

Friday: All Saints Day.
Masses in Sacred Heart
Church as on Sunday.

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Friday evening - There will
be no Public Novena Services
in Sacred Heart Church.

About The Poor Souls

On Friday of this week, the Church pauses to commemorate the Church Triumphant. It is a kind of memorial day for all those heroes of God who overcame the frailties of their own human nature, and the temptations of the world, and so won heaven. Their number is legion; and today they enjoy the Beatific Vision of God. Some day we hope to join their company.

On the following day, and throughout the month of November, the Church turns our attention to the Church Suffering -- all the faithful departed yet detained in Purgatory. We are told by the Church, and so we believe, that there is a city where everyone suffers severe pain -- worse than any pain here on earth. The pain goes on ceaselessly night and day. Nor is there any distraction from that pain.

Some inhabitants of that penal city have been there for years; some only a few hours; some for days or months only. But there is neither bitterness, nor cursing, nor hatred, nor despair in that city walled with suffering. And everyone is grateful for the penalty he has received. Many of these inhabitants know you well; have talked with you often; may even have shared many years of association with you. Your own father, or mother, or some other close member of your family, or friends, is most likely there.

One day, if you are fortunate, you, too, will be there. And then you will know what it is to depend completely upon the charity of others. Yes, they are fortunate, because they are sure of Heaven -- someday. It is merely a matter of time until they are received into the company of the Saints, and the Beatific Vision; until they enter upon an eternity of happiness where pain, and weeping, and sadness, are no more.

You live on the very outskirts of that suffering city. Into your ears come daily the cries of these citizens, especially during November: "Have pity upon me, at least you, my friend!" You are rich in the only goods that can shorten or alleviate the pain of these suffering souls who can no longer pray for themselves.

A Soul A Visit

Beginning this Friday noon, and continuing until Saturday evening, you may gain a Plenary Indulgence at every visit made to Sacred Heart Church. And with each Plenary Indulgence, you can release a soul from Purgatory. The conditions for gaining these indulgences are the reception of the Sacraments (Confession and Communion) and a prayer at each visit for the intentions of the Holy Father (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.). Those who have been to confession during the past week, and are free from mortal sin, need not go again for the purpose of gaining the indulgences. Remember this too: the effectiveness of our prayers depends upon the perfection of our dispositions; but even when we do not gain the full effect of the visit, we can gain a partial indulgence that will do some soul some good.

Next week, we begin a Novena of Masses for all your deceased intentions placed in a receptacle at each bulletin board in each hall on campus. Monday's Bulletin will give you full details. Meantime, go to Mass on Friday, out of obligation; and on Saturday out of love for your friends in the suffering city of Purgatory. If you think it wise to have friends with God, be at pains to send your friends to Him with your best prayers. They won't forget you when they move into the glorious city of Heaven.

Friday -- All Saints Day -- is also the First Friday of the Month.

Sunday Morning -- Mass in all hall chapels at the hour posted by the rector.

Correction: father of Frank Draine of Keenan is ill (not deceased as reported).