary; of Saint Joseph (patron of the Church and home)? Is your home consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary? What evidence is there that yours is a Christian home, that it is a Domestic Church, - in the living room, kitchen, bedrooms, anywhere? How are your children's rooms adorned; what is prominent? "Where your treasure lies, there your heart will be." (Jesus speaking in Luke 12: 34)

Religious Education

CCD Classes: meet after school on Thursdays

Confirmation Preparation: meets Thursday evenings

Call the Parish Office to register or for more information, at 583-4409

Walk for Life, West Coast

Jan 20, 2007

San Francisco

Mark your calendar for the third annual Walk for Life West Coast! Join us on Saturday, January 20th as this new tradition of celebrating life continues to grow.

Reno Catholic Professional & Business Group Breakfast Club

November 9, 7am. Tim Staples, Southern Baptist convert, staff apologist with Catholic Answers, will speak at the Expo Ballroom in the Silver Legacy. To register, go to:

www.catholicprofessionals.org

or call: 775-828-4228

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