

ST. ALPHONSUS M. LIGUORI.

ON THE VALUE OF TIME

"A little while, and now you shall not see me." JOHN xvi. 16.

THERE is nothing shorter than time, but there is nothing more valuable. There is nothing shorter than time; because the past is no more, the future is uncertain, and the present is but a moment. This is what Jesus Christ meant when he said: *"A little while, and now you shall not see me."* We may say the same of our life, which, according to St. James is but a vapour, which is soon scattered for ever. *"For what is your life? It is a vapour which appeareth for a little while."* (James iv. 14.) But the time of this life is as precious as it is short; for, in every moment, if we spend it well, we can acquire treasures of merits for heaven; but, if we employ time badly, we may in each moment commit sin, and merit hell. I mean this day to show you how precious is every moment of the time which God gives us, not to lose it, and much less to commit sin, but to perform good works and to save our souls. O time, despised by men during life, how much shall you be desired at the hour of death, and particularly in the other world! Time is a blessing which we enjoy only in this life; it is not enjoyed in the next; it is not found in heaven nor in hell. In hell, the damned exclaim with tears: *"Oh! that an hour were given to us."* They would pay any price for an hour or for a minute, in which they might repair their eternal ruin. But this hour or minute they never shall have. In heaven there is no weeping; but, were the saints capable of sorrow, all their wailing should arise from the thought of having lost in this life the time in which they could have acquired greater glory, and from the conviction that this time shall never more be given to them. A deceased Benedictine nun appeared in glory to a certain person, and said that she was in heaven, and in the enjoyment of perfect happiness; but that, if she could desire anything, it would be to return to life, and to suffer affliction, in order to merit an increase of glory. And she added that, to acquire the glory which corresponded to a single Ave Maria, she would be content to suffer till the day of judgment the long and painful sickness which brought on her death. Hence, St. Francis Borgia was careful to employ every moment time for God. When others spoke of useless things; he conversed with God by holy affections; and so recollected was he that, when asked his opinion on the subject of conversation, he knew not what answer to make. Being corrected for this, he said: I am content to be considered stupid, rather than lose my time in vanities.

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Andrew's Catholic Church



3RD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
May 7th - May 14th 2017

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Liturgical Schedule

Sun. 07	3RD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (II)
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:00am	Low Mass followed by Benediction
Mon. 08	Feria (IV)
6:00 pm	Low Mass
Tue. 09	St Gregory Nazianzen, BC (III)
6:00 pm	Low Mass
Wed. 10	St Antoninus, BC (III) <i>Comm. of Sts Gordian and Epimachus, MM</i>
10:00 am	Low Mass
Thur. 11	Sts Philip and James, App (II)
6:00 pm	Low Mass followed by Novena & Benediction
Fri. 12	Sts Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla, V and Pancras, MM (III)
7:15 am	Low Mass
Sat. 13	St Robert Bellarmine, BCD (III)
8:00 am	Low Mass followed by Rosary & Benediction
Sun. 14	4TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER (II)
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:00am	Sung Mass

Confessions

<u>Sundays</u>	7:15–7:50 am	<u>Saturdays</u>	7:30–7:50 am
	9:10–9:50 am	<u>Other times</u>	Upon Request
<u>Thursdays</u>	5:30–5:50 pm		

Pilgrim Virgin Statue

May 7th: Paul & Christiane Stevens | May 14th: Hampton

Parish Notices

MAY PROCESSION

The May Procession will take place this year on Sunday 21st May. Please reserve this date in order to be able to attend and make this a truly special act of devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and Our Mother of Perpetual Succour. High Mass will be celebrated at 10am followed by the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the neighbouring streets and concluding with Rosary and Benediction at the church.

As in previous years a social gathering will be held at Thomas Street Reserve, 219 Thomas St., Hampton, after the conclusion of the ceremonies. Please bring lunch. A barbeque will also be provided (church donation) but supplies will be limited. Some children's and social activities have also been arranged.

THANK YOU!

The second collection taken at both Masses last week totalled the princely sum of \$1,852.35. This was a most generous gesture towards the work of training priests which is much appreciated. May God abundantly reward your generosity!

SCRIPTURE CLASS

Scripture class this coming Tuesday at 7:00pm.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your charity, please keep in your prayers, Aileen Donohue, Coby Van Yssel, Pauline Killeen, Francesco and Vince Lamattina, Barbara Wood, Richard Miller, David Dempsey and Luke Paksa.

+ Prayers for the Faithful Departed +

Of your charity please pray for the souls of the faithful departed, relatives, friends and benefactors of Our Lady's Church especially for Louis Dolan whose anniversary occurs this week.