

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM



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Rev. Vili Lehtoranta, Rev. Stephen McKenna

October 27, 2013 Christ the King Pentecost XXIII



MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶The little ones of our All Saints Procession lead us into the High Mass today. You are welcome to join them afterwards in Helfta Hall for our All Saints party. No Sunday Classes.

Vespers of Christ the King are at **4:30 PM**, followed by Rosary and Benediction at **5:10 PM**.

Be sure to turn in your All Souls Day envelopes with the names of your beloved dead, whom you wish to be remembered in the Masses of All Souls Day and throughout November.

"We must say many prayers for the souls of the Faithful Departed, for one must be so pure to enter Heaven!"

— St. John Vianney

¶FINAL OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

Come join our school children for the final days of the October devotions (Rosary, Litany, prayer to St. Joseph) on **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 3:10 PM**; on **Wednesday** starting a little earlier at **3:00 PM** the Devotions are prayed before the **Blessed Sacrament Exposed**, followed by Benediction and Holy Communion.

"Yes, Jesus wishes to make a palace in your heart."

— St. Thérèse of Lisieux

¶HALLOW'E'EN

Thursday is the Vigil of All Saints, a day of *Fast and Abstinence*. Adults, hold on to that candy till the Feast Day!

¶ALL SAINTS DAY – FIRST FRIDAY

The coming **First Friday** is a *Holy Day of Obligation*. All Catholics are bound to assist at Holy Mass under pain of mortal sin. Masses are offered at **7:00 AM** (*for workers—no sermon*), **9:00 AM** and **5:45 PM**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration at 5:00 PM with Rosary, October and **First Friday Devotions** and Benediction.

Please note there will be NO All-Night Adoration, which is transferred to the opening night of Forty Hours, Friday, November 15th.

¶TRY SOMETHING NEW!

The charming, unique and too-little frequented **Double Vespers** (of All Saints Day and of the Dead) will be chanted on Friday evening. The service begins a little after **7:00 PM** and lasts less than an hour. Why not stay after evening Mass and experience this beautiful and moving part of the Church's liturgical riches? During this same time, you may be gaining indulgences for the Poor Souls.

¶TOTIES QUOTIES

You may gain a **plenary indulgence** under the usual conditions each time you make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, from **noon November 1st** until **midnight November 2nd** – praying six Paters, six Aves and six Glorias for the intentions of Holy Mother Church. This wonderful indulgence is applicable only to the Poor Souls. Avail yourselves of this supreme act of charity.

¶ALL SOULS DAY – FIRST SATURDAY

This year All Souls Day falls on **First Saturday**. Twelve Holy Masses will be offered all day long. Come and be edified at the sight, and share in the graces, of so many Masses offered at once. The principal Mass is sung at **8:00 AM**, with sermon and Absolution. The Month of the Rosary, as ordered by Pope Leo XIII, closes today, with one final Rosary and **First Saturday Devotions** at **7:30 AM**. Bishop Dolan's three afternoon Masses close this unique All Souls Day. Please refer to THE CALENDAR for all of the Mass times.

First Saturday Intention: In reparation for blasphemies against Our Lady's perpetual Virginity.

St. Michael, first champion of the Kingship of Christ, pray for us!

(Indulgence of 300 days – Raccolta No. 443)

¶NEXT SUNDAY

Our regular monthly second collection for the seminary will be taken up. The blessing of religious articles will be available after all Masses. We open our annual devotion of the *Twelve Sundays of the Mother of Good Counsel*. Vespers with Benediction are at **4:45 PM**.

"Daylight Time" ends next Sunday. Remember to **turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!**

Set Your Missal: Pentecost XXIV (Epiphany IV), with commemoration of All Saints. Trinity Preface.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE PRAY

Please keep all our sick and shut in, in your prayers, especially Becky Mattingly, Clyde Gabbard, and Kevin O'Donnell, who is now starting his slow rehab work at Bethesda North Hospital. Pray as well for the eternal welfare of the soul of Fr. Lehtoranta's uncle who recently died.

UPCOMING: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

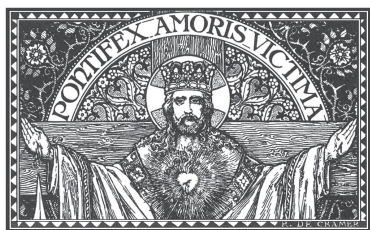
• Wednesday, November 6th:

Ordination to the priesthood of Rev. Mr. Bede Nkamuke, at Most Holy Trinity Seminary.

• **Sunday, November 10th:** Rosary Confraternity Cemetery Rosary Procession; location to be announced.

• **Friday, November 15th:** Opening of Forty Hours. All Night Adoration. (*Men of the Guard of Honor, please note!*)

• **Sunday, November 17th:** First Solemn High Mass of Fr. Nkamuke; closing of Forty Hours.



*Heart of Jesus,
King and Center of all hearts,
have mercy on us!*

FROM ST. GERTRUDE'S SCHOOL

Thank you to all who helped make last week's Bake Sale a success by either baking, buying, or both! We raised \$367.

*Saint Joan of Arc,
Apostle of the Kingship of Christ,
pray for us.*

(An indulgence of 300 days – *Raccolta No. 530*)

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCES

Offering envelopes will be found in the pews. Please fill them out with the names of loved ones you wish remembered in the Masses on All Souls Day, and return to the collection basket today, or to the office during this week.

*"So greatly does His Majesty love us that He
will reward the love we show to our
neighbors by increasing our love of Himself
and that in a thousand ways."*

– St. Teresa of Avila

WE GET LETTERS...

Dear Bishop Dolan & clergy:

Since I stopped at St. Gertrude the Great on my way back to Pennsylvania in July, both my husband and myself have experienced a sense of relief and needed connection in these chaotic times. We are so grateful to be able to assist at a spiritual Mass and Communion via your webcast arrangement. We have been listening to the wonderful Restoration Radio broadcasts over the Internet – both current and some past episodes. To finally hear sane commentary on Vatican II, the "new Mass" and the Papacy is calming. The talks and sermons on Catholic devotions and other spiritual subjects is uplifting.

To read about and see photos of tradition in action is encouraging. Once in awhile we make the three-hour drive to Akron to Sacred Heart Church – very nice. Thank you for the information.

– S.N., Du Bois, Pennsylvania

This lady stopped in for a visit one day during the Girls' Camp.



Servers: OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 3, 2013

FRI 11/1 7:00 AM LOW: T. Simpson, Sr.
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: R. Vande Ryt; School servers, S. & L. Arlinghaus
5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers
7:00 PM VESPERS: G. Miller

SAT 11/2 6:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
7:00 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:00 AM HIGH: School servers, Simpsons, P. Omlor

SUN 11/3 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: T. & J. Simpson MC: T. Simpson, Sr. ACS: P. Lawrence, S. Arlinghaus
TH: A. Richesson **TORCH:** C. Richesson, C. Arlinghaus, N. & P. McClorey
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. McClorey
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report

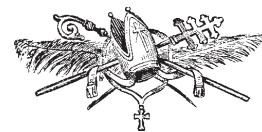
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✠ THE POETRY CORNER

ALL SAINTS

Beneath the dome of Saint Peter's,
a saint is canonized
by the holy Pontiff
amid stately splendor;
one whom God has honored
by stupendous miracles
wrought in the name of the *beata*,
whose life has given proof of
heroic sanctity.
He would not leave unclaimed
those lesser souls
gathered from the four corners
of the earth,
nameless in number,
who, in a fixed abode,
forever dwell
in Heaven's citadel.

– Rose Margaret Coughlin



THE BISHOP CALLS

Frederic is at the door to meet him,
With James and John in the hall to
greet him;
Mary Lucia, darling thing,
Is on her knees to kiss his ring.

Frederic climbs in the chair beside
him;
James and Lucia almost hide him,
Perched at each arm; upon his lap
Sits John enthroned, sweet little chap.

There the four settle themselves
sedately
Around the bishop, serene and stately.
The grown-ups gasp in amused
dismay;
His Lordship insists that they are to
stay.

Perhaps you consider this quite
appalling
In children when the bishop is calling,
Because you do not know, I suppose,
The things that a child or a bishop
knows.

– Sister Madeleva

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

Golden Autumn was momentarily sideswiped by snow and cold in some parts of the state this past week, but the brisk October sun shone merrily again by week's end, to usher in the great solemnities of Christ the King and All Saints and All Souls, along with First Friday and Saturday. May the blessings of these days both reward and renew your generosity by warming your heart and home with the fire of God's Love.

Today it is the little ones, all dressed up as saints in the army of Christ the King, who warm our hearts. May their innocence inspire us, the guilty, to take up again those weapons of penance, prayer and joyful Catholic living which lead to Heaven. "O Christ, Thy guilty people spare," we sing on All Hallows' Eve as Vespers open the great feast of All Saints. May our reparation to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart win us God's pardon and peace.

Remember your Holy Day on First Friday, and those dear souls who are "almost there" on First Saturday, All Souls Day. The Queen of Purgatory only waits for your prayer to descend to that prison and release so many souls detained there.

For all of the joyful innocence and sacred solemnity which mark these so holy days of Autumn, there is another darker side to this week. Satan *does* reign in society, and is served by so much "adult sinning" at Halloween, so much excess. It would not even be necessary that he be openly honored, but of course, he is. So let us openly profess *our* Faith, and fast on Halloween, we adults, like Christians who "know the score" these days, these "last days."

Still, let us follow the advice of our Little Saint, "and *make fun* of the devil;" "all his works and all his pomps," all his dark temptations and open inducements to sin. A Little Child will lead us, the Holy Child, Jesus our King, followed by innumerable "little" saints, humbly, happily smiling.

Little saints? Yes! The devil cannot bear even a little of the humble, childlike spirit, and the Gates of the Kingdom open only to those who practice it, Our Lady and Queen in first place. "He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and exalted the humble and meek."

Are you remembering to "lift up your eyes" at church? The magnificent golden angels on the rood screen adore like the cherubim on the ark of old. In time for All Saints Day, the saints are raised up along the nave. Thank you, Gino. Thank you, Marlys, and all of our benefactors! The whole church property seems properly protected now under the sword of great St. Michael the Archangel, looking out from the parapet of the cloister.

We're busy getting ready for **Rev. Mr. Nkamuke's** ordination. Thank you for your interest, generosity and prayers. Our new priest will be with us for Forty Hours, and celebrate its closing Mass on November 17th as one of his first Solemn High Masses. At Christmas he returns home to ever more dangerous Nigeria for his first missionary tour. St. Thérèse, watch over him!

Fr. Lehtoranta is visiting the faithful of St. Hugh today, and **Fr. McKenna** is heading up to St. Clare. **Fr. Larrabee** will be visiting us for five days, the week of November 11th. It will be good to see him again.

God bless and save us all, priests and faithful, adults and children, and keep us faithful to the King of Kings!

– Bishop Dolan

PS: Don't forget St. Jude tomorrow, patron of the hopeless and helper for despaired-of cases. Somebody is always *dis*-honoring St. Jude by superstitious practices. *Honor* him the best way, by praying to him, confiding your cares, and hearing Mass in his honor.

On the Rosary

The Rosary is what sustains the little flame of Faith that has not yet been extinguished in many consciences. Even for those souls who pray without meditating, the very act of taking up the Rosary to pray is already a remembrance of God, of the supernatural. A simple recollection of the Mystery of each Decade is one more ray of light to sustain in souls the smoldering wick.

This is why the devil has made such war against the Rosary. And, what is worse is that he has succeeded in deluding and deceiving souls who have great responsibility because of the positions they occupy. They are the blind leading the blind!

– Sister Lucia of Fatima



Am I a Jew?

Not you, perhaps, who marvelled
much to see
The splendor of the dawn, the star-
swept sky;
But closed your heart against Divinity
That moved within the compass of
your eye!

— S.T.D.



*He shall rule from sea to sea,
and from the river
to the ends of the earth;
and all kings shall adore Him,
all nations shall serve Him.*



Pilate's indecision drives his asking, "Are you the king of the Jews?" His is not a rhetorical question, nor a merely snide or cynical one. It reveals something of Pilate's own need ... and ours as well. No matter how much power and prestige he has garnered in his political career, no matter how many possessions he may have or pleasure he has indulged in, nothing in Pilate's life proves to be "enough." Because the human heart is not made for those things. To get what our heart needs, we must look beyond what we can provide for ourselves to Something that is greater than our heart. We have to find our heart's King.

The exceptionality of this Man Jesus Christ shakes up all the irresoluteness and ambivalence in Pilate. Who knows if Pilate was ever definitively "converted" by his encounter with Christ? One thing we do know: Pilate commands the crowd, "Behold, your king!" And

Pontius Pilate is the only person in the Gospel of John who publicly proclaims Jesus Christ to be king. The inscription he orders for Christ's cross reads, "Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews". When antagonists badger Pilate to change it, he refuses. We must not take lightly what Our Lord declares to Pontius Pilate: "**You say I am a king.**"

Pontius Pilate also asks Him, "What have you done?" On one level, he is prompting Our Lord to confess to His alleged crime. But there is a deeper level at work. Again, maybe this question is not so much one of defiance as of begging. What have you done to verify your Kingship? And perhaps Our Lord silently answered: *I ushered in the fullness of heaven in the miraculous wine of Cana. I put an end to sadness in healing the paralytic at the Sheep Pool. I gave the answer to human weakness in the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. I replaced loneliness with everlasting love in the encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. I imbued suffering with redemptive meaning in restoring sight to the blind man. I vanquished the tyranny of sin in offering mercy to the adulterous woman. And I for ever overturned human powerlessness in raising Lazarus from the dead.*

And, of course, Pilate famously asks Jesus, "What is truth?" But perhaps Pilate's question was not as smug as the world has come to stereotype it. Maybe there was an element of sincerity in it. Maybe what Pilate meant was this: If there is something absolute called "truth" then it cannot be simply a philosophy, a formula, or an ideology. The truth I crave has to be Someone whose presence is so arresting that I can't look at my life the way I used to. The only truth that will be enough for me is someone I can follow.

And maybe it was once that conviction sank in that Pontius Pilate turned to the world with the summons, "**Behold, the man!**"

— Fr. P. Cameron, O.P.

PROCURING FAITH

It may come as a surprise that certain Eastern Churches venerate Pontius Pilate as a saint. While we do not, it is worthwhile exploring why others regard Pilate so highly.

A change happened to the Roman procurator when he dared to look at Jesus Christ as something more than a troublemaker to be disposed of. That change appears in the questions Pontius Pilate asks of Christ.

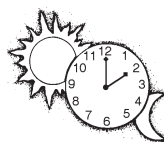
After Our Lord is interrogated by the high priest, he is led to the praetorium. However, the Jews refuse to enter the praetorium in order to avoid becoming ritually defiled. Thus, in order to speak with them and also interview Jesus, Pilate must physically leave the praetorium and then return, going back and forth from the Jews to Our Lord. The Evangelist John stresses this recurring in and out of Pilate by stating several times: *Pilate came out to them.... Pilate went back in.*

We may wonder why St. John insists on giving us seemingly unnecessary stage directions. To get at what the Evangelist is up to, just think of what you would say to someone who was doing the same thing with your refrigerator door ... opening it and closing it, opening it and closing it. After a few seconds you would probably say, "Come on! Make up your mind!" And that is exactly what is going on with Pilate. This incessant going in and out of Pontius Pilate represents the interior spiritual vacillation affecting Pilate. He has not yet made up his mind about this Jesus.

✠ THE CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, school day Masses, Friday evening and Saturday morning Masses are webcast at www.sgg.org

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| MON | 10/28/13 | SS SIMON & JUDE, APP |
| | 8:00 AM | Low Mass Bridget Boyle-Conversion of family (<i>Christopher Browne</i>) |
| | 11:20 AM | High Mass †Charles & Elinor Richardson (<i>M/M Mark Lotarski & family</i>) |
| | 3:10 PM | October Devotions |
| | 5:00 PM | Low Mass Special intention-BKK (<i>G. Keaveney</i>) |
| TUE | 10/29/13 | FERIAL DAY RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY |
| | 7:00 AM | Low Mass Special intention-MEK (<i>G. Keaveney</i>) |
| | 8:00 AM | Low Mass A Poor Soul (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>) |
| | 11:20 AM | High Mass Our priests-Thank you (<i>Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock</i>) |
| | 3:10 PM | October Devotions |
| | 5:00 PM | Low Mass †Margaret Walsh (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>) |
| WED | 10/30/13 | FERIAL DAY |
| | 8:00 AM | Low Mass Poor forgotten Souls (<i>G. Keaveney</i>) |
| | 11:20 AM | Requiem High Mass Purgatorian Society |
| | 3:00 PM | Exposition, Rosary, October Devotions |
| | 3:20 PM | Benediction, Holy Communion |
| | 5:00 PM | Low Mass Holy Souls (<i>Kolenich family</i>) |
| | 6:30 PM | Choir Practice |
| THU | 10/31/13 | VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS <i>FAST & ABSTINENCE</i> |
| | 7:00 AM | Low Mass Happy birthday Mom! (<i>Samantha</i>) |
| | 8:00 AM | Low Mass JoAnn Wilker (<i>Dale Wilker family</i>) |
| | 11:20 AM | High Mass Poor Souls (<i>Sharon</i>) |
| | 2:30 PM | First Vespers of All Saints, Benediction |
| | 5:00 PM | Low Mass Kevin O'Donnell (<i>TRCS</i>) |
| FRI | 11/1/13 | ALL SAINTS DAY <i>HOLY DAY</i> FIRST FRIDAY |
| | 7:00 AM | Low Mass (<i>for workers-no sermon!</i>) For the people of St. Gertrude the Great |
| | 8:30 AM | Confessions |
| | 9:00 AM | High Mass Thanksgiving for prayers answered (<i>Doloris Ritze</i>) |
| | 5:00 PM | Exposition, Rosary, October and First Friday Devotions |
| | 5:30 PM | Benediction |
| | 5:45 PM | Low Mass Kevin O'Donnell-quick recovery (<i>G. Keaveney</i>) |
| | 7:00 PM | Vespers of the Day and Vespers of the Dead |
| SAT | 11/2/13 | ALL SOULS DAY FIRST SATURDAY |
| | | <i>Holy Communion is distributed at the three High Altar Masses:</i> |
| | 6:30 AM | Low Mass All the Faithful Departed |
| | 7:00 AM | Low Mass The Mind of the Church |



STANDARD TIME RETURNS
Don't forget: Turn your clocks **back** one hour, before going to bed on **Saturday night, November 2nd.**

O Jesus, King in heaven, King also in the Eucharist, we adore Thee and we beg of Thee, through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, fidelity to grace in order to reap all the fruits produced in the souls of men by the gifts of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Christ conquers!

Christ reigns!

Christ commands!

Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat!
(An indulgence of 500 days – *Raccolta* No. 269.)

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| 7:30 AM | Rosary and First Saturday Devotions |
| 8:00 AM | Requiem High Mass with Sermon All whose names are on the Altar, Absolution |
| | Private Low Masses in Baptistry and at St. Joseph Altar (no Holy Communion): |
| 6:30 AM | All the Faithful Departed (two Masses) |
| 7:00 AM | The Mind of the Church (two Masses) |
| 7:30 AM | All whose names are on the Altar (two Masses) |
| 3:30 PM | Low Mass All of the Faithful Departed |
| 4:00 PM | Low Mass (no Holy Communion) The Mind of the Church |
| 4:30 PM | Low Mass All whose names are on the Altar |
| SUN | 11/3/13 PENTECOST XXIV WITHIN THE OCTAVE |
| 7:05 AM | Rosary |
| 7:30 AM | Low Mass Thank you, Wilker family (<i>The Pattons</i>) |
| 9:00 AM | High Mass People of St. Gertrude-thank you for your prayers (<i>Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock</i>) |
| 10:40 AM | Sunday Catechism Classes |
| 11:05 AM | Rosary |
| 11:30 AM | Low Mass Anastasia Prell-Happy birthday (<i>Mom & Dad</i>) |
| 4:45 PM | Vespers & Benediction |
| 5:45 PM | Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great |

✠ FOR ALL THE SAINTS & FOR THEIR QUEEN ✠

About Some Saints

The saints are mostly grave, stern folk,
In pictures and in story;
Nothing mundane seems to mar
Their calm and golden glory.

But sometimes, in my inmost heart,
I have been known to wonder
If even artists – writers, too,
May perhaps make a blunder.

For now-a-days – what do you think?
How can St. Christopher
Be always calm and neat and trim,
With all the world astir?

While he, with skilled and ceaseless care
Guards careless auto trips,
I fear – I cannot but believe –
His breath comes short, his halo slips.

And Anthony, so kind to look
For things we men mislay,
I wonder if he quietly
Sits on his throne all day.

St. Valentine, with lovers' woes
His business to set right;
St. Blase with countless throats to heal,
Or lose his prestige quite.

It really seems as if some saints –
The painters may not know –
Must work as hard and quite as fast
As we do here below.

– Florence Gilmore



**The saints love everyone...their hearts,
inflamed with Divine love, are dilated in
proportion to the number of souls
that God puts in their way.**

– St John Vianney, the Cúre of Ars

THE GRACES OF THE ROSARY

Windthorst, a German, was invited one time by certain friends not practicing the Faith, to show them his beads; it was a joke; they had previously taken them from his left pocket. Windthorst, not having found them in his left pocket, put his hand in his right pocket and came out the victor. He always had an extra Rosary! Cristoforo



Gluck, a great musician, during court receptions in Vienna, used to go apart a few minutes to recite his Rosary....

Why do I give these examples of people reciting the Rosary? Because the Rosary is contested by some. They say it is a prayer that is infantile, superstitious, and not worthy of a Christian adult. Or else, it is a prayer that is automatic, reduced to a hasty repetition of Ave Marias, monotonous and boring.

The crisis of the Rosary is in second place. Before that, it is the crisis in prayer in general today. People are all taken up in material interests. One thinks little about the soul....Donos Cortés said, "The world is in a bad way because there are more battles than prayers...."

To be, for a half hour at least, before God as I am in reality, with all my misery and with the best of myself; to let rise to the surface from the depths of my being the child I once was, who wants to laugh, to chatter, to love the Lord, and who sometimes feels the need to cry so that he may be shown mercy, helps me to pray. The Rosary, a simple and easy prayer, helps me to be a child and I am not ashamed at all.

I come to another objection. The Rosary is a prayer of repetition? Father de Foucauld said, "Love is expressed with few words, always the same and always repeated."

– A. Luciani

Prayer for October Month of the Holy Rosary and the Angels

PRAYER TO OUR LADY, QUEEN OF ANGELS

Majestic Queen of Heaven and Mistress of the Angels, thou didst receive from God the power and commission to crush the head of Satan; wherefore we humbly beseech thee, send forth the legions of heaven, that, under thy command, they may seek out all evil spirits, engage them everywhere in battle, curb their insolence, and hurl them back into the pit of hell. "Who is like unto God?"

O good and tender Mother, thou shalt ever be our hope and the object of our love.

O Mother of God, send forth the holy Angels to defend me and drive far from me the cruel foe.

Holy Angels and Archangels, defend us and keep us.

(500 days indulgence – Raccolta No. 345)