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Currently we are blest to be celebrating our 27th year!

## The Monthly Message of Our Blessed Mother from Medjugorje: October 25, 2020

“Dear children! At this time, I am calling you to return to God and to prayer. Invoke the help of all the saints, for them to be an example and a help to you. Satan is strong and is fighting to draw all the more hearts to himself. He wants war and hatred. That is why I am with you for this long, to lead you to the way of salvation, to Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Little children, return to the love for God and He will be your strength and refuge. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

### See a rose . . . . Pray a Rosary!



#### BISHOP LUCIA NOVENA PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC [www.syrdio.org](http://www.syrdio.org):

O Mary, full of grace, Patroness of this nation and Mother of the Church, in this time of illness and worldwide need we seek your intercession for the human family before your Son’s throne of grace and mercy. We ask for strength in adversity, health in weakness, and comfort in sorrow. Help us, O Blessed Mother, to be filled with confidence and trust in the tender compassion of our God. Let us not be afraid, like our own Saint Marianne Cope, who entrusted her life and ministry among the outcasts of society into the care of our Divine Physician. Continue to watch over all who are sick as well as those who care for them and give wisdom to all who are seeking a cure. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### HEAVEN CALLS—IS YOUR RINGER ON ?

Blessing and prayers to all our friends, supporters and newsletter subscribers of the Central NY Marian Center.

Do our hearts ring out with great love for the **Saints** and prayer for the **Poor Souls in Purgatory** as the month of November calls us to?

As we now look at the month of November, the great feast days of the church and the holidays of our Nation, our thoughts turn to our great Saints in heaven and the souls in **Purgatory**.

This year, in the current circumstances due to the “Covid-19” pandemic, the **Plenary Indulgences for the deceased faithful** will be extended throughout the entire month of November, with an adaptation of works and conditions to guarantee the safety of the faithful.

#### All Saints Day November 1, 2020

During the year the Church celebrates one by one the feasts of the saints. Today she joins them all in one festival, the feast of All Saints. In addition to those

whose names she knows, she recalls in a magnificent vision all the others "of all nations and tribes standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands, proclaiming Him who redeemed them in His Blood."

This solemnity is celebrated on the first of November. It is instituted to honor all the saints, known and unknown, and, according to **Urban IV**, to supply any deficiencies in the faithful’s celebration of saints’ feasts during the year.

In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast; as is shown by the invitation of **St. Basil of Caesarea (379)** We also find mention of a common day in a sermon of **St. Ephrem the Syrian (373)**, and in the 74th homily of **St. John Chrysostom (407)**. At first only martyrs and **St. John the Baptist** were honored by a special day. Other saints were added grad-



ually, and increased in number when a regular process of canonization was established; **Gregory IV (827-844)** extended the celebration on November 1 to the entire Church. The vigil seems to have been held as early as the feast itself. The octave was added by **Sixtus IV (1471-84)**.

The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home whence they call on us to follow them. The Gospel of the Beatitudes, read today, while it shows their happiness,

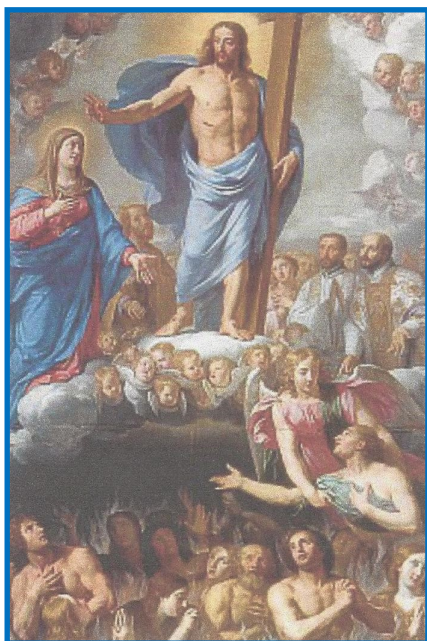
shows, too, the road that they followed; there is no other that will lead us whither they have gone.

### All Souls Day November 2, 2020

The Holy Souls in **Purgatory** are incapable of helping themselves. They depend on the works of mercy by the living and the mercy of Jesus and Mary to shorten their time in purgatory. Their souls are very dear to God's Heart. He is most generous to those who offer every good act, suffering, prayers, or Holy Mass for these souls. In gratitude they intercede for us.

Since, about the 900's, the Church has dedicated the month of November as a month in which to pray for those who have gone before us, especially focusing on those souls who are in **Purgatory**.

The Roman Catholic celebration is associated with the doctrine that the souls of the faithful who at death have not been cleansed from the temporal punishment due to venial sins and from attachment to mortal sins cannot immediately attain the **beatific vision** in heaven, and that they may be helped to do so by prayer and by the sacrifice of the Mass. In other words, when they died, they had not yet attained full sanctification and moral perfection, a requirement for entrance into Heaven. This sanctification is carried out posthumously in **Purgatory**. The official name of the celebration in the Roman Rite liturgy of



the Roman Catholic Church is **"The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed."**

**Purgatory** is not as some think a "second chance" after death, but, rather, a process of purification for those who have died, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church says in "God's grace and friendship, but are still imperfectly purified." (CCC 1030) It is, as the Baltimore Catechism calls it: **"God's Hospital."** The Western celebration of **All Souls' Day** is on November 2 and follows **All Saints' Day**, which commemorates the departed who have attained the **beatific vision**. If November 2 falls on a Sunday, the Mass is of **All Souls**, but the Office is that of the Sunday.

Historically, the Western tradition identifies the general custom of praying for the dead dating as far back as 2 Maccabees 12:42-46. The custom of setting apart a special day for intercession of the faithfully departed on November 2 was first established by **St. Odilo of Cluny (d. 1048)** at his abbey of Cluny in 998. The celebration was soon adopted in several dioceses in France, and spread throughout the Western Church. While November 2 remained the liturgical celebration, in time the entire month of November became associated in the Western Catholic tradition with prayer for the departed; lists of names of those to be remembered being placed in the proximity of the altar on which the sacrifice of the mass is offered.

#### Visiting a Cemetery

That is why **St. Gertrude the Great**, a saint and mystic of the 13th century, spent the majority of her life in prayer and study, something that happened after she began to have a series of visions. It is said, that as a result of those visions she began to also have a greater devotion to praying for the souls in **Purgatory**. In fact, one time when **Jesus** appeared to her, He told her that each time she said a certain prayer that He revealed to her, 1,000 souls would be freed from **Purgatory** and that the prayer could even be used for the most hardened of sinners. **St. Gertrude prayers for the cemetery visit are found on page 23 in the Pieta Prayer Book.**

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An **indulgence** is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only momentarily, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in **Purgatory**. **This indulgence is a plenary one from November 1 through November 8 and can be gained each one of these days.** On the other days of the year this indulgence is a partial one.

A **plenary indulgence** is a full pardon for punishments owing to sin, sacramentally confessed, and makes possible immediate entrance into heaven after death. The requirements for gaining a plenary indulgence are sacramental confession, Communion and prayers for the Pope's intentions such as an **Our Father** and a **Hail Mary**. We must also have an attitude of love and penitence, with no attachment to any sin. If this disposition is in any way less than complete, or if the three prescribed conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence is only partial.

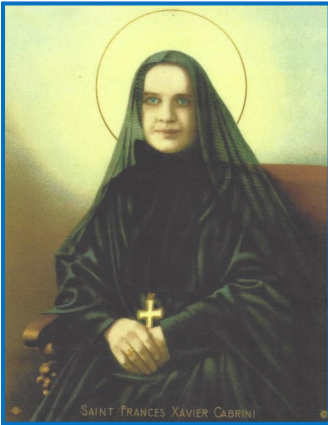
A **partial indulgence** is a partial pardon for penance owing. The faithful should at least have a contrite heart to gain the partial indulgence.

### The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica November 9, 2020

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Dedication of the **Lateran Basilica** in Rome, the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. The **Basilica of St. John Lateran** is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe. The Basilica is also called the Church of Holy Savior or the **Church of St. John Baptist**. In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honor of the archbasilica, the ecclesiastical mother church, called **"the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world"** (*omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*), as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter. Initially the observance of this feast was confined to the city of Rome; begin-

ning in 1565, it was extended to all the Churches of the Roman rite. The honoring of this sacred edifice was a way of expressing love and veneration for the Roman Church, as **St. Ignatius of Antioch says, "presides in charity" over the whole Catholic communion (Letter to the Romans, 1:1).**

**Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini  
November 13, 2020**



**Francesca Cabrini** was born on July 15, 1850, in the village of Sant' Angelo, on the outskirts of Lodi, about twenty miles from Milan, in the pleasant, fertile Lombardy plain. She was

the thirteenth child of a farmer's family, her father Agostino being the proprietor of a modest estate. At thirteen Francesca was sent to a private school kept by the Daughters of the Sacred Heart. Here she remained for five years, taking the course that led to a teacher's certificate.

In November 1880, she and six other women who had taken religious vows with her founded the **Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. She founded 67 institutions: in New York; Chicago and Des Plaines, Illinois; Seattle; New Orleans; Denver and Golden, Colorado; Los Angeles; Philadelphia; and in countries throughout South America and Europe. Cabrini was naturalized as a United States citizen in 1909.

Cabrini died of complications from dysentery at age 67 in Columbus Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, on December 22, 1917. Her body was originally interred at Saint Cabrini Home, an orphanage she founded in West Park, Ulster County, New York. Cabrini was beatified on November 13, 1938, by **Pope Pius XI**, and canonized on July 7, 1946. Heralded by a great pealing of the bells of St. Peter's and the four hundred other churches of Rome, the canonization ceremony took place on July 7, 1946.

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**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini** is the patron saint of immigrants, and of the religious institute, the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, (Servidoras).

**Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary  
November 21, 2020**

The Presentation of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**, celebrated every year on November 21, commemorates (in words of the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily prayer of the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church) "that dedication of herself which **Mary** made to **God** from her very childhood under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who filled her with grace at her Immaculate Conception." Also known as the **Dedication of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, the feast originated in the East, where it is called the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos Into the Temple.

This devotion is testified by a tradition that comes from a century after her life. **The Presentation of Our Lady in the Temple is told in a delightful Apocryphal text, the Protoevangelium of James**, which may be dated around the year 200 AD. This book offers a colorful account of many aspects of **Mary's** early life. Her father, Joachim, tells Anna his wife that he wishes to bring their child to serve in the Temple of the Lord in Jerusalem. Anna gets him to wait until the child is three years old, before having her live away from her parents.

In the Roman Calendar it is a major double feast day.



**Thanksgiving Day  
November 26, 2020**



Thanksgiving Day we give thanksgiving for our family and friends, the bounty's of the earth and all the blessings of **our Father in Heaven**.

**" In the Gardens of Stone, many souls were cultivated for Heaven." As reflected in John's Gospel (15:13) "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."**

**Bud O'Brien, Chairman of the Board**

**Reliquary**

St. Queen Mathilda was Queen of Germany, married to King Henry. She had many virtues and visited the sick and poor often. One of her three sons was St. Bruno.

St. Gemma Galgani, an Italian Mystic, closely tied to the Passion of Christ, received the Stigmata.

St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, was an Italian-Catholic nun. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and was the first United States citizen to be canonized.

St. Rose of Lima was a member of the Third Order of St. Dominic from Lima, Peru. She provided great care to the poor and needy of Lima.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary was a princess who married Louis. Upon his untimely death, she became a member of the Third Order of St. Francis, tending to the poor and sick.

This reliquary we are writing about over the last newsletters is in the CNY Marian Center Chapel. You are welcome to visit and pray before it or with our livestreaming from the Chapel you can pray before it on our YouTube channel, CNY Marian Center. The reliquary is on loan to us at this time.





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**In Person Meetings: Mondays: 9:45AM-11:45: Divine Mercy Cenacle: 7:30PM: Intercessory Rosary: Wednesday 10:30-1:30 Making Rosaries TelePrayers (free with unlimited calls feature on your phone): M-F 3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet; Tuesday 4PM, St. Michael Chaplet; Wednesday 4PM, Seven Sorrows and Joys of St. Joseph; Friday 4PM, Seven Sorrows Rosary of Our Lady; Saturday 10:10AM, Weekly Rosary - Easy Dial in - 516-597-9459 to join the TelePrayers.**

**For the safety of our friends and volunteers, we will offer a Mass (date will be announced in the December newsletter) in place of a Christmas party and have a picnic in the summer.**

Pray with the Pilgrim Rosary on our YouTube channel livestreaming and recorded (CNY Marian Center). Do you want to know more about the Rosary? Listen to our podcasts of The Secret of the Rosary by St. Louis de Montfort on our website and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/pilgrimrosary](http://www.facebook.com/pilgrimrosary)) Need a Rosary? We'll send you one.

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