

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN
& MASS SCHEDULE

28 OCTOBER 2018
TWENTY-THIRD
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Confessions: 30 minutes
before Sunday Masses;
on demand every day.

2nd Collections:

1st Sunday of the month *for the chapel loan reimbursement.*
3rd Sunday of the month *for the chapel/priory maintenance.*


Children's Catechism on Saturday:

Pre Confirmation: 14:00-14:45
Post Confirmation: 14:00-14:45
1st Communion: 14:45-15:30

Post Confirmation: 14:00-14:45
Older Group (13-18 years): 14:45-15:30

Mass Stipends:

One Mass: \$25
Novena: \$250
Gregorian Masses: \$1,000

SUN 28 October	23 rd Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class, green</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass
MON 29 October	Ferial day <i>4th Class, green</i>	18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
TUE 30 October	Feria <i>4th Class, green</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
WED 31 October	Feria <i>4th Class, green</i> Fast and Abstinence for SSPX members	7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass
THU 1 November	ALL SAINTS' DAY <i>1st Class, white</i> Holy Day of Obligation	7.00 – Low Mass 18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Sung Mass
 FRI 2 November	ALL SOULS' DAY <i>1st Class, black</i> <u>First Friday</u>	7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass 19.00 – Sung Mass <i>Benediction & first Rosary</i> 21.30 – Second Rosary 22.30 – Stations of the Cross 23.30 – Third Rosary
SAT 3 November	Our Lady on Saturdays <i>4th Class, white</i> <u>First Saturday</u>	6.30 – Meditated Rosary and Benediction 7.25 – Low Mass
SUN 4 November	24 th Sunday after Pentecost <i>(4th Sunday after Epiphany transferred)</i> <i>2nd Class, green</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bookshop. Have a look at the new titles, mostly on Saints and on Purgatory to spiritually prepare yourselves to the month of November. Condolence Mass offering cards are available for SGD 1 each (or pack of 10's or 20's).

Faithful Departed. You may submit the names of the faithful departed to be included in the Mass intentions and to be placed on the altar during the Month of November. Sheets in the vestibule.

Indulgences. From **1 to 8 November**, a **plenary indulgence** is granted for the souls in Purgatory if you **visit a cemetery** and pray for the faithful departed. On **All Souls' Day, 2 November**, a **plenary indulgence** is granted for the souls in Purgatory if you visit a church and recite one Our Father and the Creed.

Saturday Catechism. On November 3, we will hold the All Saints Party with the younger Catechism Children.

Absence. Fr. Patrick Summers will be back to Singapore on November 12.

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Donations to SSPX by cheque: make it payable to "Friends of the SSPX"



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA AND CHURCH SCANDALS

St. Catherine lived during a tumultuous time in the Church (14th century), when many priests were leading immoral lives and causing scandal for their flocks (although many holy priests lived during that time, too). She wrote *The Dialogue* after having a profound mystical experience. In the book, she has a conversation with God and asks Him several questions, which He answers in great depth. One of St. Catherine's requests is that God would reveal to her the sins of the clergy, so that she might intensify her "sorrow and compassion and restless longing for their salvation." (108) Because St. Catherine's motive is not judgment but only to be stirred to deeper prayers for the souls of the clergy, God grants her request and reveals to her the evil that His ministers are doing.

The Dignity of the Clergy

The Father begins His dialogue with Catherine reminding her of the great dignity of priests and prelates regardless of their personal sin. He tells her that "it is impossible to have a greater dignity than theirs" because He has made them "My Christs" (*Dialogue*, 113). This dignity attaches to the office and thus cannot be wiped away no matter how often the clergy attempts to deface it through personal sin. He is well aware that with this dignity comes a great responsibility and that "by sinning they are abusing the souls of their neighbors" and will one day have to answer for it; "Their dignity in being My ministers will no save them from My punishment...they will be punished more severely than all the other because they have received more from My kindness. Having sinned so miserably they are deserving of greater punishment" (121). Superiors are greatly guilty for turning a blind eye on scandals. The ministers "let My members grow rotten for want of correction... because of fear of losing their rank and position or because they themselves are living in the same or greater sins." It is as if they are blind leaders of the blind (117).



The Sins of the Clergy

The Father "reveals these miserable sins of theirs," the "stench which displeases not only Me...but the devils as well." "These sins are the sins which are so hateful to Me that for this sin alone five cities (Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboiim and Zoar) were struck down by My divine judgment. For My divine justice could no longer tolerate it, so despicable to Me is this abominable sin... So you see, dearest daughter, how abominable this sin is to Me in any person. Now imagine how much more hateful it is in those I have called to live celibately" (124).

Prayers and Penance for the Clergy

The Father continues: "Sometimes I reveal these miserable sins of theirs to My servants (just as I did to you) so that they may be even more concerned for their salvation and hold them out to Me with greater compassion, praying for them with sorrow for their sins and the insult they are to Me" (124). "Charity will make you put up with your neighbors with true patience by enduring pain, torment, and weariness no matter what their source. In this way you will flee and escape the leprosy" (124). In short, the Father is asking St. Catherine and each one of us not only for prayer, but for penance. We need "to fill up in our flesh what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His body, which is the Church" (Col 1:24). St. Catherine of Siena, pray for the Catholic Church!