

Daily Parish Communication

October 25, 2022

Good Morning All,

~Day 2: Novena for the Holy Souls in Purgatory (attached)

~Faith & Reason class tonight in the Parish Hall @ 6:30

1. Today's Readings: [Tuesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: Next in our line of popes is Pope St. Anicetus. Saint Hegesippus was an early historian in the Christian Church who converted to the faith as an adult. He took the time to visit Rome and speak with Pope Anicetus, which many believe helped establish the Church as a legitimate organization.

3. Quote of the Day:

~"Thus understanding and love, that is, the knowledge of and delight in the truth, are, as it were, the two arms of the soul, with which it embraces and comprehends with all the saints the length and breath, the height and depth, that is the eternity, the love, the goodness, and wisdom of God." *St. Bernard*

Pope St. Anicetus, Pray for Us!

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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Novena for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Our Catholic Faith teaches us the souls of the faithful departed must be entirely purified before they enter into eternal rest in Heaven. The souls of most people who have died in friendship with God must be purified in Purgatory. The holy souls in Purgatory are in great need of our prayers. You can pray the Novena for the Holy Souls in Purgatory for a deceased relative or friend. Or you can pray for a deceased group of people, such as victims of a natural disaster. Or you can use it to pray for all people who have died from a specific ailment. On each of the nine days of prayer, we meditate on the suffering that each and every soul must endure in purgatory and pray a prayer specific to that day. We conclude with the Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Souls in Purgatory, the Hail Mary and Our Father.

Prayer to our Suffering Savior for the Souls in Purgatory

O most sweet Jesus, through the bloody sweat which Thou didst suffer in the Garden of Gethsemane, have mercy on these Blessed Souls. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel scourging, have mercy on them. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most painful crowning with thorns, have mercy on them. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in carrying Thy cross to Calvary, have mercy on them. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel Crucifixion, have mercy on them. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most bitter agony on the Cross, have mercy on them. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the immense pain which Thou didst suffer in breathing forth Thy Blessed Soul, have mercy on them. Have mercy on them, O Lord.”

(As you pray for the Souls in purgatory, state your intention(s) here

Blessed Souls, I have prayed for thee; I entreat thee, who are so dear to God, and who are secure of never losing Him, to pray for me a miserable sinner, who is in danger of being damned, and of losing God forever. Amen.

Day 2

Meditation/Reflection – Every soul in purgatory, is tormented by how they have lost the chance to confess their sins before they died. They are pained with the knowledge that if they had repented for their sins. They would have been absolved of the very sins that have landed them in purgatory, and would have been granted entry into heaven.

Prayer: “Woe to me, unhappy being, so many years have I already spent on earth and have earned naught but hell! I give Thee thanks, O Lord, for granting me time even now to atone for my sins. My good God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee. Send me Thy assistance, that I may apply the time yet remaining to me for Thy love and service; have compassion on me, and, at the same time, on the holy souls suffering in Purgatory. O Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.”

Followed by: Prayer to Our Suffering Savior, Our Father, Hail Mary



Pope Saint Anicetus

The 11th pope, succeeded St. Pius towards the year c. 153, and reigned till about 168. While Anicetus was Pope, St. Polycarp, then in extreme old age, came to confer with him (160-162) about the Paschal controversy; Polycarp and others in the East celebrating the feast on the fourteenth of the month of Nisan, no matter on what day of the week it fell; whereas in Rome it was always observed on Sunday, and the day of the Lord's death on Friday. The matter was discussed but nothing was decided. According to Eusebius: "Polycarp could not persuade the Pope, nor the Pope, Polycarp. The controversy was not ended but the bonds of charity were not broken"; the Pope

permitting the aged saint to celebrate on the day he had been accustomed to in the Church of Smyrna.

Also, in the papacy of St. Anicetus, Montanism was finally condemned. It was a heresy of the time with many differences with Catholicism – Catholicism is the original and true form of Christianity. Most notable of all the adherents to Montanism was Tertullian, the famous Early Christian writer who fell into such heresy later in his life.

Hegesippus, the first Christian historian whose writings are of great value, because he lived so near the time of the Apostles, also came to Rome at this time. His visit is recorded by most ecclesiastical authors as noteworthy, inasmuch as it calls attention to the fact that many illustrious men repaired to Rome at that period, thus emphasizing very early the supreme dignity and authority of the Roman Pontiffs. Marcion, Marcellinus, Valentine, and Cordo were also at Rome, disturbing the Church by their Manichæism. Anicetus suffered martyrdom in 161, but the dates vary between 16, 17, and 20 April.

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