

Tridentine Community News

November 3, 2024 – Resumed Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Tridentine Mass to Return to Sweetest Heart of Mary

Only a few months after Mother of Divine Mercy Parish announced that St. Josaphat Church was reopening to host the Sunday 12:00 Noon Tridentine Mass “exclusively” as of July 1, 2024, on October 5 the parish’s Facebook page announced that the TLM would be reverting back to Sweetest Heart of Mary Church “permanently” as of November 17.

No further explanation was given, but it is well-known that St. Josaphat suffers from several structural defects that may make it unsuitable for public occupancy. Therefore anyone interested in visiting St. Josaphat [photo from the former Mother of Divine Mercy Parish Facebook page] may wish to do so before this shift in location is made.



Those who may have been interested in holding a Tridentine wedding at Sweetest Heart but who were told that was no longer possible may wish to make inquiry once again.

Plenary Indulgence Opportunities in November

It’s time for our biennial reminder about Holy Mother Church’s generous granting of indulgences during the first week of November:

On November 2, the Feast of All Souls, a Plenary Indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, may be gained by praying one Our Father and one Creed in a church.

From November 1 – November 8, a Plenary Indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, may be gained each day by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead, even if only mentally.

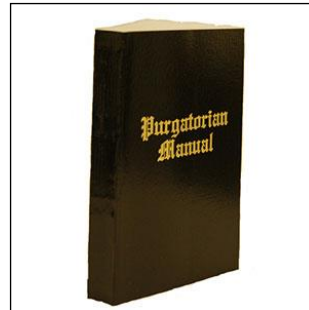
The usual conditions apply for all Plenary Indulgences: Confession within 20 days, reception of Holy Communion and prayer for the Holy Father’s intentions (traditionally one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be) once per Plenary Indulgence

sought, and freedom from attachment to sin. A maximum of one Plenary Indulgence may be gained per day.

Prayer Books for a Visit to a Cemetery

Quite timely for this month of November which is devoted to the Holy Souls in Purgatory, a reader asked for a recommendation on a prayer book which can be used during a visit to a cemetery.

First it should be noted that there does not seem to be a book of prayers specifically meant to be used for devotional use during a visit to a cemetery. One must look beyond that to books with a broader scope.



Probably the most comprehensive book of prayers for the dead is the 281 page *Purgatorian Manual*, originally published in 1946 and now available from the Sisters of Carmel:

<https://www.sistersofcarmel.com/purgatory-manual/>

While the prayers in it are lovely [sample page adjacent], the indulgences described as being associated with them are no longer in force.

The similar but thinner (63 page) *Novena for the Relief of the Poor Souls in Purgatory*, originally published in 1931, is available for only \$4.95: <https://traditionalcatholicpublishing.com/novena-for-the-relief-of-the-poor-souls-in-purgatory.html>

Susan Tassone is our modern era’s most prolific author and speaker on the subject of Purgatory, having written more books than can be listed here. Her numerous titles, which include several prayer books, offer a more contemporary though still orthodox treatment of the topic. Visit: <https://susantassone.com/books/>

The *Manual of Indulgences* (<https://www.amazon.com/Manual-Indulgences-Conference-Catholic-Bishops/dp/1574554743>) and its Latin edition, the *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum* (<https://www.vaticanum.com/it/enchiridion-indulgentiarum-normae-et-concessionones-reimpressio-2004>), are the definitive sources of the currently-in-force prayers and acts by which one can gain Partial and Plenary Indulgences on behalf of the Suffering Souls.

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my feet; they numbered all my bones.
—Ps. xxi. 17, 18.

Indulgence ten years. Plenary after Holy Communion under the usual conditions. (No. 171)

PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.

O most compassionate Jesus! have mercy on the souls detained in Purgatory, for whose redemption Thou didst take upon Thee our nature and endure a bitter death. Mercifully hear their groanings; look with pity on the tears which they now shed before Thee, and by the virtue of Thy Passion release them from the pains due unto their sins. O most pitiful Jesus, let Thy precious Blood flow down into Purgatory, and refresh and revive the captive souls suffering there. Stretch out unto them Thy strong right hand, and bring them forth into the place of refreshment, light, and peace. Amen.