24th Sunday after Pentecost

Tech Bites #4

By Fr Michael Kearney, SSPX

Our smartphone is too "smart" for our own good.

A hammer has one purpose: to hit things, but our smartphone is multi-purpose: it can make and receive calls, messages and emails; it can play music, videos and games; it is a navigation aid; it is a portal to the Internet; it is a camera, and a video camera; it is your planner and calendar, and it is even your wallet! Before the iPhone was released in 2007, each of the functions of your smartphone required separate devices.

When the brain perceives the smartphone, it perceives each of these functions, and perceives each of these devices. So one smartphone has the same attraction to us as all of those devices put together - no wonder it is so distracting. If we were able to remove these functions, either completely or at certain times, the smartphone would truly be a tool, and not a distraction.

Challenge: Consider what are the functions of the smartphone that you actually need? Split these up into those that you need all the time (such as phone and text and navigation), and those you "need" -- Or is it want? -- at certain times. Then remove all the apps and functionality (that you can) that you will not need at anytime.

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Regular Confession Times:

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, 8th November: Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (II cl) *Readings from the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*	
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:30 am	Sung Mass
5:30 pm	Vespers, followed by Rosary & Benediction
Monday, 9th November: Dedication of the Archbasilica of Holy Saviour, (II cl) *St Theodore, M*	
7:15am	Low Mass
8:45am	School Benediction followed by Low Mass
6:00pm	Rosary
Tuesday, 10th November: St Andrew of Avellino, C (III cl) *Sts Tryphon, Respicius & Nympha (V), Martyrs*	
7:15 am	Low Mass
9:00am	Low Mass
6:00pm	Rosary followed by Low Mass
Wednesday, 11th November: St Martin of Tours, BC (III cl) *St Mennas, M*	
7:15 am	Low Mass
9:00 am	Low Mass
6:00 pm	Rosary
Thursday, 12th November: St Martin, I PC (III cl)	
5:45 am	Low Mass
7:15 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Holy Hour for Vocations followed by Low Mass at 11:00 am
6:00 pm	Rosary
Friday, 13th November: St Didacus, C (III cl)	
7:15am	Low Mass
8:50 am	School Mass *with Solemn Communions and children's sermon*
6:00 pm	Rosary followed by Low Mass *(Confessions: Fr Stafki)*
Saturday 14th November: St Josaphat, BM (III cl)	
7:15 am	Low Mass
9:00 am	Low Mass *with sermon for St Stephen's Guild*, followed by Novena to the Holy Infant of Prague
6:00 pm	Rosary
Sunday, 15th November: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (II cl) *Readings from the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*	
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:30 am	Sung Mass
5:30 pm	Vespers, followed by Rosary and Benediction

2nd Collection: Parish

Eucharistic Crusade November Intentions: For the forgotten souls in Purgatory.

Katoomba Mass: Next Sunday, 15th November at 9:30 am.

Parish Help

Cleaning Roster – 14th November: Mr Cembrano

Morning Tea and Cakes: Sunday – 15th November

8:00 am	Mr & Mrs Macapagal	Coffee: Sophia Macapagal
10:30 am	Mr & Mrs Ardio	Coffee: Anisha Ardio

In your charity, please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this William Gough; James Martin; Suzanne Perez; Edith Margaret Molloy; Stanislaw Nitarski; Sydney Banner; Fides Roman; Shirley Daly; Fr. Edmond Louis Wery; Paolo Caraco; Manfried Wilding; Marjory Bernice Johnston.

Other Mass Centres Sunday, 15th November 2026

Singleton at 10 am	Katoomba @ 9:30 am

Sunday Catechism: Classes today for all ages. 9:40am to 10:10am. 3 classes left for the rest of the year.

Year 7+ Girls After-school Catechism: Class this Wednesday at 4pm.

Adult Catechism: Please join us this Friday at 7:30 pm for a class on the Apparition and Message of Our Lady of Good Success. There are only 3 classes left for the year. Bring a friend!

SSPX Superior General's Letter, 4th Nov: *The Virgin Mary vs. the Spirit of Assisi*. Please find and read this letter, easily available online and in the vestibule.

Men's Ignatian Retreat: 18-23 Jan 2027. Please register at goulburn@sspx.au

Month of November: November is especially dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. As well as offering up your Masses, daily prayers, sacrifices, good works and indulgences, you are welcome to fill out and return a Poor Souls Envelope. These will be placed on the altar as a secondary intention throughout the month of November.

Men's Working Bee: Please join us for the men's Working Bee on Saturday 21st November, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please plan to bring your own gloves and tools as needed. Questions? Contact Mr Peter Baxter: 9586 1837 / baxterpeter284@gmail.com The sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. *Last one for the year!*

Handmaids of Mary Meeting: This Saturday 14th November. Usual schedule, beginning with 7:15 am Mass. Last meeting for the year.

St Stephen's Guild Meeting: This Saturday 14th November. Usual schedule. Last meeting for the year.

St Dominic Savio School Prize-Giving: Please join us for the school prize-giving and end-of-year play on Sunday 29th November after the 10:30 am Mass.

100's Club Winners: Week 9– 1st prize $100: Miss McLeod,
2nd Prize $50: Mrs Janet Daher, 3rd prize: $25 – Mrs Almendrala