



# ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

# *Friends In Faith*

### MEETING AND PRAYER GUIDE

Week of January 5, 2025

Epiphany of Our Lord

### APOLOGETICS (NOT AN APOLOGY)

Episode 6:  
"Purgatory"

### PRAYER FOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

*My Jesus,  
by the sorrows Thou didst suffer  
in Thine agony in the Garden,  
in Thy scourging and crowning with thorns,  
on the way to Calvary,  
in Thy crucifixion and death,  
have mercy on the souls in purgatory,  
and especially on those that are most forsaken;  
do Thou deliver them from  
the terrible torments they endure;  
call them and admit them  
to Thy most sweet embrace in paradise.  
Amen.*

### SCRIPTURE

**"Therefore, he made atonement for the dead, so that they might be delivered from their sin. (2 Maccabees 12:45)**

## [LINK TO THE VIDEO REFLECTION](#)

[https://youtu.be/\\_am9ybBPrEc](https://youtu.be/_am9ybBPrEc)

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## [QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION](#)

1. How do you view purgatory? Does it hold purpose for you?
2. What does it mean to be cleansed, both in this life and the one to come?
3. Do you pray for people who have died? Do you feel any connection to them?

## [PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE FOR THOSE IN PURGATORY](#)

*Eternal Father,  
I offer You the most Precious Blood  
of Your Divine Son, Jesus,  
in union with the Masses said  
throughout the world today,  
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,  
for sinners everywhere,  
for sinners in the Universal Church,  
those in my own home,  
and within my family.  
Amen.*

*For what else shall we pray? [Spontaneous prayers are welcome.]*

*For these spoken prayers and those we hold in our hearts,  
we ask that they be granted in accordance with God's Will,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## [RECOMMENDED LISTENING](#)

*Your Daily Homily* podcast is an archive of homilies from St. Philip The Apostle church. Listen to hundreds of homilies for free at *Your Daily Homily* on Spotify or by clicking the link below.

*"The Last Judgement"*  
(October 31, 2024; 9.5 mins)

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