

But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into the exterior darkness

(adapted from St Alphonsus' sermon for the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany)

Today, Jesus intimates that many born outside the Church shall be saved while many born within her shall be cast into Hell where the gnawing worm of conscience shall reap eternal tears. Let us examine the three remorses of conscience which the damned Christian suffers in Hell: remorse from knowing what little was required of him to save his soul, remorse from recalling the trifles by which he lost his soul & remorse from knowing it's all his fault. (Numbering and cases, even divine pronouns, belong to the original.)

1. First: A damned soul once told St. Hubert of her two most cruel executioners in Hell: the thought of the little required of her in this life to secure her salvation & the thought of the trifles which she perused to eternal misery. Each reprobate will eternally lament: "If I abstained from such a gratification; if in certain circumstances I overcame human respect; if I avoided such an occasion of sin, such a companion, I should not now be damned; if I had frequented a pious sodality; if I had gone to confession every week; if in temptations I had recommended myself to God, I would not have relapsed into sin. Often, I proposed to do such things, but did not do them; I began to practice such but gave them up; and thus, I am lost."

6. Second: Esau, after eating the bowl of pottage which cost him his birthright, was tortured with grief & remorse for which he "roared out with a great cry." (Gn 27:34) How great shall the damned roar & howl when they consider, for a few poisonous & brief pleasures, they lost an everlasting happiness to gain an eternal misery!

9. Third: A certain queen, blinded by the ambition of being a sovereign, said one day: "If the Lord gives me a reign of forty years, I shall renounce Paradise." The unhappy queen reigned for forty years; but now, in another world, she can only grieve at her renunciation. How great must be her anguish at the thought of having lost heaven for the sake of a forty-year reign, full of troubles, crosses & fears! To the damned, the voluntary loss of Paradise is a greater loss than the very pains of Hell.

11. The damned shall see that God wished them to be saved, and he gave them the choice of eternal life or of eternal death: "Before man is life & death, that which he shall choose shall be given to him." (Eccles. 15:18) The damned shall know, if they wished, they could have obtained eternal happiness; it is by their choice they are damned. On Judgment Day, they shall see many of their companions among the elect; but, because they would not stop their path of sin, they have walked its end to Hell where they shall continually sob, "There is no peace for my bones because of my sins." (Ps 37:4) This last remorse produces an internal pain which enters the very bones of the damned and prevents them from ever enjoying a moments repose.

12. If, beloved brethren, you have hitherto been so foolish as to lose God for sinful pleasure, do not stay in your folly. Endeavour, now that you are able, to change. Perhaps, if you do not now resolve to amend your life, you shall be abandoned by God and be lost for ever. When the Devil tempts you, remember Hell, the land of misery. I say, remember Hell and have recourse to Jesus Christ & to most holy Mary, and they will deliver you from sin, which is the gate of Hell.



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The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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Daily Mass Times

Mon. & Wed.: 6:30 am & 9 am.

Tues. & Thurs.: 6:30 am & 12 noon.

Fri.: 6:30 am & 7 pm (followed by Holy Hour).

Sat.: 7 am & 9 am.

Sunday Mass Times

7 am low Mass (at the church)

8 am low Mass (at the gym)

10:30 am high Mass (at the gym)

1 pm low Mass (at the church)

Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before each Mass.

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Mon.-Thurs.: 6 am - 7 pm

Fri.: 6 am - 9 pm

Sat.: 6:30 am - 7 pm

Sun.: 7 am - 7 pm

Office Hours

Mon. - Fri.: 8 am - 4 pm.

Closed on Holy Days

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 01-25	3rd Sunday after Epiphany	2/G	
Mon 01-26	St Polycarp, <i>Bishop & Martyr</i>	3/R	
Tues 01-27	St John Chrysostom, <i>Bishop & Doctor</i>	3/W	
Wed 01-28	St Peter Nolasco, <i>Confessor</i>	3/W	St Agnes
Thu 01-29	St Francis de Sales, <i>Bishop & Doctor</i>	3/W	
Fri 01-30	St Martina, <i>Virgin & Martyr</i>	3/R	
Sat 01-31	St John Bosco, <i>Confessor</i>	3/W	
Sun 02-01	Septuagesima Sunday	2/G	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

Sun 01-25	(7 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frh)	(Not at SFdS)	
	(8 am) Vanessa maxwell & family (frf)		rb E Shryock
	(10:30 am) Fr Austin's intention (fra)		
	(1 pm) Fr Favole's intention (frf)		
Mon 01-26	(6:30 am) Fr Favole's intention (frf)		
	(9 am) Dan Segal (frh)	(Not at SFdS)	rb C Frazier
Tues 01-27	(6:30 am) Fr Hathaway's intention (Not at SFdS)		
	(12 noon pm) Michael Tario		rb M Tario
Wed 01-28	(6:30 am) Legion of Mary Deceased members (Not at SFdS)	rb Legion	
	(9 am) Tom Lammers	(Not at SFdS)	rb P Anderson
Thu 01-29	(6:30 am) Luke Mosher		rb J Cvitkovic
	(12 noon) St Gerard Ministry		rb St Gerard Ministry
	(7:30 pm sung Mass) In gratitude to our patron saint (frh)		
Fri 01-30	(6:30 am) Ian Fincher		rb C Kurlinski
	(7 pm) conversions		rb L Le
Sat 01-31	(7 am) Olga Torres		rb P Anderson
	(9 am) Tommy Kinsella		rb T Kinsella
Sun 02-01	(7 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frh)		
	(8 am) Fr Austin's intention (fra)		
	(10:30 am) Ok Soon Lee (frf)		rb M Choi
	(1 pm) FssP		

Today, the Church Unity Octave ends.

This week, Fr Hathaway remains away until, God willing, January 28; he takes those Mass intentions with him as seen above), Thursday, St Feast of St Francis de Sales, in gratitude to our patron saint, an added special 7:30 pm sung Mass. Be there or be square!

Last week's collection: cash \$6,209.00; online \$7,216.00 total: \$13,425.00
Attendance: 7 am-32; 8 am- 182 ; 10:30 am- 313 ; 1 pm-174; 701 total souls.

Please pray for: Sydney Markich & family (12/28).

Bring old palms to church & place in the bin in the vestibule. They will be burned and returned to you on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

Up-coming: Monday, February 2, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a feast of the Lord of the 2nd class. Before Mass, there is the blessing of candles and a procession. (The blessing & procession will occur at the 9 am Mass; we will process once around the building.) The celebrant wears a white cope. After the procession, Mass begins immediately with the incensing of the altar and Introit, omitting the Prayers at the Foot of the altar. Candles are lit and held during the procession, the Gospel, and throughout the Canon. (Please, no candles to children or to those who are fascinated by fire or curious about dripping wax.) **Also**, beginning February 2, the Marian antiphon is *Ave Regina Caelorum* is said until Wednesday of Holy Week, inclusive. **If you would like your candles to be blessed** on Feb. 2, please bring them on Sunday or Monday, and place them outside the sanctuary before the St Joseph altar. Identify them as yours; St Francis de Sales catholic Church is not responsible for any lost candles.

We now have a CCD class for special needs students, Cupertino Family Circle. The next meeting will be Feb 8 in room 13.

The Guild of St Stephen is an international archconfraternity of altar servers who are trained to assist at the altar at Holy Mass and other liturgical ceremonies. We are seeking boys and young men who would like to be trained for this special function. The Guild holds its monthly meeting, training, and recreation on the 1st Saturday of each month beginning with the 9am Mass and ending by 12:45. Interested parties may speak with Fr Favole or contact Scott Calta, Guild President at CatholicRitualist@gmail.com

Maxim of St Francis de Sales

Daily strengthen yourself more and more in the resolution, which you formed with so much affection, of serving God according to His good pleasure.