

## St. Catherine of Genoa – On Purgatory, Continued

During this month of November we remember in a particular way the poor souls in purgatory. As members of the Body of Christ we, the *Church Militant* (on this earth), in our prayer are able to ask help from the *Church Triumphant* (those in heaven), and are able to intercede for the *Church Suffering* (those in purgatory). Our prayers and sacrifices for those in purgatory reduce their suffering and speed them to heaven. Below is another portion this week from St. Catherine's treatise on purgatory.

### Of the necessity of Purgatory. How terrible it is.

When I look at God, I see no gate to Paradise, and yet because God is all mercy he who wills enters there. God stands before us with open arms to receive us into His glory. But well I see the divine essence to be of such purity, greater far than can be imagined, that the soul in which there is even the least note of imperfection would rather cast itself into a thousand Hells than find itself thus stained in the presence of the Divine Majesty. Therefore the soul, understanding that Purgatory has been ordained to take away those stains, casts itself therein, and seems to itself to have found great mercy in that it can rid itself there of the impediment which is the stain of sin.

No tongue can tell nor explain, no mind understand, the grievousness of Purgatory. But I, though I see that there is in Purgatory as much pain as in Hell, yet see the soul which has the least stain of imperfection accepting Purgatory, as I have said, as though it were a mercy, and holding its pains of no account as compared with the least stain which hinders a soul in its love. I seem to see that the pain which souls in Purgatory endure because of whatever in them displeases God, that is what they have willfully done against His so great goodness, is greater than any other pain they feel in Purgatory. And this is because, being in grace, they see the truth and the grievousness of the hindrance which stays them from drawing near to God.

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Bulletin Submissions: call the rectory or email to: [fr.mike-morin@cdolinc.net](mailto:fr.mike-morin@cdolinc.net) by noon on Friday.

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 9:00 am.  
Confessions: Saturdays 4:30-5:15 / Sundays 8:15-8:45 / By appointment  
Weekday Masses: Monday thru Friday 7:00 am

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# St. James Catholic Church

## November 26, 2017

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mon. Nov 27	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tue. Nov 28	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wed. Nov 29	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thu. Nov 30	Saint Andrew
Fri. Dec 1	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Sat. Dec 2	Weekday in Ordinary Time

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday	Nov 25	5:30 pm	†Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	Nov 26	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	Nov 27	7:00 am	†Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	Nov 28	7:00 am	†Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	Nov 29	7:00 am	†Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	Nov 30	7:00 am	Leroy Konecky
Friday	Dec 1	7:00 am	†Poor Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	Dec 2	5:30 pm	†Shelly McEvoy
Sunday	Dec 3	9:00 am	People of the Parish

**Minister Assignments**

	<b>Sat. Dec 2</b>	<b>Sun. Dec 3</b>	<b>Thurs. Dec 7</b>	<b>Fri. Dec 8</b>
Acolytes	Chris Kems	Al Luetkenhaus	Mike Determan	Erik Carlson
Readers	Bobbie Feldhaus	Ed Cherovsky	Marie Gruenes	Ed Cherovsky
Servers	Miles Hannan	Cameron Quick	Ian Dunn	Jerry Hageman
	Chisum Wilson	Cade Janecek	Briar Kems	Rocco Hageman

**Nov 18-19 Collection**

Adults	\$2,647.00
Loose	44.00
Second	88.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,779.00</b>
<i>Monthly Obligations</i>	
St. Wenceslaus School	\$ 3,258.33
Bishop Neumann	9,479.00
<b>Total Parish Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 12,737.33</b>

**Vocation Prayer of the Week**

*Please pray for:*

Dale Alder, Mount St. Mary Seminary

Theology 1

Joseph Allen, St. Gregory the Great Seminary

College 4

**Rediscover Your Marriage** –

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Feb 16-18, 2018 call 1-888-317-5654 or [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) on the web

**The PCCW** -has sign-up sheets in the entry for anyone who can help with the dinner on December 10th. Please check the times and duties needed and sign up. We appreciate anyone who can help. Thanks!

**St John the Baptist in Prague**-Craft Fair and Wine Tasting on Sunday, November 26th from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Parish Hall in Prague. Admission is free and a Lunch Stand will be available.

**Holiday Bazaar**-Do all of your Holiday shopping at one place! St. John Nepomucene's PTA group is hosting a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 2, 2017, from 1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m. It will be at the St. John Nepomucene School Gym. Do some holiday shopping, support local vendors and St. John's School. Vendors include Thirty-One, Lipsense, Monat, Scentsy, LuLaRoe, DoTerra, Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Wild Tree, Tastefully Simple, Mary Kay and Many More! If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ben Hain at [benjaminhain@gmail.com](mailto:benjaminhain@gmail.com)

**Bishop Neumann High School**-is looking for a part time kitchen aide. The position would require working 7:30am-1:30pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Timeliness, attention to details, and a strong work ethic are important qualifications. Please contact Diane Rezac at 402-443-4151 for more information or to set up an interview.

**Take some time as a family to prepare your hearts for this Advent Season**-Please join us for an Evening of Reflection and Adoration of our Lord next Wednesday, December 6 from 7-9 pm at St. James. Confessions will also be available. Refreshments following, sponsored by Regnum Christi. Hope to see you there!

**Mass of the Holy Innocents**-will be celebrated on **Thursday, December 28th**. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at **6:30 p.m.** with Mass at **7:00 p.m.** at **John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel**, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner for this year, please call the Family Life Office at 473-0620 **before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 19th.** *If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.*

**The Giving Tree**-What you can spare, they can wear! The PCCW is hosting a caps, gloves, and mittens drive for Catholic Social Services from now until December 17. Any size, any color: Do not wrap the items please. We appreciate your giving!



Eucharistic Adoration will be held December 2-3. Spend some time with our Lord in preparation of Advent.