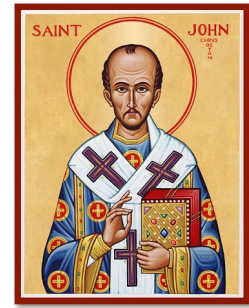


# Our Lady of Fatima Mission

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## January 27, 2024

### St. John Chrysostom, BCD

#### Mass Intention

David and Gabrielle Allen family (David and Gabrielle Allen)

Father is current accepting Mass intentions. Customary offering is \$25 per Mass.

#### Septuagesima

In order to console us in the midst of the combats, which so thickly beset our path, the Church, - like a beacon shining amidst the darkness of this our earthly abode, - shows us another Seven, which is to succeed the one we are now preparing to pass through. After the Septuagesima of mourning, we shall have the bright Easter with its Seven weeks of gladness, foreshadowing the happiness and bliss of Heaven. After having fasted with our Jesus, and suffered with him, the day will come when we shall rise together with him, and our hearts shall follow him to the highest heavens, and then after a brief interval, we shall feel descending upon us the Holy Ghost, with his Seven Gifts. The celebration of all these wondrous joys will take us Seven weeks, as the great Liturgists observe in their interpretation of the Rites of the Church:- the seven joyous weeks from Easter to Pentecost will not be too long for the future glad Mysteries, which, after all, will be but figures of a still gladder future, the future of eternity.

Having heard these sweet whisperings of hope, let us now bravely face the realities brought before us by our dear Mother the Church. We are sojourners upon this earth; we are exiles and captives in Babylon, that city which plots our ruin. If we love our country, - if we long to return to it, - we must be proof against the lying allurements of this strange land, and refuse the cup she proffers us, and with which she maddens so many of our fellow captives. She invites us to join in her feasts and her songs; but we must unstring our harps, and hang them on the willows

that grow on her river's bank, till the signal be given for our return to Jerusalem [Ps. cxxv]. She will ask us to sing to her the melodies of our dear Sion: but, how shall we, who are so far from home, have heart to sing the Song of the Lord in a strange Land? [Ps. cxxxvi]. No, - there must be no sign that we are content to be in bondage, or we shall deserve to be slaves for ever.

These are the sentiments wherewith the Church would inspire us, during the penitential Season, which we are now beginning. She wishes us to reflect on the dangers that beset us, - dangers which arise from our own selves, and from creatures. During the rest of the year, she loves to hear us chant the song of heaven, the sweet Alleluia! - but now, she bids us close our lips to this word of joy, because we are in Babylon. We are pilgrims absent from Our Lord [II Cor. v. 6]; - let us keep our glad hymn for the day of his return. We are sinners, and have but too often held fellowship with the world of God's enemies; let us become purified by repentance, for it is written, that Praise is unseemly in the mouth of a sinner [Ecclus. xv. 9]

#### Spiritual Life

O Jesus, be Thou our Teacher, Thou Who art not only the Mouth of Gold, but the Divine Word itself.

O Lord, Thou hast said, "He that commits sin is the slave of sin"; preserve me from this slavery worse than death.

Be filled with the sentiments of St. Catherine of Sienna, who called herself in her letters "the servant and slave of the servants of Jesus Christ."

#### Announcements

Christmas decorations will be taken down after Mass today. If you are able, please stay for a few minutes after Mass to assist.

Please join us for the Rosary. Sundays at 9 AM on Discord.

<https://discord.gg/K42TYCr>

If you are not receiving the mission newsletter, please contact Christy Hilliard, [cahilliard7@gmail.com](mailto:cahilliard7@gmail.com).

#### Prayer List

Please remember the following intentions:

Sharon Rose, Donna Perry, Michael Spann, Kathleen Weidner, Dennis Smith, Theresa Fishman, Father Trough, Success of the Mission

#### Upcoming

**January 28: Septuagesima Sunday**

**February 2: Purification BVM**

**February 10: Mass, 10 AM**

**February 14: Ash Wednesday**

**February 24: Mass, 10 AM**

#### Collections

Last Mass: \$620

Total Collections: \$620

Thank you for your generosity in support of the mission!

#### Dress Code

*Welcome! Out of respect for the True Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and for the edification of our neighbor, we kindly request that all who come to our parish observe the basic traditional Catholic standards of dress for church attendance:*

- Women and girls must cover their heads.
- Women and girls must wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee completely when standing or sitting. Slacks, shorts, sleeveless, tight or low-cut clothing, and dresses or skirts with long slits above the knees are not permitted.
- It is recommended for men and boys to wear suit coats and ties for Sunday Mass. Jeans and other casual attire are inappropriate for attendance at church.