

When there is question of benefits and graces of the second and third class, we must concede that perseverance or continuance in prayer is neither impossible, nor is it unreasonable. God is willing to grant us His almighty help, but at the same time He desires that we, being convinced of its necessity, implore it all the more eagerly, and thereby become more worthy to receive it when He shall be pleased to grant our petitions.

Resignation to the will of God is a necessary condition for the efficacy of our prayer. This quality of our prayer needs no lengthy explanation; its application to prayer is self-evident.

Finally the petition for a certain benefit, in order to be reasonable and permissible, must include the following two attributes: (a) The object prayed for must not be harmful, but profitable; (b) it must not be opposed to the will of God.

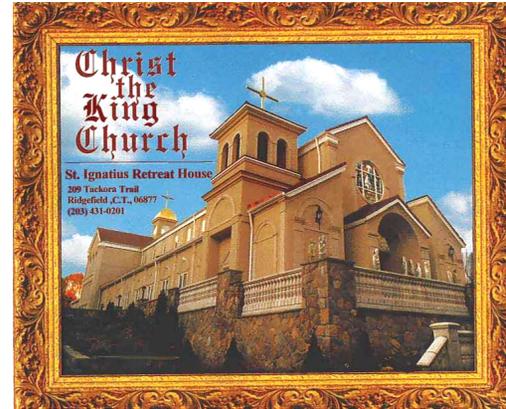
Conclusions.--Careful observation will convince us that prayer is often wanting in one or more of the above qualities. Often that which one seeks to obtain by prayer is not promotive of God's glory and of the salvation of souls, even considered from a human point of view, much less in the designs of Providence.

In cases where the object of prayer in itself presents no difficulties, it is often defective for want of devotion or perseverance. But oftenest our prayer is wanting in confidence and trust, which want originates in the feeble faith of the person praying, or in too little reliance on the promises of Christ and in the merits of His redemption. Thus there is nothing to surprise us if we are not heard.

Again, we must never forget that very many, and generally the most precious gifts of divine grace are bestowed secretly. Remember the many and great benefits conferred daily and hourly by God on mankind, universally and individually. Considering them, it is presumption to maintain that in a special case the prayer of the Church, or of a community, or of an individual, was not granted. The opposite is fully proved by the goodness, bounty, and mercy which God shows so profusely to us.

We must, moreover, never lose sight of the principle that the promises made to prayer concern directly only the supernatural order of salvation. To the goods of the temporal order they are applicable only relatively. If we, therefore, experience that our prayers relative to temporal things remain unheard, we must, instead of doubting the divine promises, be firmly convinced that the attainment of the object for which we prayed was, under the circumstances, not conducive to our real welfare. We must, moreover, be convinced that God, in order not to leave our petition ungranted, conferred on us some other real benefit

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## Perserverance in Prayer

*from How to Obtain Answers to Our Prayers  
by Fr. Rev. Bonaventure Hammer, O.F.M.*

Perseverance.--To understand properly in how far perseverance is a quality of prayer, we must, above all, know what may be the objects of our prayer. Of these there are three classes. To the first class belong those cases in which a person needs divine help at the present moment or at least at a time definitely near, and seeks it through prayer. Such a petition would be, for instance, to obtain the necessary and effective aid of divine grace for overcoming an existing transient temptation, or the conversion of a certain sinner approaching death. To the second class belongs the avoidance of temporal evils, or of continuous temptations, or the conversion of a certain sinner now in good health. To the third class belong such benefits which can be granted only for a later period, perhaps at the hour of death. The grace of final perseverance is the foremost among these.

Inasmuch as our prayer is directed toward the attainment of benefits of the first class, that is, of graces which we need immediately, perseverance can obviously not be an essential condition of our prayer. Either we can not attain our object by prayer, or a transient prayer which has the other necessary qualities must suffice for its attainment. The first supposition is contrary to the divine promises; therefore the alternative must stand.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Sanctuary Lamps: Church – Donna Wine †  
Chapel – Bernard Morrison †*

*Reminder: There are still many open slots for the Sanctuary Lamp list for August – December.*

- *In preparation for the next school year, St. Padre Pio Academy is asking for your help. Work day begins at 8:30am. Coffee, bagels/donuts after the 7:15am Mass in the Church and lunch will be provided.*

- ***Tuesday, August 8—Replacing all furniture in the school.***  
*Like the removal, this is a good job for your boys, too. Contact Fr Thomas at [d.thomas@fsspx.email](mailto:d.thomas@fsspx.email)*

- *Sincere thanks to all for your generosity & hard work during the great job done painting in the school & church vestibule.*

- ***Aug. 6*** – *Rosary/sacrifice tallies for July are due and can be deposited in the box provided in the vestibule. This the last month.*

- ***Aug. 7–12*** – *Women’s Ignatian retreat*

- ***Aug. 15 – Feast of the Assumption*** – *holy day of obligation -- Masses will be at **7:15 am** and **7:00 pm** in the church. The novena of preparation for the Assumption begins today. Suggested prayers: Litany of our Lady.*

- *The parish hall floor was striped and waxed yesterday and is completely off limits today to allow the wax to dry properly. Thank you for your cooperation. A sincere thank you to those who helped with this work.*

- *For those who are unable to travel to Fatima during this centenary year we are happy to offer this way to spiritually align your prayers whether for the pilgrims, or your own intentions, by signing up on the link below. Each morning, from August 11-19, you can receive this novena in your inbox with a short reflection and prayer in order to join our priests and pilgrims from afar.*

- <http://ssp.org/en/news-events/news/join-ssp-pilgrimage-fatima-spirit-signing-our-fatima-novena>

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday, August 6 – August 13, 2017**

<u>Sunday, Aug. 6</u> 7:00 AM 9:00 AM	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD Low Mass Low Mass <b>Blessing of religious articles</b>
<u>Monday, Aug. 7</u> 7:15 AM	St. Cajetan, <i>Confessor</i> Low Mass
<u>Tuesday, Aug. 8</u> 7:15 AM	St. John Marie Vianney, <i>Confessor</i> Low Mass (Christ the King Church)
<u>Wednesday, Aug. 9</u> 7:15 AM	Vigil of St. Lawrence, <i>Martyr</i> Low Mass <b>No evening Mass</b>
<u>Thursday, Aug. 10</u> 7:15 AM 6:00 PM	St. Lawrence, <i>Martyr</i> Low Mass Rosary and Benediction
<u>Friday, Aug. 11</u> 7:15 AM	De Feria/Sts. Tiburtius & Susanna, <i>Martyrs</i> Low Mass
<u>Saturday, Aug. 12</u> 7:15 AM	St. Clare, <i>Virgin</i> Low Mass
<u>Sunday, Aug. 13</u> 7:00 AM 9:00 AM	10 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Low Mass Low Mass