

**The Church's Year – Rev Fr Leonard Goffine
Third Sunday after Epiphany**

When are we overcome by evil?

When we wish to take revenge. "Revenge is no sign of courage," says St Ambrose, "but rather of weakness and cowardice. As it is the sign of a very weak stomach to be unable to digest food, so it is the mark of a very weak mind to be unable to bear a harsh word." "Are you impatient," says the same saint, "you are overcome; you are patient, you have overcome."

What should we do if our reputation is injured?

We should leave its revenge, or its defence and protection to God, who has retained that for Himself. "But as a good name," says St Francis de Sales, "is the main support of human society, and as without it we could not be useful to that society, but even hurtful to it on account of scandal, we should feel bound, for love of our neighbour, to aim after a good reputation, and to preserve it." We should not be too sensitive about this, however, for too great a sensitiveness makes one obstinate, eccentric, and intolerable, and only tends to excite and increase the malice of the detractors. The silence and contempt with which we meet a slander or an injustice, is generally a more efficacious antidote than sensitiveness, anger, or revenge. The contempt of a slander at once disperses it, but anger shows a weakness, and gives the accusation an appearance of probability. If this does not suffice, and the slander continues, let us persevere in humility, and lay our honour and our soul into the hands of God, according to the admonitions of the Apostle.

How do we "heap coals of fire on the head of our enemy"?

When we return him good for evil, for seeing our well-meaning towards him, the flush of shame reddens his face for the wrongs he has done us. St Augustine explains these words thus: "By giving food and drink or doing other kindnesses to your enemy, you will heap coals, not of anger, but of love, upon his head, which will inflame him to return love for love." Learn therefore, from the example of Christ and His saints, not to allow yourself to be overcome by evil, but do good to those that hate and persecute you.

Aspiration: Ah, that I might, according to the words of St Paul, so live that I may be a child of the Heavenly Father, who lets His sun shine on the just and the unjust

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Confessions:

Sundays: 7:20-7:50am; 9:50-10:20am
Thursdays: 10:30-10:50am
First Fridays: 6:30-6:50pm
Saturdays: 8:30-8:50am

Liturgical Offices	
Sunday 24th January: Third Sunday after Epiphany (II cl)	
6:45 am	Low Mass
8:00 am	Low Mass
9:15 am	Low Mass
10:30 am	Sung Mass
5:30 pm	Vespers, Rosary & Benediction
Second Collection SCHOOL	
Monday 25th January: The Conversion of St Paul (III cl) <i>St Peter, Apostle</i>	
5:45 am	Low Mass
7:15 am	Low Mass
9:00 am	Low Mass
6:00 pm	Rosary followed by Low Mass
Tuesday 26th January: St Polycarp, BM (III cl)	
5:45 am	Low Mass
7:15 am	Low Mass
9:00 am	Low Mass
6:00 pm	Rosary and Benediction followed by Low Mass
Wednesday 27th January: St John Chrysostom, BD (III cl)	
5:45 am	Low Mass
7:15 am	Low Mass
11:00 am	Funeral Mass
6.00 pm	Rosary followed by Low Mass
Thursday 28th January: St Peter Nolasco, C (III cl) <i>St Agnes, VM</i>	
7:15 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Holy Hour followed by Mass
6:00 pm	Rosary followed by Low Mass
Friday 29th January: St Francis de Sales, BCD (III cl)	
7:15 am	Low Mass
9:00 am	Low Mass
6:00 pm	Rosary followed by Low Mass
Saturday 30th January: St Martina, VM (III cl)	
5:45 am	Low Mass
7:15 am	Low Mass
9:00 am	Low Mass and Novena to the Infant of Prague
Sunday 31st January: Septuagesima Sunday (II cl)	
6:45 am	Low Mass
8:00 am	Low Mass
9:15 am	Low Mass
10:30 am	Sung Mass
5:30 pm	Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

Parish Help	
Cleaning Roster – Saturday 30th January: Babate	
Morning Tea & Cakes – N/A	
8:00 am	N/A
10:30 am	N/A
In your charity, please pray for the souls of: Alice McKenzie (Simpson); Sarah Marjorie Katherine Cooley; Nora Heffernan; John Douglas McLeod; Estelle Beckingham; Brian Anthony Filan; Beatrice Muir; Ursula Poole; Margaret Parkes; Rita Hughes..	

Other Mass Centres Next Sunday, 31 st January, 2021	
Singleton: 10:00 am	

Rosary Crusade: From Saturday, 21 November, until Holy Thursday, 1 April, 2021, Fr. Pagliarani has asked us to pray the Rosary for the intentions of freeing the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass from restrictions and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Tally sheets for counting your rosaries are available in the vestibule and online at sspx.com.au

Eucharistic Crusade: January intention is to thank God for the graces received by the SSPX over the past 50 years.

Friday Catechism: Classes for adults (and Secondary School students) from 7:30 to 8:20 pm. Class this Friday, 22nd January.

Sunday Catechism: No further classes until the next school year.

Seminary Work Day: Holy Cross Seminary is calling on some assistance for a men's wood chopping day at the Seminary on Saturday, 6th February, beginning at 8:30 am. All equipment and protective equipment will be provided. The task will include collecting, stacking and splitting wood (with a hydraulic splitter). All meals will be provided and accommodation will be given on the Friday night before, and on the Saturday night following. A carpooling option may be available from Sydney. Please phone the seminary on (02) 4829 5177 to register your interest for what will be a good opportunity to meet new people, and contribute to the seminary.