

SAINT PATRICK MANLEY

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SAINT MARY ELMWOOD

PRAYER TO SAINT MONICA FOR OUR CHILDREN: *The Plattsmouth Deanery Council of Catholic Women is asking our Ladies and Parishes to pray the Saint Monica prayer for conversions and for our children, especially those who have fallen away from the Faith.*

"O God, You are the comfort of those who mourn and the Savior of all who trust in You. Blessed Monica's loving tears move you to convert her son Augustine. Help us who pray to You, for the salvation of our sons and daughters, too. May we also grieve for our own sins and win the grace of your pardon through the intercession of this loving Saint, through Christ our Lord, Amen." Saint Monica pray for us!

From a letter by Saint Maximus the Confessor, Abbot:

The Mercy of God to the Penitent

“God’s Will is to save us, and nothing pleases him more than our coming back to him with true repentance. The heralds of truth and the ministers of divine grace have told us this from the beginning, repeating it in every age. Indeed, God’s desire for our salvation is the primary and preeminent sign of his infinite goodness. It was precisely in order to show that there is nothing closer to God’s heart than the Divine Word of God the Father, with untold condescension, lived among us in the flesh, and did, suffered, and said all that was necessary to reconcile us to God the Father, when we were at enmity with him, and to restore us to the life of blessedness from which we had been exiled. He healed our physical infirmities by miracles; he freed us from our sins, many and grievous as they were, by suffering and dying, taking them upon himself as if he were answerable for them, sinless though he was. He also taught us in many different ways that we should wish to imitate him by our different way that we should wish to imitate him by our won kindness and genuine love for

So it was that Christ proclaimed that he had come to call sinners to repentance, not the self-righteous, and that it was not the healthy who required a doctor, but the sick. He declared that he had come to look for the sheep that was lost, and that it was to the lost sheep of the house of Israel that he had been sent. Speaking more obscurely in the parable of the silver coin, he tells us that the purpose of his coming was to reclaim the royal image, which had become coated with the filth of sin. *You can be sure that there is joy in heaven, he said, over one sinner who repents. (Luke 15:10)*

To give the same lesson he revived that man who, having fallen into the hands of brigands, had been left stripped and half-dead from his wounds; he poured wine and oil on the wounds, bandaged them, placed the man on his own mule and brought him to an inn, where he left sufficient money to have him cared for, and promised to repay any further expense on his return.

Again, he told of how that father, who is goodness itself, was moved with pity for his prodigal son who returned and made amends by repentance; how he embraced him, dressed him once more in the fine garments that befitted his own dignity, and did not reproach him for any of his sins.

So too, when he found wandering in the mountains and hills, the one sheep that had strayed from the flock of a hundred, he brought it back to the fold, but he did not exhaust it by driving it ahead of him. Instead, he placed it on his shoulders and so, compassionately, restored it safely to the flock. So Jesus cried out: *'Come to me, all you that toil and are heavy of heart.'* "Accept my yoke", he said, by which he meant his commands, or rather, the whole way of life that he taught us in the Gospel. He then speaks of a burden, but that is only because repentance seems difficult. In fact, however, *my yoke is easy*, he assures us, *and my burden is light. (Mt. 11:30)* Then again he instructs us in divine justice and goodness, telling us to be like our heavenly Father, holy, perfect and merciful. *Forgive, he says, and you will be forgiven. (Mt. 6:14) Behave toward other people as you would wish them to behave toward you. (Matthew 7:12)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN, as you no doubt already figured, all Parish and Diocesan Lenten activities and scheduled retreats are either cancelled or on hold until further notice.

CHARITY & STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: The appeal pledge cards will be mailed out to our Parishioners this next week. Saint Patrick and Saint Mary Parishioners, please keep an eye out for an envelope with Saint Patrick's return address.

In regard to contributions to our Parish: Given that we may not be able to attend a Sunday Mass for a while, contributions can be mailed to **P.O. Box 27, Manley, NE 68403**. If it helps a little, contributions do not need to be mailed each week. Once a month (or two) would be fine and would save a few stamps. I hope and pray that we are not away from Sunday Mass for that long. My prayers and blessings to you all!

MARCH 15TH OFFERING:	ENVELOPES	PLATE	ENERGY	BUILD. & MAINT.	REGISTER	MOTHER'S DAY
SAINT PATRICK'S:	\$842.00	\$213.00	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$30.00	\$5.00
SAINT MARY'S:	\$617.00	\$109.00	\$20.00	\$20.0	\$85.00	

SEEKING THE MATERNAL INTERCESION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

*Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.*

*Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.*

*In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.*

*We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.*