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November 2024

**Month of the
Holy Souls**

*For members
of our families
in Purgatory*

The
Saint
of
the
month

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Widow (1207-1231)



Elizabeth was the daughter of the just and pious Andrew II, king of Hungary, the niece of Saint Hedwig, and the sister of the virtuous Bela IV, king of Hungary, who became the father of Saint Cunegundes and of Saint Margaret of Hungary, a Dominican nun. Another of her brothers was Coloman, King of Galicia and prince of Russia, who led an angelic life amid the multiple affairs of the world and the troubles of war.

She was betrothed in infancy to Louis, Landgrave of Thuringia, and brought up from the age of four in his father's court. Never could she bear to adopt the ornaments of the court for her own usage, and she took pleasure only in prayer. She would remove her royal crown when she entered the church, saying she was in the presence of the Saviour who wore a crown of thorns. As she grew older, she employed the jewels offered her for the benefit of the poor. Not content with receiving numbers of them daily in her palace, and relieving all in distress, she built several hospitals, where she herself served the sick, bathing them, feeding them, dressing their wounds and ulcers. The relatives of her fiancé tried to prevent the marriage, saying she was fit only for a cloister; but the young prince said he would not accept gold in the quantity of a nearby mountain, if it were offered him to abandon his resolution to marry Elizabeth.

Once as she was carrying in the folds of her mantle some provisions for the poor, she met her husband returning from the hunt. Astonished to see her bending under the weight of her burden he suspected that she was carrying some of

the household provisions to give away to the poor while he was against it, he opened the mantle and found in it nothing but beautiful red and white roses, though it was not the season for flowers. God allowed the miracle that the food she was carrying to the poor turned into roses. He told her to continue on her way, and took one of the marvelous roses, which he conserved all his life. She never ceased to edify him in all of her works. One of her twelve excellent Christian maxims, by which she regulated all her conduct was, often recall that you are the work of the hands of God and act accordingly, in such a way as to be eternally with Him.

When her pious young husband died in Sicily on his way to a Crusade with the Emperor Frederick, she was cruelly driven from her palace by her brother-in-law. Those whom she had aided showed nothing but coldness for her; God was to purify His Saint by harsh tribulations. She was forced to wander through the streets with her little children, a prey to hunger and cold. The bishop of Bamberg, her maternal uncle, finally forced the cruel prince to ask pardon for his ill treatment of her, but she voluntarily renounced the grandeurs of the world, and went to live in a small house she had prepared in the city of Marburgh. There she practised the greatest austerities. She welcomed all her sufferings, and continued to be the mother of the poor, distributing all of the heritage eventually conceded to her, and converting many by her holy life. She died in 1231, at the age of twenty-four.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary's feastday
is on 19th November

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Dear Crusaders and Friends,

With the feasts of All Saints and All Souls at the beginning of the month, we are reminded again of the different purposes of prayer.

On 1st November we can pray **to** the Saints in Heaven, asking for their intercession to help us on Earth. On 2nd November we pray **for** the Poor Souls in Purgatory so that we may obtain for them an earlier release from that place of suffering.

On All Saints Day we rejoice with the individuals who are in Heaven already, both the recognised canonised Saints and the many other people who lived a good Catholic life, were very fervent and very faithful to their promises of Baptism, and so are now with God in Heaven.



Surely some will be from our family, or friends and acquaintances. And so we are happy that they may be with

God. What is more, they then can be intercessors for us because they will protect us, particularly we who are still related to them.

But we have no means of knowing who is in Heaven and whether they include the people we knew in life who died in the state of grace. This is because most people who will go to Heaven have to go to Purgatory first, to make full reparation, in the words of the Offertory at every Mass, for the daily sins, offences and negligences of their lives.

In these circumstances, we can become their intercessors pleading for them before God. By our prayers for the souls of the departed we perform an act of charity for which God will apply its merits to poor souls in Purgatory. They may be souls we know, because we asked a priest to offer Mass on their dates of birth or death, or any soul who needs prayers because, as Our Lady said in Fatima to the three shepherds, nobody prays for them.

Let us pray especially for all souls in Purgatory during November, the month particularly dedicated to them. But let us also specify in our prayers those we once loved when with us on Earth whom we miss. The best proof that we loved them genuinely is that we keep praying for them after God called them, showing that we still want their good which is to be with God in the eternal bliss of Heaven where we want to be, too, so that we may be reunited for ever.

God bless you all.

Father Vianney Vandendaele +
Chaplain of EC
in Great Britain & Ireland

I WANT HOLY GOD — LITTLE NELLIE

By Father Bernard des Ronces



CHAPTER 10 — THE CHILD OF MARY (3)

The prayer *par excellence* of Mary's children is the Most Holy Rosary. An Angel brought it to earth; Mary herself placed it in the hands and on the lips of Saint Dominic. The Church, through the mouth of the Popes and especially Leo XIII, never ceases to recommend it. When Mary deigned to appear at Lourdes, she held a Rosary on her arm, and it was while she was



praying with her own beads that Bernadette saw Mary smiling at her.

Nellie used to recite it every evening along with the nurse with great fervor and the most profound recollection.

She used to make the Sign of the Cross with a deeply religious respect, pausing between each invocation. After having piously kissed the Crucifix on her little blue rosary beads, she used to begin recitation in a gentle voice, stopping for a short moment at every *Ave Maria* in order to bring each bead to her lips. The prayer progressed slowly, and it was clear that Little Nellie was putting her whole soul into it. After each decade, she expressed the intentions for which she was offering it. They embraced the Universal Church, we may say, without forgetting poor sinners and the dear souls in Purgatory. The name of the Sovereign Pontiff was often in the mouth of the smallest but the most fervent of his children.

“One evening”, writes the Mother Superior, “while I was sitting

beside her little bed, I said to her: ‘Baby, do you want to chat, or would you prefer to say the Rosary?’”

“Let’s pray, Mother, let’s pray”, she answered with gusto.

And, taking her rosary beads in her hands, she said: “Let’s say the Virgin’s prayer”.



“I had barely uttered a few *Ave Marias* when I heard her say to me: ‘Mother, you’re not kneeling down!’”

“Without paying too much attention to this childlike advice, I continued until the end of the first decade, when she repeated (and

this time in a tone of reproach and authority): ‘Kneel down, Mother’.

“Such orders are not to be disobeyed. I had to finish the Rosary kneeling”.

Once more, Nellie had been the little apostle of devotion to Mary.

How can we not be certain that the Mother of God accomplished in her little servant the wonderful promises that Blessed Alain de la Roche made to those who are truly devoted to the Holy Rosary!

May all those who read these pages faithfully recite “the Virgin’s prayer” following Little Nellie’s example. There is nothing more advantageous for their salvation that I can advise and wish for them.

It is a fact that many priests have noted before me: daily recitation of the Rosary is the certain pledge of a sweet and holy death.

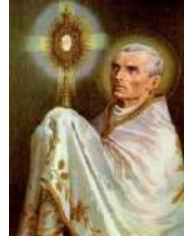
This was the case with our angelic child. She breathed her last on the day of the Purification of Mary, in an agony that resembled ecstasy.

The Rosary ticket that was drawn by lots for her bore this blessed date.

It was like a ticket for an eternal *rendez-vous* sent by “Holy God’s Mother” to her little servant.

To be continued.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION



Christmas and the Eucharist (1)

Parvulus natus est nobis.
A child is born to us. (Isaias 9:6)

Christmas is a lovely feast. We always greet it with joy. Our love gives it a new life, and the Eucharist is Its continuation. Bethlehem and the tabernacle are inseparably linked together; they complete each other. Let us study the relations that exist between the two.

The Eucharist was sown at Bethlehem. What is the Eucharist but "the wheat of the elect" and "the living bread"? Now, wheat must be sown. It must fall into the soil, and spring up, and ripen, and be harvested, and be ground before it can be made into good bread.



When He was born on the straw of the stable, the Word was preparing His Eucharist, which He considered the complement of all His other mysteries. He was coming to be united to man. During His life He would establish with man a union of grace, a union of example and of merit; but only in the Eucharist would He consummate the most perfect union of which man is capable here below. If we want to understand the Divine plan, we must not lose sight of the Divine idea, of that purpose Our Lord had in mind: a union of grace through the mysteries of His life and death; a physical and

personal union through the Eucharist. Both unions were to prepare the consummation of union in glory.

Just as a traveler never loses sight of the goal of his journey and directs every step towards it, so throughout His whole life Our Lord secretly prepared the Eucharist and brought it ever nearer.



This heavenly wheat was as it were sown at Bethlehem, the "House of bread." See the wheat on the straw. Trodden down and crushed, this straw represents poor humanity. Of itself it is barren. But Jesus will lift it into position in Him-self, will restore it to life, and will make it fruitful. *Nisi granum frumenti cadens in terram.* "Unless

the grain of wheat falling into the ground..."

This Divine grain has been sown. The tears of Jesus are the moisture that will make it grow into beautiful wheat. Bethlehem is built on a hill facing Jerusalem. When this ear of wheat has ripened, it shall lean towards Calvary where it shall be ground and shall be set on the fire of suffering to become a living bread.

Kings will come to eat of it and find it delicious: *Praebeatit delicias regibus.* "It shall yield dainties to kings." It is fit for the royal-nuptials of the Lamb: *Currunt Magi ad regales nuptias.* "The Wise Men hasten... to the marriage supper of the King." The Wise Men at that supper represented the kingly and self-possessed souls who today feed on this Bread of the Sacrament.

KNOW YOUR MASS



...THROUGH MY FAULT,
THROUGH MY FAULT,
THROUGH MY MOST
GRIEVOUS FAULT.

THE PRIEST
EXPRESSES SORROW
FOR HIS OWN SINS
FIRST.

WHILE HE IS DOING
THIS, SAY A PRAYER
FOR THE PRIEST WHO
IS SAYING THE MASS.
SINCE THE PRIEST IS
YOUR REPRESENTATIVE
BEFORE GOD, YOU
SHOULD PRAY FOR
HIM OFTEN.



THEREFORE I BESEECH
BLESSED MARY EVER
VIRGIN BLESSED MICHAEL
THE ARCHANGEL, BLESSED
JOHN THE BAPTIST, THE HOLY
APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL,
ALL THE SAINTS, AND YOU,
BRETHREN, TO
PRAY TO THE
LORD OUR GOD
FOR ME.



MAY ALMIGHTY
GOD HAVE MERCY
UPON YOU, FOR-
GIVE YOU YOUR
SINS, AND BRING
YOU TO LIFE
EVERLASTING.

AMEN.

SERVER: I CONFESS TO ALMIGHTY GOD, TO BLESSED MARY EVER VIRGIN, TO BLESSED MICHAEL THE ARCH-ANGEL, TO BLESSED JOHN THE BAPTIST, TO THE HOLY APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL, TO ALL THE SAINTS, AND TO YOU, FATHER, THAT I HAVE SINNED EXCEEDINGLY IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED THROUGH MY FAULT, THROUGH MY FAULT, THROUGH MY MOST GRIEVOUS FAULT. THEREFORE, I BESEECH BLESSED MARY EVER VIRGIN, BLESSED MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, BLESSED JOHN THE BAPTIST, THE HOLY APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL, ALL THE SAINTS, AND YOU, FATHER, TO PRAY TO THE LORD OUR GOD FOR ME.

PRIEST: MAY ALMIGHTY GOD HAVE MERCY UPON YOU, FORGIVE YOU YOUR SINS, AND BRING YOU TO LIFE EVERLASTING.

SERVER: AMEN.

THEN IT IS THE PEOPLE'S TURN TO TELL GOD THEY ARE SORRY FOR THEIR SINS.

← YOU SHOULD SAY THE CONFITEOR WITH THE SERVER. MEMORIZE IT IF YOU DON'T ALREADY KNOW IT.



THE NEW TESTAMENT

The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:11-23)



The Wise Men had visited Jesus in a house in Bethlehem when it is thought that he was approaching two years old. They had first visited Herod in Jerusalem and that wily fox had said he would also adore the new-born King of the Jews. He diligently inquired of them when the star had arisen and encouraged them to return to him and report where the child king was. But they were warned in sleep of his real intentions and returned to their own country another way.



And after the Magi were departed, behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise, and take the child and his mother, and fly into Egypt: and be there until I shall tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the child

to destroy him. Who arose, and took the child and his mother by night, and retired into Egypt: and he was there until the death of Herod: That it might be fulfilled which the Lord spoke by the prophet, saying: Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Then Herod perceiving that he was deluded by the wise men, was exceeding angry; and sending killed all the men children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremias the prophet, saying: A voice in Rama was heard, lamentation and great mourning; Rachel bewailing her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

The punishment of his dreadful crime was not long delayed. A few years after the bloody deed, Herod was stricken with a most loathsome disease

and died in fearful torments. Then the angel of the Lord appeared again unto Joseph in Egypt during his sleep, and said: "Arise, take the Child and His Mother, and go into the land of Israel; for they are dead that sought the life of the Child." Who arose, and took the child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But hearing that Archelaus reigned in Judea in the room of Herod his father, he was afraid to go thither: and being warned in sleep retired into the quarters of Galilee. And coming he dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was said by prophets: That he shall be called a Nazarene.

In the peaceful retirement of that town the Child Jesus grew in wisdom and in grace before God and men. What a Heaven on earth was that thrice-hallowed, though humble home in Nazareth!



What faith and obedience is shown by Mary and Joseph! Many thoughts might have occurred to them when commanded to flee into Egypt. "If," they might have said to themselves, "the Child is the Son of God, why is He so helpless? Why should the Son of the Almighty flee before the wicked king? Why did not the angel say how long we were to remain in the pagan country? How can we undertake such a long and dangerous journey without any preparation?" However, they gave no

ear to any such thoughts, but obeyed the divine commands precisely and promptly, and started forth, filled with confidence in God and submission to His holy will. They knew very well that God could have taken care of the Child in some other way, if He had so willed it; but as it was His will that the Child should be saved by flight, they consented willingly, although it was very painful to them to leave their own country, the Promised Land, and to expose the Child to so many privations.

The Holy Innocents gave their lives for Jesus, because Herod put them to death, thinking to reach Jesus through them. They were cleansed from original sin by the Baptism of blood, and taken to the Limbo of Patriarch where all the souls justified before the day of the Ascension went, waiting for the gates of Heaven to be re-open. Seeing that they lost their lives for the sake of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Church venerates them as martyrs and commemorates them on 28th December.

THE HOLY GHOST OUR GREATEST FRIEND

HOW ARE WE TO HONOUR THE HOLY GHOST IN OUR SOULS?



Duties towards the Holy Ghost Himself (2)

Fourth, by ejaculatory prayers to the Holy Ghost.

"Holy Ghost, God of Love, I adore Thee really and truly in my soul. Oh, give me Thy holy love."

"Holy Ghost, God of Peace, really and truly in my soul, give me Thy blessed peace, which surpasses all understanding."

"Holy Ghost, God of Light, really and truly in My soul, give me Thy blessed light, that I may see all things clearly."

"Holy Ghost, God of Joy and Consolation, really and truly in my soul, fill me with Thy joy and consolations."

"Holy Ghost, God of Strength, really and truly in my soul, give me Thy divine strength, that I may do all things well."

"Holy Ghost, God of infinite Sweetness and Goodness, really and truly in my soul, give me Thy seven Gifts, Thy Beatitudes and Fruits."

We can say these ejaculations, some or all of them, at night when we awake or during the day when working or at any time. They will keep us ever in the blessed presence of the Holy Ghost and bring us joy and consolation.



Fifth, by the practice of virtues.

All virtues please the Holy Ghost, but two attract Him most especially, viz., *humility* and *purity*. We should therefore use diligent care in cultivating these virtues and avoiding faults of pride, vanity and impurity.

HOLY SOULS CORNER

Saint Lidwina's vision of the terrors of Purgatory

Lidwina's Vision of Purgatory

A sinful man was converted by her prayers and exhortation and was able to make a good confession, but he died soon after, unable to do much penance. After some time, she asked her guardian angel if he was still in Purgatory, and she had this vision:

She Mistook Purgatory for Hell

“‘He is there,’ said her angel, ‘and he suffers much. Would you be willing to endure some pain in order to diminish his?’ Certainly,’ she replied, ‘I am ready to suffer anything to assist him.’ Instantly her angel conducted her into a place of frightful torture. ‘Is this, then, Hell, my brother?’ asked the holy maiden, seized with horror. ‘No, sister,’ answered the angel, ‘but this part of Purgatory is bordering upon Hell.’

Terrors of Purgatory



“Looking around on all sides, she saw what resembled an immense prison, surrounded with walls of a prodigious height, the blackness of which, together with the monstrous stones, inspired her with horror. Approaching this dismal enclosure, she heard a confused noise of lamenting voices, cries of fury, chains, instruments of torture, violent blows which the executioners discharged upon their victims. This noise was such that all the tumult of the world, in tempest or battle, could bear no comparison to it. ‘What, then, is that horrible place?’ asked Saint

Lidwina of her good angel. ‘Do you wish me to show it to you?’ ‘No, I beseech you,’ said she, recoiling with terror; ‘the noise which I hear is so frightful that I can no longer bear it; how, then, could I endure the sight of those horrors?’

A Spirit All On Fire

At these words, Lidwina cast an inquiring glance at her angel; she desired to see that soul which was dear to her, and endeavour to release it from that frightful pit. Her angel, who understood her, having taken off the cover of the well, a cloud of flames, together with the most plaintive cries, came forth. “Do you recognize that voice?” said the angel to her. ‘Alas! yes,’ answered the servant of God. ‘Do you desire to see that soul?’ he continued. On her replying in the affirmative, he called him by his name; and immediately our virgin saw appear at the mouth of the pit a spirit all on fire, resembling incandescent metal, which said to her in a voice scarcely audible, ‘O Lidwina, servant of God, who will give me to contemplate the face of the Most High?’

“The sight of this soul, a prey to the most terrible torment of fire, gave our saint such a shock that the cincture which she wore around her body was rent in twain; and, no longer able to endure the sight, she awoke suddenly from her ecstasy. The persons present, perceiving her fear, asked her its cause. ‘Alas!’ she replied, ‘how frightful are the prisons of Purgatory! It was to assist the souls that I consented to descend thither. Without this motive, if the whole world were given to me, I would not undergo the terror which that horrible spectacle inspired.’

“Some days later, the same angel whom she had seen so dejected appeared to her with a joyful countenance; he told her that the soul of his protegee' had left the pit and passed into the ordinary Purgatory. This partial alleviation did not suffice the charity of Lidwina; she continued to pray for the poor patient, and to apply to him the merits of her sufferings, until she saw the gates of Heaven opened to him.” (Purgatory, by Fr. F. X. Schouppe, S.J., p. 16-19).

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

Chapter 81. General Judgment

The General Judgment will take place at the end of the world. It is a public repetition of the particular judgment. Then all that each has thought, said, done, or omitted will be known to everybody. The just will receive their reward, and the wicked will be punished. At the General Judgment, Jesus Christ will be the Judge. Then complete justice will be meted out to all, to the souls united with their bodies .



What will take place on the last day ?

On the last day these events will take place:

1. The earth and the heavens will show signs; the stars will fall. In the heavens the sign of the Son of Man will appear. It is believed that this sign is the Cross.

"But immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give her light, and the stars will fall from Heaven... And then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in Heaven" (Matthew 24:29).

2. Jesus Christ, in great power and majesty, accompanied by the angels, will come in the clouds of Heaven.

"For as the lightning comes forth from the east and shines even to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be... And they will see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds of Heaven with great power and majesty" (Matthew 24:27, 30).



3. The trumpet will sound, and all the dead will spring to life in a moment; they will be instantly reunited to their souls, and come to judgment.

"Behold, I come quickly... to render to each one according to his works" (Apocalypse 22:12). "And he will send forth his angels with a trumpet and a great sound, and they will gather his elect from the four winds" (Matthew 24:31).

4. From these statements we are not to conclude that everybody will perceive the divine essence at the day of judgment. This cannot happen without completeness of joy; and the wicked can never see God

The lost souls will "see God" behind some kind of veil so that they do not delight in His divinity; they will have some kind of perception of His Majesty, and recognize His justice.

LITURGY THIS MONTH

*The month of November
is dedicated to
the Holy Souls in Purgatory*



*During this month, say often some prayers for the Poor Souls
and especially when you pass a cemetery.*

*It is a good habit to make then the sign of the Cross and say
"Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them".*

November 1st: FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

We praise God on that day for the immense number of Saints in Heaven and pray that we one day join them for our Eternal Happiness.

November 2nd: COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Special day to pray for the Holy Souls and remember that they rely on our prayers to come out of Purgatory and reach Heaven.

Last 3 Sundays after Pentecost

It is interesting to see the teaching of the Church throughout all the Sundays after Pentecost. Our Lord performs many miracles to teach men to love Him and trust in Him. The last Gospel of the Liturgical Year is that of the end of the world, so that we keep in mind the purpose of our life; which is Heaven.

The Mysteries of the Rosary - 14



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Crusader prays, receives Communion, makes sacrifices and shows good example for the intention that is given him each month by Reverend Father Davide Pagliarani, successor of Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre as Superior General of the Society of Saint Pius X



PRAAYER

November 2024 Intention:
For members of our families in Purgatory

Daily offering

To be recited every morning when you wake up

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, and in reparation for my sins. I offer them particularly

for members of our families in Purgatory



COMMUNION



SACRIFICE



APOSTOLATE

JULY/AUGUST 2024 RESULTS

The Intentions were so that priests and religious become saints and for all children who do not know Jesus

	Treasure Sheets returned	Morning Offering	Masses	Communions		Sacrifices	Decades of the Rosary	Visits to Blessed Sacrament	15 mins of meditation	Good Example	
				Sac.	Spirit.						
GB	9	231	76	73	293	527	1364	69	35	392	} July
Ireland	7	182	68	68	490	706	1133	67	64	525	
GB	11	321	139	130	339	616	1520	138	34	472	} August
Ireland	11	258	71	71	519	795	1296	60	78	578	

Remember that all the good works and prayers from your treasure sheets are given each month to Father Pagliarani and so that he may be able to offer them at his Mass on the first Saturday of every month.

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