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All Ends, Soon Ends...

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
- St. Alphonsus Liguori

Behold! all the goods of this Earth are like the grass of the field, which today is blooming and beautiful; but, in the evening, it withers and loses its flowers, and the next day is cast into the fire. This is what God commanded the Prophet Isaias to preach, when he said to him: "... All flesh is grass, and all the glory thereof as the flower of the field" -Isa., xl. 6. Hence St. James compares the rich of this world to the flowers of the grass: at the end of their journey through life, they rot along with all their riches and pomps. "the rich... as the flower of the grass shall he pass away. For the sun rose with a burning heat, and parched the grass, and the flower thereof fell off, and the beauty of the shape thereof perished: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways" - St. James, i. 10, 11. They fade away and are cast into the fire, like the rich glutton, who made a splendid appearance in this life, but afterwards "was buried in Hell"- Luke, xvi. 22. Let us, then, dearly beloved Christians, attend to the salvation of our souls, and to the acquisition of riches for eternity, which never ends; for everything in this world ends, and ends very soon.

First Point. Everything ends.

1. When one of the great in this world is in the full enjoyment of the riches and honors which he has acquired, death shall come, and he shall be told: "Take order with thy house; for thou shalt die, and not live" -Isa., xxxviii. 1. The unhappy man must then say: Farewell, O world! ...farewell, relatives! farewell, friends! farewell, sports!...farewell, banquets! farewell, honors! All is over for me. There is no remedy; whether he will or not, he must leave all... St. Bernard says, death produces a horrible separation of the soul from the body and from all the things of this Earth. -serm. xxvi., in Cant... Miserable the man who is attached to the goods of this world! Every separation produces pain. Hence, when the soul shall be separated at the stroke of death from the goods on which she had fixed all her affections, the pain must be excruciating... The great misfortune of worldlings is, that when they are on the point of being summoned to judgment, instead of endeavoring to adjust

the accounts of their soul, they direct all their attention to Earthly things. But, says St. John Chrysostom, the punishment which awaits sinners, on account of having forgotten God during life, is that they forget themselves at the hour of death...

2. But how great so-ever a man's attachment to the things of this world may be, he must take leave of them at death. Naked he has entered into this world, and naked he shall depart from it...In a word, they who have spent their whole life, have lost their sleep, their health, and their soul, in accumulating riches and possessions, shall take nothing with them at the hour of death; their eyes shall then be opened; and of all they had dearly acquired, they shall find nothing in their hands. Hence, on that night of confusion, they shall be overwhelmed in a tempest of pains and sadness...Antoine relates, that Saladin, king of the Saracens, gave orders at the hour of death, that the winding sheet in which he was to be buried should be carried before him to the grave, and that a person should cry out: "Of all his possessions, this only shall Saladin bring with him". The saint also relates, that a certain philosopher, speaking of Alexander the Great, after his death, said Behold the man that made the Earth tremble... He is now under the earth... St. Augustine said, or some other ancient writer, says, that, having gone to see the tomb of Caesar, he exclaimed: "Princes feared thee, cities worshiped thee; all trembled before thee; where is thy magnificence gone? - serm. xxxviii., ad Fratr. (Listen to what David says: - "I have seen the wicked highly exalted and lifted up, like the cedars of Libanus. And I passed by, and lo! he was not - Ps., xxxvi. 35, 36...)

3. "Why is earth and ashes proud?" - Eccl., x. 9. Such is the language which the Lord addresses to the man who is puffed up by Earthly honors and Earthly riches. Miserable creature, he says, whence comes such pride? If you enjoy honors and riches, remember you are dust. "For dust thou art, and into dust thou shalt return"- Gen., iii. 19. You must die; and after death, what advantage shall you derive from the honors and possessions which now inflate you with pride? Go, says St. Ambrose, go to the cemetery in which are buried the rich and poor, and see if you can discern among them who has been rich and who has



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Sundays
6:40—6:55 am
9:15—9:55 am

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6:40—6:55 am
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HOLY ROSARY

Sundays: 9:40 am
First Saturdays: 8:00 am

Thank you very much for your donations for the painting collection. We have received \$ 4,060 so far. Please, continue your donations each Sunday until we get \$ 9,000. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM Fr. Rodriguez: I have Mass intentions until September 12, and I'm making a new list for Bishop Morello also. You can see the list placed in the vestibule.

PAINTING THE CHAPEL

We are looking for donations to offset this expense. If you can help, please contact Joe Rotunda, Mr. McGuire, or Fr. Rodriguez. Envelopes will be in the back, and the money will be collected until September. Thank you.

Weekday Masses:

Remember that during School Year the Mass will be at 8:00 am. Monday to Friday. School starts Tuesday Sept. 8, 2015

been poor; - all are naked, and nothing remains of the richest among them, but a few withered bones.-lib. VI., exam. cap. viii. How profitable would be the remembrance of death to the man who lives in this world! "He shall be brought to the grave, and shall watch in the heap of the dead." Job, xxi.32. At the sight of these dead bodies, he would remember death, and that he shall be one day be like them. Thus he would be awakened from the deadly sleep in which perhaps he lives in a state of perdition, but the misfortune is, that worldlings are unwilling to think of death until the hour comes when they must depart from this Earth to go into eternity; and therefore they live as attached to the world, as if they were never to be separated from it. But, our life is short, and shall soon end: thus all things must end, and most soon end.

Second point. All soon ends.

4. Men know well, and believe firmly, that they shall die; but they imagine death as far off as if it were never to arrive. But Job tells us that the life of man is short. "Man born of a woman, living for a short time, is filled with many miseries. Who cometh forth like a flower and is destroyed" - Job, xiv. 2

At present the health of man is so much impaired, that, as we see by experience, the greater number of them die before they attain the age of seventy. And what, says St. James, is our life, but a vapor, which a blast of wind, a fever, a stroke of apoplexy, a puncture, an attack of the chest, causes to disappear, and which is seen no more?... "We all die", said the woman of Thecua to David, "and like waters that return no more, we fall down into the earth" - Kings, xiv. 14. She spoke the truth; - as all rivers and streams run to the sea, and as the gliding waters return no more, so our days pass away, and we approach to death.

5. They pass; they pass quickly. "My days", says Job, "have been swifter than a post" - Job, ix. 25. Death comes to meet us, and runs more swiftly than a post; so that every step we make, every breath we draw, we approach death. St. Jerome felt, that even while he was writing, he was drawing nearer to death. Hence he said: "What I write is taken away from my life"...Let us then say with Job: Years pass by and with them pleasures, honors, pomp, and all things in this world pass away, "and only the grave remaineth for me" - Job xvii. 1. In a word, all the glory of the labors we have undergone in this world, in order to acquire a large income, a high character for valor, for learning and genius, shall end in our being thrown into a pit to become the food of worms. The miserable worldling then shall say at death: My house, my garden, my fashionable furniture, my pictures and rich apparel, shall, in a short time, belong no more to me; "and only the grave remaineth for me".

6. But, how much so ever the worldling

may be distracted by his worldly affairs and by his pleasures-how much so ever he may be entangled in them, St. Chrysostom says, that, when the fear of death, which sets fire to all things of the present life, begins to enter the soul, it will compel him to think and to be solicitous about his lot after death. - serm. in II. Tim. Alas! At the hour of death, "the eyes of the blind shall be opened" - Isa, xxxv. 5. Then indeed shall be opened the eyes of those blind worldlings who have employed their whole life in acquiring Earthly goods, and have paid but little attention to the interests of the soul. In all these shall be verified what Jesus Christ has told them - that death shall come when they least expect it. "At what hour you think not, the Son of Man will come" - Luke, xii. 40. Thus, on those unhappy men death always comes unexpectedly. Hence, the lovers of the world are not usually warned of their approaching dissolution till it is very near, they must, in the last few days of life, adjust the accounts of their soul for the fifty or sixty years they lived on this Earth. They will then desire another month, or another week, to settle their accounts, and to tranquilize their conscience. But, "they will seek for peace, and there shall be none" - Ezech. vii. 25. The time which they desire is refused. The assisting priest reads the divine command to depart instantly from this world: "Proficiscere anima Christiana de hoc mundo". Depart, Christian soul, from this world. Oh! How dangerous the entrance of worldlings into eternity, dying, as they do, amid so much darkness and confusion, in consequence of the disorderly state of accounts of their souls.

7. "Weight and balance are the judgments of the Lord" - Prov. xvi. 11. At the tribunal of God, nobility, dignities, and riches have no weight: two things only - our sins, and the graces bestowed on us by God - make the scales ascend or descend. They who shall be found faithful in corresponding with the lights and calls which they have received, shall be rewarded; and they who shall be found unfaithful, shall be condemned. We do not keep an account of God's graces; but the Lord keeps an account of them; He measures them; and when He sees them despised to a certain degree, he leaves the soul in her sins, and takes her out of life in that miserable state. "For what things a man shall sow, those also shall he reap" - Gal. vi. 8. For labors undertaken for the attainment of posts of honor and emolument, for the acquisition of property and of worldly applause, we reap nothing at the hour of death: all are then lost. We gather fruits of eternal life only from works performed, tribulations suffered, for God.

8. Hence St. Paul exhorts us to attend to our own business. "But we must entreat you, brethren,.. that you do your own business" - I. Thess., iv. 10, 11. Of what business, I ask, does

MASS SCHEDULE

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| SUNDAY August 30 | XIV Sunday After Pentecost St. Rose of Lima, V | G | 7:00 am 10:00 am | Special Intention Missa pro Populo. |
| MONDAY August 31 | St. Raymond, C | W | 7:00am 7:30 pm | Mrs. Gazy <u>Rosary for Poor Souls</u> |
| TUESDAY September 1 | St. Giles, Ab | W | 7:00 am | Michael Dolan R.I.P. |
| WEDNESDAY September 2 | St. Stephen, King of Hungary , C | W | 7:00 am | Tondre Family |
| THURSDAY September 3 | St. Pius X, PC | W | 7:00am | Shirley O'Hara Cross R.I.P. |
| FRIDAY September 4 | Ferial Day, First Friday, Sacred Heart | W | 7:00 am | Helen Aivano R.I.P. |
| SATURDAY September 5 | First Saturday St. Lawrence Justinian, BpC | W | 7:00 pm. | Charles Mendes R.I.P. & Family |
| SUNDAY September 6 | XV Sunday after Pentecost. | G | 7:00 am 10:00 am | Superior's Intention Missa pro Populo |



MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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| August 30 | 9:30 am. | Fr. Bachtinger |
| September 6 | 5:00 pm. | Fr. Rodriguez |
| September 13 | 5:00 pm. | Fr. Rodriguez |
| September 20 | 9:30 am. | Fr. Bachtinger |

*Mass may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.
Call Mrs. Miriam Windfeld for any information: (856) 456 4232

Other Services: During school days, Holy Communion will be distributed after 7:00 am, when you done your Rosary; for those who work early.



NOTICE TO NEWCOMERS

Founded in 1973 in the wake of the disastrous Second Vatican Council, the mission of Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel is to maintain and restore as far as possible the traditional faith, values and liturgical practice of the Roman Catholic Church, and to provide a haven of sanctity where men and women of good will may grow in love for God and their neighbor.

Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and ask questions. After Mass come to the Social Hall, and join us for coffee and refreshments.

We hope your visit with us is a pleasant one, and we look forward to seeing you again and welcoming you as a member of Our Lady of the Rosary.

We welcome Spanish-speaking guests, and confessions are heard in Spanish and English every Sunday and by appointment with the pastor.

the Apostle speak? Is it of acquiring riches, or a great name in the world? No; he speaks of the business of the soul, of which Jesus Christ spoke, when He said: "Trade till I come" - Luke, xix. 13. The business for which the Lord has placed, and for which He keeps us on this Earth, is, to save our souls, and by good works to gain eternal life. This is the end for which we have been created. "And the end eternal life" - Rom., vi. 22. The business of the soul is for us not only the most important, but also the principle and only affair; for if the soul be saved, all is safe; but if the soul be lost, all is lost. Hence, we ought, as the Scripture says, to strive for the salvation of our souls, and to combat to death for justice - that is, for the observance of the divine law. "Strive for justice for thy soul, and, even unto death, fight for justice" - Eccl., iv. 33. The business which our Savior recommends to us, saying: Trade till I come, is, to have always before our eyes the day on which He shall come to demand an account of our whole life.

9. All things in this world - acquisitions, applause, grandeur - must, as we have said, all end, and end very soon. "The fashion of this world passeth away" - I. Cor., vii. 31. The scene of this life passes away: happy those who, in this scene, act their part well, and save their souls, preferring the eternal interests of the soul to all the temporal interests of the body. "He that hateth his life in this world, keepeth it unto life eternal" - John, xii. 26. Worldlings say: Happy the man who hoards up money! happy they who acquire the esteem of this world, and enjoy the pleasures of this life! O folly! Happy is he who loves God and saves his soul! The salvation of his soul was the only favor which King David asked of God. "One thing have I asked of the Lord, this will I seek after" - Ps., xxvi. 4. (That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.) And St. Paul said, that to acquire the grace of Jesus Christ, which contains

eternal life, he despised as dung all worldly goods. "I count all things as loss... and I count them as dung, that I may gain Christ" - Phil., iii, 8.

10. But certain fathers of families will say: I do not labor so much for myself as for my children, whom I wish to leave in comfortable circumstances. But I answer: If you dissipate the goods which you possess, and leave your children in poverty, you do wrong, and are guilty of sin. But will you lose your soul in order to leave your children comfortable? If you fall into Hell, perhaps they will come and release you from it? O folly! Listen to what David said: "I have not seen the just man forsaken, not his seed seeking bread" - Ps., xxxvi. 25. Attend to the service of God, act according to justice; the Lord will provide for the wants of your children; and you shall save your souls, and shall lay up that eternal treasure of happiness which can never be taken from you - a treasure not like earthly possessions, of which you may be deprived by robbers, and which you shall certainly lose at death. This is the advice which the Lord gives you - "But lay up to yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither the rust nor the moth doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" - Matt., vi. 20. In conclusion, attend to the beautiful admonitions which St. Gregory gives to all who wish to live well and to gain eternal life... Let the end of all our actions in this life be, the acquisition of eternal goods; and let us use temporal things only to preserve life for the little time we have to remain on this Earth. The saint continues: ...As there is an infinite distance between eternity and the time of our life, so there ought to be, according to our mode of understanding, an infinite distance between the attention which we should pay to the goods of eternity, which shall be enjoyed forever, and the care we take of the goods of this life, which death shall soon take away from us.

**IMPORTANT: The man who will paint the Chapel will start this Monday; I hope that with this painting collection we reach the amount.
Fr. Rodriguez.**

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