

Mass at 7:00 in
Sacred Heart Church
on Thursday for ...

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.. Gerry Kranz, at the
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The Month Of Consolation.

You will cherish November -- this month when the Church holds out to you one of the most consoling doctrines to be found in any religious belief. Here She reminds us that we can be of help to loved ones beyond life. For those not of the Faith, their beloved dead are beyond all hope; beyond all help!

While other peoples are bowed in hopeless grief at the reality of death, only the Church is able to say: "Your desire to help is neither too late, nor in vain."

"Purgatory enables hearts that are left behind to break the barriers of time, to manifest a love that is stronger than death, to convert unspoken words into audible prayers ... and undone acts of kindness into help for eternal life."

"Take away Purgatory," continues Bishop Sheen, "and how meaningless would be our Memorial and Armistice days, when we keep in silence the memory of the dead. Take away Purgatory and how empty our wreaths, our moments of silence! But if there be a Purgatory (as we know there is) then immediately the bowed head gives way to the bent knee, the moment of silence to a moment of prayer, the wreath of faded flowers to the offering of the unfailing Sacrifice of the Cross. Only the Christian can fully appreciate what all this means to the broken heart of man!"

Help The Poor Souls.

Young as you are, you have relatives and friends who are dead. Maybe some of your immediate family are in this group!

Where are they? Do you care? Has the thought occurred to you that you can help them -- and that they need your help? Young people are sometimes very selfish that way. Thinking about themselves so much, they have little time for others -- little time for the sufferings of even their loved ones!

Now we come up to November -- the month in which the Church, like a good mother, calls the attention of her children to the members of the household who have already appeared before the Judgment Seat of God; whose period of merit has expired; who now are consigned to the purifying prison of Purgatory -- until they pay the last debt they owe for all their failings in this life. Of themselves they are helpless, and cry out: "Have pity on me, at least you, my friends!"

Novena For The Poor Souls Starts Friday.

The Prefects of Religion will offer 9 Masses, beginning this Friday, for your deceased relatives and friends. Surely, you will want to jot down the names of those dear to you, and drop them in the boxes near the Bulletin Boards in all the halls, -- then join with the celebrant in praying for loved ones. In no other way can you so hasten their liberation. This is a golden opportunity --- for you and for them!

First Friday coming up --- Sign the list for Adoration in Sacred Heart Church.

PRAYERS: Deceased: Joe Sanger; James C. Stevenson, '46; Frank Stevenson, '44; Paul F. Swift, '18; Rev. George Brown; Rev. Joseph P. Gresham; Mrs. Emma Gaffney; cousin of Anthony Trigiani of Howard hall; Alfredo Ganpon (Korea) Thomas Cunningham, '47; Mrs. Bing Crosby. Ill: Mother of Tom McFerrrett of Serin; C.F. Stevenson; Mary Virginia Liang. 2 Special Intentions.