

ON THE ETERNITY OF HELL

(adapted from St Alphonus Liguori's sermon for the 21st Sunday after Pentecost)

In today's Gospel, a master punishes a servant, of whom he had completely forgiven of a debt, because that servant did not forgive a small debt owed him by a fellow servant: "his Lord, being angry, delivered him to the torture until he paid all the debt." (Mt 28:34) Brethren, this scene prefigures the sentence of the eternal death prepared for sinners. By dying in sin, they die debtors to God for all their iniquities; and being unable to make any satisfaction in the other life for their past sins, they remain forever debtors to the divine justice, and must suffer for eternity in hell. Of this miserable eternity I will speak to-day: listen to me with attention.

1. The thought of eternity is a great thought: St. Augustine called it: *Magna cogitatio*. According to the holy doctor, God has made us Christians that we may think of eternity: "We are Christians that we may always think of the world to come." This thought has compelled many earthly nobles to renounce all their riches, and shut themselves up in the cloister, there to live in poverty and penance. This thought has sent so many young men into caves and deserts, and has animated so many martyrs to embrace torments and death, in order to save their souls for eternity. As exclaims St. Paul, "we have not here a lasting city, but we seek one that is to come." (Hb 13:14) This earth, dearly beloved Christians, is not our country; it is for us a place of passage, through which we must soon pass to the house of eternity: "Man shall go into the house of his eternity." (Eccl. 12:5) In this eternity the house of the just, a palace of delights, is very different from the house of sinners, which is a dungeon of torments. Into one of these two houses each of us must certainly go: "Into this or that eternity I must fall." (St Ambrose)

7. The torments of the damned shall never end nor be diminished in the smallest degree. The damned must for ever suffer the same fire, the same privation of God, the same sadness, the same despair: "In eternity there is no change, because the decree is immutable." (St Cyprian) This thought shall immensely increase their sufferings, by making them feel beforehand, and at each moment, all that they shall have to suffer for eternity. Of the happiness of the saints & the misery of the reprobate, the Prophet Daniel says: "They shall wake some unto life everlasting, and some unto reproach to see it always." (Dan 12: 2.)

8. These are not opinions controverted among theologians; they are dogmas of faith clearly revealed in the sacred Scriptures: "Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire." (Mt 25:41) Some say: The fire, but not the punishment of the damned, is ever-lasting. So speak the incredulous, but it is folly. For what other purpose would God make this fire eternal, than to chastise the reprobate, who are immortal? But, to take away every shadow of doubt, the Scriptures, in many other places, state that not only the fire, but punishment is eternal: "These," says Jesus Christ, "shall go into ever lasting punishment." (Mt 25:46); "Where the worm dies not, and the fire is not extinguished." (Mk 9:43); "The smoke of their torments shall ascend up for ever and ever." (Apoc. 16:11); and, "Who shall suffer eternal punishment." (2 Thess 1:9)

12. Let us conclude. Our eternal salvation should be the sole object of all our concerns: "The business for which we struggle, is eternity." (St Eucharis) Again, this is no small matter, but of utmost importance. When Thomas More was condemned to death by Henry the Eighth, his wife Louisa went to him for the purpose of tempting him to obey the royal command. "Tell me, Louisa," replied the holy man, "how many years can I, who am now so old, expect to live?" "You might," said she, "live for twenty years." "O foolish woman!" he exclaimed, "do you want me to condemn my soul to an eternity of torments for twenty years of life?"

13. If eternity were a doubtful matter, we ought even then strive to escape an eternity of torments; but no, it is not a "perhaps" but a truth of faith that after this life each of us must go into eternity, to be for ever in glory or for ever in despair. St. Teresa says, that it is through a want of faith that so many Christians are lost. As often as we say the words of the Creed, "life everlasting," let us enliven our faith, and recall there is another life, which never ends; and do all we can to secure eternal happiness. When eternity is at stake no security can be too great.



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Please call the office to arrange your Sunday Mass attendance.

No appointments are needed for daily Mass.

The Daily Mass Schedule is:

Monday at 12 noon; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:00 am and 9:00 am; Friday at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm; Saturday at 9:00 am.

The Sunday Mass Schedule is:

7:00 am; 8:30 am; 10:30 am; and 12 noon. [Call the office!] [The bookstore will open after the 8:30 am & 10:00 am Masses; items on the "Blessing Table" in the hall will be blessed after the 12 noon Mass.]

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

Please use only use the bathrooms in the vestibule.

In the Diocese of Venice, the Sunday obligation is dispensed until Sunday, November 27, 2020.

In Ocala:

Sunday Mass at 4:30 pm. (No need to call.)

Monday Mass at 7 am.

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 10-25	Christ the King	1/W	no comm. of 21 st Sunday
Mon 10-26	St Evaristus	4/R	
Tues 10-27	Feria (21 st Sunday after Pentecost)	4/G	
Wed 10-28	Ss Simon & Jude	2/R	
Thu 10-29	Feria	4/G	
Fri 10-30	Feria	4/G	
Sat 10-31	Saturday of Our Lady	4/W	
Sun 11-01	All Saints	1/W	no comm. of 22 nd Sunday



Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week in Sarasota

Sun 10-25	(7 am) President Donald Trump (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) FssP Confraternity intentions (12 noon) Reparation to the Sacred Heart	rb M & K Weber rb M/M T Van Gelderen
Mon 10-26	(12 noon) Francis M Meza	rb M/M Meza
Tues 10-27	(7 am) President Donald Trump (9 am) special intention	rb Galletto family rb M/M Leo Labrecque
Wed 10-28	(7 am) President Donald Trump (9 am) Virginia Strong+	rb F Kramer rb D Hrycyk
Thu 10-29	(7 am) Limbaugh family (9 am) Fr Joseph Pham	rb M Sutphin rb M/M L Truong
Fri 10-30	(9 am) President Donald Trump (6:30 pm) Rutkowski-Nazarian family	rb Hrycyk family rb A Nazarian
Sat 10-31	(9 am) Blessed Virgin Mary	rb a friend
Sun 11-01	(7 am) President Donald Trump (8:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (10:30 am) Edward M & Mary Meza (12 noon) Virginia Strong+	rb M Kuziel rb M Meza rb M/M Marchand

Today, the Feast of the Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ, one may gain a plenary indulgence by the public recitation of the Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Litany of the Sacred Heart (handouts provided); ideally, this is done before the Real Presence exposed in the monstrance which will be done at the discretion of the priest who offers that Mass (if this happens, expect a short sermon or no sermon); as our 40-hour exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 12 noon Mass, it may happen at this time as well (this devotion ends with a procession at 6 am on Tuesday morning).

Last Sunday's collection: \$ 3684.00; and **Mass attendance:** 7 am, 45; 8:30 am, 81; 10:30 am 88; 12 noon 48; for a total of 262 souls.

This week: Monday, Rosary after the 12 noon Mass; Tuesday, adult catechism from 6-7 pm; Friday, set-up for All Saints Day.

Please join us for an All Saint's Day Celebration for the kids on Sunday, Nov. 1, at 2 p.m. Children should come dressed up as a saint. There will be the procession, games, treats & chili! Please RSVP to Afra Beggy at beggybunch@yahoo.com.

All Souls Day schedule (Nov.2): On this day, a priest may offer three Masses; one for the faithful departed, one for the Holy Father's intentions, & one for any intention. **In Sarasota**, the 1st Mass will be offered at 11:30 am followed immediately by the 2nd Mass wherein Holy Communion will be distributed; the 3rd Mass will be offered at 6:30 pm. **[You may give the office names of deceased to be remembered at Mass through November.]** **In Ocala**, the 1st Mass will begin at 6:30 am followed immediately by the 2nd Mass at 7 am wherein Holy Communion will be distributed; the 3rd Mass will be offered at 6:30 pm.

Please pray for Kimberly Wells (10/25), Victoria Saenz (10/18), David Lojaco (10/18), President and Mrs. Trump (10/2), & Michael Tierney (9/28). (Prayer requests are posted for one month; renewable.)

Please join us for Advent Wreath Making and Cookie Exchange on Saturday, November 28 in Christ the King Hall, 10-12 pm. Cost \$15/ family. All supplies provided including live greenery and candles. One wreath per family. Please contact Jennifer Husmann: jennifer.husmann@gmail.com

"Bear with one another, forgive one another." (Cor 3:13) Last Sunday, Fr Hathaway said some children were acting like "wild animals" i.e., running amok, in the hall during Sunday Mass. Two persons corrected him. One preferred he first speak in appreciation of our children before giving a correction; another, that, in all her years, she has never seen children act so without a parent correcting them & to label children "wild animals" dehumanizes them, like the abortion industry does in calling a human embryo: "a bunch of cells." I apologize; and will do better next time. God bless you.

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