



Mary Help of Christians Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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January 28th, 2024 † Septuagesima Sunday

Sunday, Jan. 28, HIGH MASS 9:00 am – St. Peter Nolasco, C; St. Agnes, VM)

Pro Populo

Mon., Jan. 29, No Mass in Springs – St. Francis de Sales, BCD

For Russ & Theresa Marcum's Children and Grandchildren

Tues., Jan. 30, HOLY MASS 8:00 am – St. Martina, VM

Monica Davis

Wed., Jan. 31, HOLY MASS 8:00 am – St. John Bosco, C

Fr. Augustine's Intention

Thurs., Feb. 1, HOLY MASS 8:00 am – St. Ignatius, BM

For all the Benefactors and Families of the CMD Sisters

Fri., Feb. 2, DISTRIBUTION of HOLY COMMUNION 8:00am – Purification BVM

BLESSING OF CANDLES, HOLY MASS and BENEDICTION 6:30 pm

For all CMD Students, Parishioners and their families (First Friday)

Sat., Feb. 3, REPOSITION 8:45 am, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – BVM Saturday (St. Blaise, BM;

For all CMD Sisters, their Families and Friends

First Saturday)

Sunday, Feb. 4, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – Sexagesima Sunday

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Serving Schedule:

Sun., Jan. 28th: Andrew Fries, Alexander Vigil

Tues., Jan. 30th: Andrew Fries, Hugo Vigil

Thurs., Feb. 1st: Joseph Fries, Jude Vigil

Fri., Feb. 2nd 6:30pm: Eric Kosovich, Nick Vigil

Sun., Feb. 4th: Anthony Kosovich, Oliver Vigil

Sun., Feb. 11th: Steven Kosovich, Anthony Vigil

Wed., Jan. 31st: Alexander Vigil, John Fries

Fri., Feb. 2nd 8:00am Anthony Vigil

Sat., Feb. 3rd: Anthony Kosovich, Tobias Vigil

Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of Eternal glory. - Divine Office

Confessions: Sundays – 8:00 am and after Mass **Tues. & Wed.** – 7:30 am **Thurs.** - 2:00pm

Ending Hymn: Spirit Seeking Light and Beauty Pg.78 #92

Catechism Classes: today from 8:15am – 8:45am

Blessing of Religious Articles: Third Sunday of the month immediately following Mass

Adult Doctrine Class: Wednesday, January 31st, 6:30 – 8:00pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Arlin Wertish, the Slusher Family, Gabriel Trujillo, Pauline Buonocore, Maria Allie, Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Joshua Potts, Cynthia Bernard, Miller Family, Michael Micklich, our Military and Police, Tom Gallegos, RIP Charles Lambrecht and family, RIP Jose Raul Flores, RIP Frances Kwitek, RIP Susan Walz, RIP Malachai Miller, RIP Matias & Ben Trujillo, RIP Richard Micklich and all those in need. (Contact Sister to add to this prayer list.)

FIRST FRIDAY and FIRST SATURDAY MASS: in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary are this week. Please sign up for the all night adoration on the Google sheets link that has been sent out. All the hours must be filled in order for us to have this privilege! Devotions for First Saturday will begin at 8:00am; these include the Rosary with meditations and prayers to the Immaculate Heart.

FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION: Beeswax candles will be blessed on the Feast of the Purification, Feb. 2nd. There are plenty for all. A donation to help cover the cost would be appreciated.

BLESSING OF THROATS: will follow Mass on Saturday, Feb 3rd and Sunday, Feb. 4th. This special blessings begs for preservation from diseases of the throat and from choking through the intercession of St. Blaise.

THE BLESSING OF THE CANDLES.

The Blessing of the Candles is one of the three principal blessings observed by the Church during the year; the other two are the Blessing of the Ashes, and the Blessing of the Palms. The signification of this ceremony bears so essential a connection with the mystery of our Lady's Purification, that if Septuagesima, Sexagesima, or Quinquagesima Sunday fall on the 2nd of February, the Feast is deferred to tomorrow; but the Blessing of the Candles, and the Procession, which follows it, always take place on this precise day. In order to give uniformity to the three great Blessings of the year, the Church prescribes for that of the Candles the same color for the vestments of the sacred Ministers as is used in the two other Blessings of the Ashes and Palms - namely, Purple. Thus this solemn function, which is inseparable from the day on which our Lady's Purification took place, may be gone through every year on the 2nd of February, without changing the color prescribed by the three Sundays just mentioned.

The mystery of today's ceremony has frequently been explained by liturgists, dating from the 7th century. According to St. Ivo of Chartres the wax which is formed from the juice of flowers by the bee, (which has always been considered as the emblem of virginity,) signifies the virginal flesh of the Divine Infant, who diminished not, either by his conception or his birth, the spotless purity of his Blessed Mother. The same holy Bishop would have us see, in the flame of our Candle, a symbol of Jesus, who came to enlighten our darkness. St. Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, bids us consider three things in the blessed Candle: the Wax, the Wick, and the Flame. The Wax, he says, which is the production of the virginal bee, is the Flesh of our Lord; the Wick, which is within, is his Soul; the Flame, which burns on the top, is his Divinity. Blessed Candles are for the use of the Faithful, inasmuch as they draw, upon such as use them with respect, whether on sea or on land, special blessings from heaven. These blessed Candles ought, also, to be lit near the bed of the dying Christian, as a symbol of the immortality merited for us by Christ, and of the protection of our Blessed Lady.

Lord Jesus Christ the true light, that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world: pour forth thy blessing upon these candles, and sanctify them by the light of thy grace; and grant in thy mercy, that as these candles, by their visible light, dispel the darkness of the night, so our hearts burning with invisible fire, and enlightened by the grace of the Holy Ghost, may be delivered from all blindness of sin that the eye of our soul being purified, we may discern those things that are pleasing to thee, and beneficial to our souls: that after having finished the darksome passage of this life, we may come to never-fading joys, through thee, O Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, who, in perfect Trinity livest and reignest God, world without end. R.

Amen.