



# Saint Philomena Roman Catholic Church

## *Traditional Catholic Latin Mass*

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*November – Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory*

**Monday, November 1**

6:00 PM

All Saints Day  
Fr. John Trough

**Friday, November 5**

6:00 PM

First Friday – Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart  
Private Intention

**Sunday, November 7**

9:00 AM

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Mass is taken from 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany)  
Private Intention

**Sunday, November 14**

9:00 AM

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Mass is taken from 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany)  
Pro Populo

**Saturday, November 20**

5:00 PM

St. Felix of Valois  
Private Intention

**Sunday, November 21**

9:00 AM

Last Sunday after Pentecost (Presentation of BVM)  
Pro Populo

**Sunday, November 28**

9:00 AM

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (St. Catherine Laboure)  
Pro Populo

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### Indulgences for the Month of November

\* A plenary indulgence for the Souls in Purgatory may be gained by any of the faithful from noon on November 1st to midnight, November 2nd, as often as they visit a church, either public or semi-public in suffrage for the Poor Souls, provided also that having gone to Confession and Communion and they say at each visit six Our Fathers, six Hail Mary's and six Glory Be's for the intention of the Church. This plenary indulgence may also be gained from noon on the following Saturday to midnight on the following Sunday, but only by those who did not gain it on the preceding November 1st and 2nd.

\* A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the dead, may also be gained by the faithful under the usual conditions during the period of eight days from the commemoration of All Souls' Day inclusive, and on each day of the Octave, when they visit a cemetery in a spirit of piety and devotion, and pray, even mentally, for the dead.

\* An indulgence of 3 years, once on each day of the month of November, may be gained by the faithful who recite prayers or perform other devout exercises in supplication for the faithful departed; a plenary indulgence if they perform these devotions daily for the entire month.

\* An indulgence of 7 years may be gained on each day of the month, by those who take part in public services held in a church or public oratory in intercession for the faithful departed; a plenary indulgence, if they attend at least fifteen of these exercises and fulfill the usual conditions.

## Excerpts from *How to Improve Your Disposition*

by Donald F. Miller, C.S.S.R.

### **On Forcing Kindness on Others**

There are many characters in the world who make themselves unpleasant and obnoxious by the fact that they insist on giving to others something that they do not want or constantly foist their will on others under the plea that this will make them happy, even though they sputter and protest against it. The world is full of examples. The wife who insists that her husband will enjoy a show or a drive into the country and makes him go for his own good, when all that he truly wants is to put on his smoking jacket and slippers and sit around the house, is a very common example. The wife who dictates to her husband in matters of taste in eating is another. She knows that he wants sugar on his grapefruit, though he says he detests it. She knows that he will enjoy cream in his coffee, even though he states that he prefers it black. Also the wife who goes shopping with her husband for clothes that he needs, and begins by saying "Now get whatever you like," and then proceeds to tell him what he likes and to let him buy nothing else, is a terrible example.

Husbands are also to be found with such unlikable characters. Thus there are men who think they can please their wives by forcing expensive jewelry upon them, when the latter have been begging for weeks for enough money to pay up long standing house bills. Friends are undesirable friends when they incessantly try to force "drinks" on their friends, who are sincere in saying they do not want them. Hosts and hostesses reveal a great weakness of character when they try to stuff their guests beyond comfort with food, and when they refuse to let them go home and get to bed so that they can do their work the next day.

Those who are in the habit of forcing their will on others under the guise of making them happy need to do some pondering on the old adage: "There can be no disputing about tastes." If their friends or wives or husbands, or guests state that they don't enjoy a certain pastime or recreation or refreshment, there is no charity in saying: "You must enjoy it. I'll make you enjoy it." Not to realize this is to endanger love in marriage, joy in friendship, and the esteem and honor of all one's associates.

### **On Asking Favors**

Much can be learned about an individual's character merely by studying the kind of favors he asks from others. There are, of course, two extremes in this matter. Some people never ask favors of others, even their best friends, because they are proud and independent. That is one kind of weakness. But the weakness of character being pointed out here is that manifested by the opposite extreme, i.e., by the asking of unreasonable favors. There are persons who think that friendship or relationship should make slaves of their friends and relations, and who prove their selfishness by asking and even demanding things beyond reason. Here are some examples of this weakness:

1. Weak and selfish people are everlastingly asking friends to do things for them that they could easily do themselves. The sole reason for making the request is their own sloth and laziness. They will ask their friends to do their shopping, to write their letters, to do their chores, etc. Sometimes they will ask such favors even when the friend will be gravely inconvenienced to grant them, while they themselves have little or nothing to do.

2. Weak and selfish people often ask favors of others such as they themselves would never for a moment nor under the gravest urgency consider doing for someone else. Thus amongst almost every group of employees there will be found one who frequently asks others to substitute for him (for example, that he may go fishing), but who is always too busy or dated up or unwell to substitute for someone else. Thus there are those who often give their friends the "privilege" of lending money to them, but who are always just "broke" or in straightened circumstances, when a friend asks to borrow a little from them.

3. It is also a sign of weakness when an individual asks another who is in a position of authority, on the plea of friendship or some other bond, to make an exception for him that would offend against justice and upset all order and rule. To ask a superior for favors that he cannot grant to one's equals, to invoke friendship for the purpose of inducing a holder of judicial, political, industrial or even fraternal authority to grant something contrary to distributive justice, would be to manifest great unreasonableness and pride.

Charity is a great virtue, and it is true that it is more blessed to give than to receive. But it must not be forgotten that charity, considerateness, and unselfishness should govern and control the matter and manner in which one asks for charity from others. In strong and likeable characters they always do.