

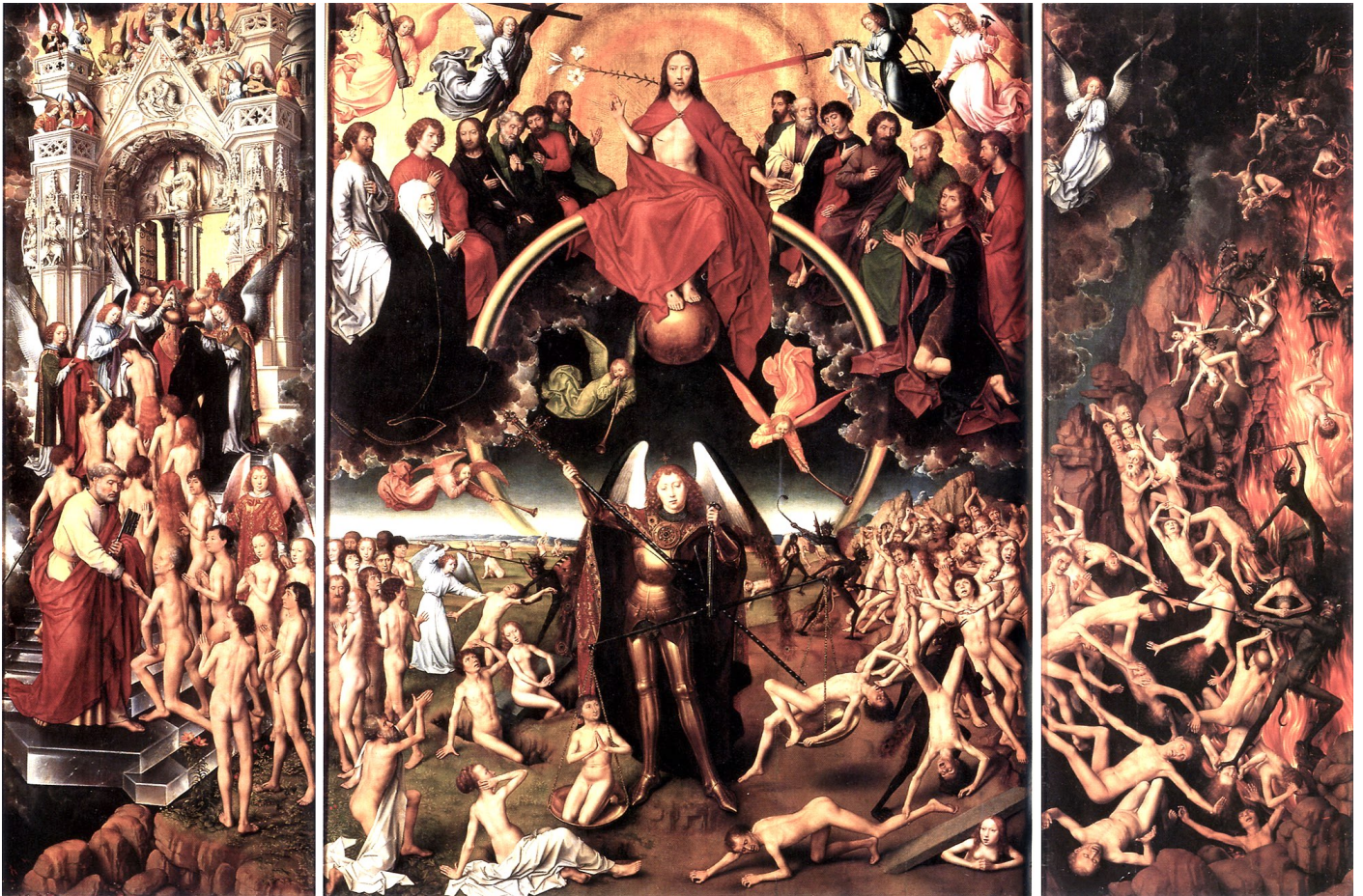
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THE FOUR LAST THINGS

Heaven and Hell

At our death we will be brought before the throne of God to be judged on the course of our life and we will be condemned to hell or, after our time in purgatory if warranted, be borne to heaven.

When the form of this world has passed away, those who have welcomed God into their lives and have sincerely opened themselves to His love, at least at the moment of death, will enjoy that fullness of communion with God which is the goal of human life. As the Church

teaches, this perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity, this communion of life and love with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed, is called "heaven". Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfilment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.

For those who reject God in this life by their apathy or their hatred will bear the consequence of their abandonment of the Church and suffer the torments of hell. God is the infinitely good and merciful Father.

But man, called to respond to Him freely, can choose to reject His love and forgiveness once and for all, separating himself for ever from communion with Him. It is not a punishment imposed externally by God but a development of premises already set by people in this life.

God desires our salvation and grants us every chance for eternal life. But it is we, by our lives, who make the choice for Him or against Him. There is nothing else (*Matthew 12:30*).

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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.

Friday, 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 9:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, 5:45 p.m.

Nigerian Community Mass

Second and fourth Sunday of the month,
11:00 a.m.

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 3: Christine
Boatswain and Claudia Tiller

Readers

4:30 p.m. Robyn Rich

8:30 a.m. Julie Vu

5:00 p.m. Narelle Khoury

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Mass

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, 8:15 a.m.

Friday, 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Holy Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Mass in Latin

First Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Second and last Sunday of the month,
11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Chaplaincy Mass

Sunday, 5:00 p.m.

Rosters

Church Cleaning Group 3: Hanh Hanh
and the Vietnamese community

Readers

Vigil Ingrid Bifulco, Racquel La Rosa,
Rosette Chidiac

10:00 a.m. Reanne Chidiac, Sisters,
Hind Dagher-Hadchiti

Children's Liturgy Wanda Krasinski and
Chloe Zaiter

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Joseph Akkary, Janelle Allan, John Anjoul, Marlene Ashton,
John Augustus, Frank Azzopardi, Antonio Bifulco, Ann
Blesson, John Borg, Vincenzo Colosimo, Lucy Farrugia,
Carmel Galea, Carmello Giovenco, Evangeline Grabato,
Thomas Hayek, Elizabeth Hicks, Peter Higgins, Therese
Khalil, Kay King, Ruth La Rosa, Jacob Lee, Josephine
Magro, Ester Matos, Sid Morgan, Scott Moulton, Tony
Moussa, Ben Nursoo, Sarah-Joy O'Connor, Flory Pinto,
Don Provest, Therese Smeal, Ricardo Tognini, Lorraine
Vella, Sam Wardan.



*Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
by the grace of your Holy Spirit
cure the weaknesses of your servants,
and mercifully restore them to full health.*

IN MEMORIAM

Therese Akkary, Victor Azzopardi, Bonello family, Betty Borg,
Alice Boustani, Yousseph Boustani, Kathleen Bradbery, Paul
Bradbery, Eniketi Brown, Jim Brown, Dick Cahill, Gwen Cahill,
Vincent Cahill, Lazarus Camilleri, Michael Collins, Nazirah El-
Hallal, Salim El-Hallal, Marcus El-Khoury, Alan Frost, Sita
Futu'u, Carmen Galea, Maria Gambin, Raymond Gee, Joe
Grech, Mary Grech, Sam Grech, Chahid Habib, Fay Irons, Lex
Irons, Salim Karaki, Paul Kassis, Nouhad Khoury, Rustica La
Rosa, Jim Mackie, Frouzine Malkoun, Jacob Malkoun, Mouna
Malkoun, Ofimia Malkoun, Paul Mathews, Sam Munro, Joseph
Nammour, Jack Newell, Jean Newell, Tony Newell, Haydee
Nursoo, Mary Elizabeth Olsen, Herbert Pidgeon, Laura
Pestano, Rogelio Pestano, Rolando Pestano, Edward (Tom)
Pidgeon, Alex Taktak, Joseph Vella, Phyllis Webb, Dib Zaiter.



*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**The Holy Cross Parish
Catechism Project
YouCat for Kids
Now Available**

Last year we launched the first Holy Cross Parish Catechism Project which made copies of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* freely available to all those who sought to participate and support this pastoral work of the parish.

This year we continue with the Catechism Project and encourage even more people to come forward and to be a part of this important work by asking for a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and committing to reading at least one paragraph the *Catechism* each day, to praying for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Church, and to pray for Holy Cross Parish.

With this year, however, we have expanded the reach of this project and are offering copies of *YouCat*, the catechism for adolescents and young people which summarises the most important elements of the faith in a question-and-answer format so making the truths of the faith accessible to a younger generation, as well as *YouCat for Kids*, which is intended for primary school aged children.

These books have been donated by Fr. Andrew and are made available to all those who seek to know and to love the Catholic faith ever more deeply. In a world which abhors truth and seeks to destroy Christianity, at a time when the teachings of the Church are questioned and formation in the faith is sorely lacking, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and education in the faith is needed more than ever.

The Church needs men and women ready to make a stand in defence of the Faith, of the Church, and of Our Lord.

**Thank You
Visitation to
Rookwood Necropolis
and Blessing of the Graves**

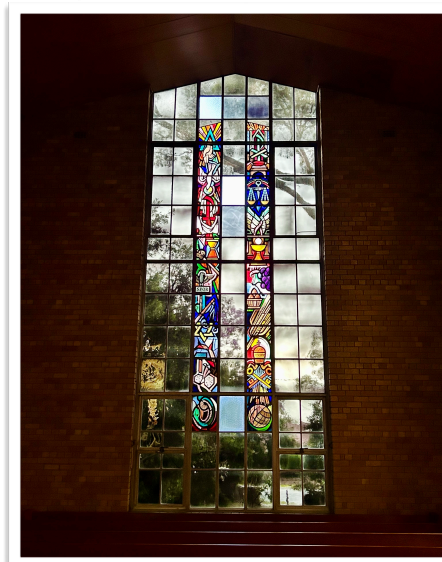
Last Saturday, within the octave available for the plenary indulgence for the Holy Souls, we visited Rookwood Necropolis and prayed the Divine Office for the Dead following which Fr. Andrew blessed the graves of the past Priests of Granville and laid wreaths at each of the graves.

Thank you to those who attended and prayed for the faithful departed and, especially, for the Priests who have served the parish.

Thank you, also, to those who assisted, in particular to Rosette Chidiac and John Portelli for donating the wreaths laid at the Priests' graves, to Joe Chidiac for driving the bus to and from the cemetery, to Chloe Zaiter for leading the singing and to Elvis for his assistance serving.

**Windows Cleaned
at Holy Family Church**

The windows, both inside and outside of Holy Family Church, were professionally cleaned last week. This continues the work of restoration undertaken at both of our parish churches over the past few years.



***Requiescant in Pace*
Rustica (Ruth) La Rosa**

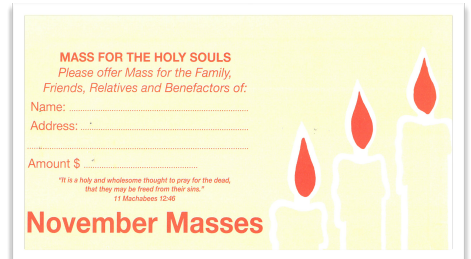
It is with sadness that we announce the death of Rustica (Ruth) La Rosa, a long time parishioner of the parish. In your charity, please pray for the repose of her soul and for the consolation of her family in the faith and hope of the resurrection of Our Lord.

The requiem Mass for the repose of her soul will be offered on Thursday, 16 November at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Family Church.

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*Eternal rest grant unto her,
O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.
May her soul and the souls
of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen.*

**November Mass
Envelopes**

Envelopes for November Mass offerings are available by the doors of the churches.



As is the tradition of the Church, the month of November is dedicated to praying and offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of the holy souls in purgatory. If you would like your family or friends remembered in these Masses, fill in one of the envelopes with their names (please print clearly) and leave it in the box by the doors. These names will be written in the Book of Remembrance which will be placed at the altars of the churches.



PURGATORY

At the moment of judgement we experience and we absorb the overwhelming power of [Christ's] love over all the evil in the world and in ourselves. The pain of love becomes our salvation and our joy... The transforming "moment" of this encounter eludes earthly time-reckoning—it is the heart's time, it is the time of "passage" to communion with God in the Body of Christ. For the great majority of people—we may suppose—there remains in the depths of their being an ultimate interior openness to truth, to love, to God. In the concrete choices of life, however, it is covered over by ever new compromises with evil—much filth covers purity, but the thirst for purity remains and it still constantly re-emerges from all that is base and remains present in the soul. What happens to such individuals when they appear before the Judge? Will all the impurity they have amassed through life suddenly cease to matter? What else might occur? Saint Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, gives us an idea of the differing impact of God's judgement according to each person's particular circumstances... Paul begins by saying that Christian life is built upon a common foundation: Jesus Christ. This foundation endures. If we have stood firm on this foundation and built our life upon it, we know that it cannot be taken away from us even in death. Then Paul continues: "Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire" (1 Cor 3:12-15). Some recent theologians are of the opinion that the fire which both burns and saves is Christ himself, the Judge and Saviour. The encounter with him is the decisive act of judgement. Before his gaze all falsehood melts away. This encounter with him, as it burns us, transforms and frees us, allowing us to become truly ourselves. All that we build during our lives can prove to be mere straw, pure bluster, and it collapses. Yet in the pain of this encounter, when the impurity and sickness of our lives become evident to us, there lies salvation. His gaze, the touch of his heart heals us through an undeniably painful transformation "as through fire".

— Pope Benedict XVI, *"Spe Salvi"*, n. 45-47



MASSES FOR THE DEAD

NOVEMBER MASSES

*To have the names of the faithful departed
of your family and your friends remembered at the altar
during Holy Masses said during the month of November,
complete one of the special November Masses envelopes
and leave this in the box by the doors of the church.*

*The names of those given will be written
in the Book of Remembrance
and placed at the altar of St. Joseph
at Holy Family Church
and in the chapel of the Missionary Sisters
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the World
at Holy Trinity Church.*

During the month of November the Church asks the faithful to pray for the faithful departed—that the Holy Souls in Purgatory may be forgiven their sins and so borne to live forever with Our Lord and all the Angels and Saints.

Of this Pope Francis has said that “Church tradition has always urged prayer for the dead, in particular by offering the celebration of the Eucharist for them: It is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to the most abandoned ones.”

Pope Benedict XVI said that “praying for the dead is a noble practice that implies belief in the resurrection of the dead... We intend our prayers of suffrage... to be united with this prayer of the Lord which is priestly *par excellence*. Christ substantiated his entreaty to the Father with the gift of himself on the Cross; let us offer our prayers in union with the Eucharistic Sacrifice, which is the real and actual representation of that unique and saving self-emptying.”

The Holy Mass is the highest form of prayer of the Church, because it is the prayer of Christ Himself—the Son of God to the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit. There can be no greater prayer than this to be said for those who are suffering in purgatory, and no greater hope of salvation than offering this prayer.

We pray for those who have died because they can no longer pray for themselves. While in this life we can pray for ourselves and perform penances as acts of contrition for our sins. But at our death, we are no longer able to do this and so we rely solely on the love and the mercy of those who remain in this world and of the Saints in heaven to pray for us and our eternal souls.

In each Mass the Priest prays for the dead, asking the Lord to remember His servants “who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace” and asking that they may be granted “a place of refreshment, light, and peace.” This November, remember those who have died and pray for them, so that, they, when we depart from this world, will remember and pray for us.



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WEDNESDAY

Light Red. Wear Red. Pray Red.

22 November

*Join us on Wednesday, 22 November as we stand in solidarity
with persecuted Christians
who suffer unjustly for their peacefully-held beliefs.*

*To honour Red Wednesday Holy Cross Parish
will turn our Facebook page RED
as we do something peaceful and positive to highlight the suffering
– injustices, discrimination, violence, oppression, torture and death –
of so many Christians and others today which goes unnoticed by the world.*

*And we invite you to wear RED that day
to honour those who are persecuted and ignored
and to use your social media to make #RedWednesday
a day that cannot be ignored.*

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Holy Mass at 8:15 a.m.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m.

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HOLY SOULS



The Church calls the faithful departed in purgatory undergoing their final purification the Holy Souls. These are the souls who have died with no mortal sin remaining on their souls but have unrepented venial sins or did not perfectly atone for their sins with acts of penance.

The Church commemorates the Holy Souls in a particular way on 2 November with the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed and throughout the month of November.

But apart from this the faithful departed are remembered in every Mass and are mentioned in each of the Eucharistic prayers as well as in the universal prayer (prayer of the faithful or general intercessions).

Those who have died are no longer able to pray for themselves or to perform acts of penance for their sins so rely on those who remain on earth to offer Masses for them, to pray for them, to perform good works for them. By these they are entrusted to God's mercy.

CATECHISM of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Purgatory

1030 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.

1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire.

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." From the beginning the Church has honoured 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.

CATHOLIC Trivia

All Souls Day

Tradition identifies the general custom of praying for the dead dating as far back as the book of 2 Maccabees 12:42-46 and a special day for intercession for the faithful departed on November 2nd was set by St. Odilo of Cluny (d. 1048) in the year 998. The celebration was soon adopted in several dioceses in France, and spread throughout the Western Church. Soon the entire month of November became associated with prayer for the departed with lists of names of those to be remembered being placed near the altar on which the sacrifice of the Mass is offered.

There is a legend connected with its foundation: a pilgrim returning from the Holy Land was shipwrecked on a desolate island. A hermit living there told him that amid the rocks was a chasm communicating with purgatory, from which perpetually rose the groans of tortured souls. The hermit also claimed he had heard the demons complaining of the efficacy of the prayers of the faithful, and especially the monks of Cluny, in rescuing their victims. Upon returning home, the pilgrim quickly told the abbot of Cluny, who then set 2 November as a day of intercession on the part of his community for all the souls in Purgatory.

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The Readings

Introit (Cf. Ps. 87:3)

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading

The Book of Wisdom (6:12-16)

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking
for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 62:2-8. *R.* v. 2)

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. *R.*

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. *R.*

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. *R.*

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. *R.*

Second Reading

The First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians (4:13-18)

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have

died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation (Mt. 24:42, 44)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel

The Gospel of St. Matthew (25:1-13)

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Communio (Cf. Ps. 22:1-2)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

**"IF, DURING LIFE, WE HAVE BEEN KIND
TO THE SUFFERING SOULS IN PURGATORY,
GOD WILL SEE THAT HELP
BE NOT DENIED US AFTER DEATH."**

—*St. Paul of the Cross*
