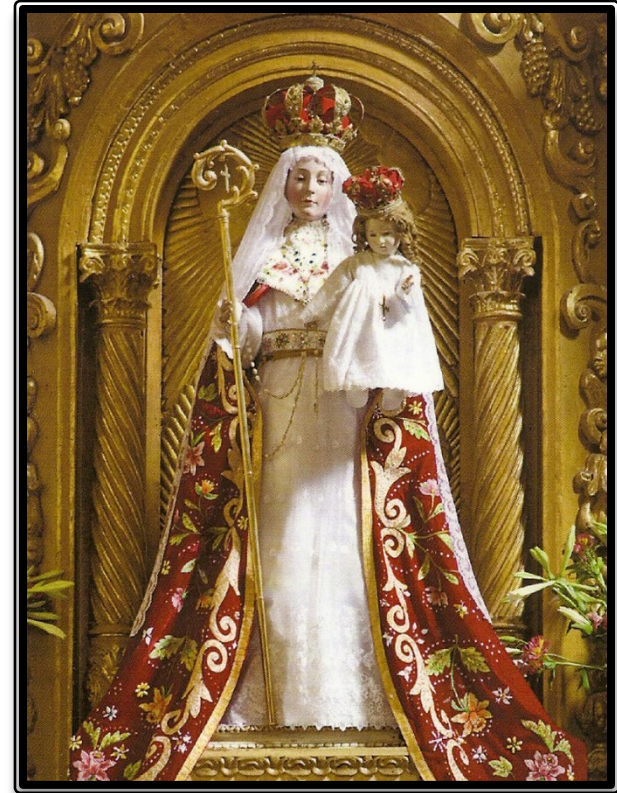


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Society of St. Pius X
Traditional Latin Mass



OCTOBER 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	FEAST	MASS	CONFESSIONS
Saturday, Oct. 9	St. John Leonardi	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sunday, Oct. 10	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Sunday, Oct. 17	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Saturday, Oct. 23	St. Anthony Mary Claret	5:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sunday, Oct. 24	Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
Sunday, Oct. 31	FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING	1:00 PM[‡]	12:00 PM
Monday, Nov. 1	FEAST OF ALL SAINTS	9:00 AM	8:00 AM
Sunday, Nov. 7	Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	1:00 PM	12:00 PM
‡ High Mass, followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament			

DONATION INFORMATION

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***Our Lady of Good Success Church
P.O. Box 1873
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COLLECTIONS

First Collection	Operating expenses for OLGS.
Second Collections	<i>Please write the purpose of your donation on the memo line on your check.</i>
-Sunday, Oct. 3	St. Isidore's Priory
-Sunday, Oct. 17	OLGS Building Fund

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Adult Catechism** will be held this month on Sunday, October 10 and 24.
- **Mothers of Lu Prayer** will be recited at the Communion rail after Mass on Sunday, October 10.
- **Servers Practices** will be held on Sunday, October 17 after the Eucharistic Crusade meeting that same day.
- **The Eucharistic Crusade** meeting will be held on Sunday, October 17 after Mass. The intention for October is "To thank our guardian angels for their protection".
- **Visiting Priests.** Please give a warm welcome to Fr. Paul Robinson who will be visiting on Sunday, October 24, and to Fr. Daniel Muscha who will be visiting on the Feast of All Saints, Monday, November 1.
- **The Feast of Christ the King** will be celebrated on Sunday, October 31 with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Mass. Please note that the procession is part of the Sunday Mass. The Eucharistic Crusaders will process as a group.
- **The Feast of All Saints**, Monday, November 1, is a holy day of obligation. If you are unable to make it to Mass, please be sure to sanctify the day by praying the Rosary, reading the propers of the Mass. Refraining from unnecessary servile work is also obligatory under pain of mortal sin.
- **All Saints Day Party.** We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints on October 31 with a parish potluck and a costume party after the Mass and Procession. Parish children and teens are invited to dress up as the Saint of their choice. They will be asked to give a short speech about their Saint. Those who participate will be given an "All Souls Box" of candy. For more information, please contact Mrs. Catherine Simek at 701-290-0272.
- **Preparation for All Saints Day Party.** During the month of October, we will be collecting candy and the names of departed loved ones to make the "All Souls Boxes". Please place candy donations and names of the faithful departed on a slip of paper, in the bin in the vestibule.
- **All Souls Envelopes** will be available in the vestibule during the month of October. If you wish to have a loved one remembered at Mass throughout the month of November, please fill out the envelope and turn it in at the collections.
- **A Requiem Mass for Fr. Bourmaud** will be celebrated on Saturday, October 9.
- **Monthly Novena to St. Joseph.** Those participating in the monthly novena to St. Joseph are invited to come to the church on Tuesday, October 19 at 6:00 PM to begin this month's novena.
- **Angelus Press Conference 2021** will take place in Kansas City, MO, December 10-12. This year's theme is "Catholics and Persecution". Fr. Pagliarani, the SSPX Superior General, will be the keynote speaker. Registration is due by December 8. For more information, please visit angeluspress.org/pages/conferences or speak to Fr. McManus.
- **Indulgences for the Poor Souls.** A printout will be posted in the vestibule on Sunday, October 24 providing information on the indulgences that can be gained for the Poor Souls in Purgatory on All Souls Day and during the first week of November.
- **Daylight Savings Time Ends** on Sunday, November 7.

A copy of this bulletin is available online at www.olgsdickinson.org/schedules. Please check the website for changes to the Mass schedule due to weather.

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT: FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

My Dear Faithful,

I have set out to explain to you how the Beatitudes, practiced in the family, will lead to happiness. To do so, I must first explain the meaning of the first Beatitude in greater detail. With that foundation laid, I can give you in next month's Pastor's Corner some practical ways of living the spirit of poverty in the family.

We all understand that the spirit of poverty means detachment from the goods of this world. The unfortunate truth is that, scarred by Original Sin, men will always tend to grab at and cling to possessions inordinately. Money, belongings, property, comforts all become means of indulging self-love. Of course, the material things God has created are good in themselves, but because man is so disordered, they become for him an occasion of sin. Man's imbalanced, disoriented attitude toward creatures draws him away from God and toward sin. Our Lord Himself explains this to us in His parable in the 14th Chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke. He speaks to us of the call to enter His Kingdom. Some who are invited make excuses why they cannot come: one has bought a pair of oxen, the other a field and a third is newly married. These individuals are so taken with their material possessions and worldly affairs that they have no time for Our Lord. These things have crowded Him out of their soul. As they have left no place for Him, He has no place for them and says in very forceful terms that "every one of you that doth not renounce all that he possesseth, cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33).

The spirit of poverty frees us from this self-destructive tendency within us. It forms in our soul the proper attitude toward possessions, viz. to see—and so to use—created things as means, not of self-indulgence, but of loving and serving God. A soul soaked by the spirit of poverty understands that God has entrusted material things to him as a master entrusts His goods to a steward: "What do you have that you have not received?" (1 Cor. 4:7). He realizes that God will require a strict account of his use of these material things. As a result, such a soul has a profound reverence and care for the goods God has entrusted to him, while, at the same time, he ensures that he does not become attached to them to the detriment or even loss of his union with God. "Christians know that everything they have belongs first to God, and God is going to ask them how they made use of those goods." (Archbishop Lefebvre)

It is important to understand that God intended for us to make use of the goods of this world according to our duty of state. Indeed, some, following His counsel, have embraced the actual renunciation of their possessions by the vow of poverty, "Go, sell what thou hast...and come follow Me." (Matt. 19:21). But God has not called all to the religious life. God intends that some live in the world, where possession of the goods of this world is strictly necessary. It would be wrong to think, however, that while *actual* poverty is not required of such souls, neither would the *spirit* of poverty be. Archbishop Lefebvre aptly notes that "detachment is not reserved to priests and religious; it is the very condition of the Christian life." (emphasis added)

Gerald Vann, in his book *The Seven Sweet Blessings of Christ*, has some insightful comments on the meaning of the spirit of poverty. He says that "[the spirit of poverty] is a question less of what you possess than of how you possess it." This point is key. He goes on to say, "...the mere absence of [possessions] is not enough: you can be lacking in poverty of spirit if you possess nothing more than a cloak or a book; you can be poor even though you possess an empire if, while saying, 'All things are mine,' you add, 'and I am Christ's, and Christ is God's.'"

It would be opportune to explain a possible misunderstanding here. If we correctly understand that we are stewards, we will have a real reverence for the goods God has entrusted to us, as I have noted. It is fallacious reasoning to say that, since God wants us to be detached, we should have *no* care for our possessions, allowing them to become worn out, damaged or destroyed through neglect. It would give the lie to this type of thinking when one would have to spend *more* money to replace destroyed property. The poverty God asks of us is virtuous; it has nothing to do with the vice of sloth cloaked in faux detachment. There is no cleaner nor more cared for property than that found at a convent or monastery where poverty is rightly practiced.

All these reflections help us to see the depth of meaning behind the spirit of poverty. While understanding that it is a spirit of detachment, we also know that it is not merely detachment for detachment's sake. How far removed is Christ's Beatitude from the teachings of other religions that preach a purely negative sort of detachment, such as Buddhism. The detachment of a Catholic is not a mere negation, not simple emptiness; it is a means (and an indispensable one) of opening the soul to the possession of God. The soul detaches itself from creatures to attach itself to God; it empties itself only to be filled with God. It is in this sense that St. Dominic commands his followers, very curiously but with great insight, to "*possess* poverty."

This is where we encounter the paradox of this Beatitude. In renouncing all attachment to things, we possess all things in God: "...theirs is the kingdom of heaven." St. Paul speaks of this same truth in these words: "as having nothing, and possessing all things." (2 Cor. 6:10).

The spirit of poverty is a sure pathway to happiness. Next month, I will give you some practical advice on living the spirit of poverty in your family. Until then, I encourage you to reflect on the meaning and necessity of this Beatitude. As with all the Beatitudes, it involves a cross, but a cross which brings the deepest happiness.

With my prayers,

Fr. Nicholas McManus