

October 29, 2023

29 de Octubre de 2023

SAINT ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH IGLESIA DE SANTA ANA

Berryville, AR

Mass Schedule/ Horario de misas

Wednesday/Miercoles 6pm

Saturday/Sabado 8:30am

Sunday/Domingo

Mass in English 11:00am

Misa en español 1:00pm

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You shall love the Lord,
your God, with all your
heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind.”
- Mt 22:37

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is offered at 9:00 am after the Saturday morning Mass and during the Holy Hour on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-5:45 pm /se ofrece a las 9:00 am después de la misa del sábado por la mañana y durante la Hora Santa los miércoles por la tarde de 5:00 a 5:45pm

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is on every Wednesday at 5:00pm and every First Friday from 7pm to 8am/ es todos los miércoles a las 5pm y todos los primeros viernes de 7pm a 8am.

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2023

I love you, Lord, my strength.
— Ps: 18

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
& INTENTIONS**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

11am: +Margaret Powers & Tommy, Bo & Judy Galloway

1pm: +Nicanor Romero Perez

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:00pm: +Felipa Deras, Alberta Castro de Aguilar & Juana Castro

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:30am: +Eric Grear

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

11am: +Chris Clifford

1pm: +Cristoval Lemus



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Please Pray For:

Terry & Pat Dean, Del Waller, Allen Nieves, Andrew Tovar, Gloria Spoon, Mary Lou Fuller, Amy

Tegley, Toni Meyers, Myrtle Tharp, Mike Tharp, Fred Becker, Tiffany, Jesse, Bill & Faye McKee, Mataya and Rayland Winburn, Maya Tamayo, Maria Sandoval, Maria Welch, Cindy Mitchell, David, Jane & Monica Reuter, Denise Reuter, Rodriguez Family, Baldwin Family, Elver Morales, Sebastian Camarillo, Chris Jablonski, June Sawyer, David Ingram, Barbara Strain, Larry Miller, Kathy Owen, and Norma Miller. Nursing home patients and homebound: Betty Blach, Kevin Harris, Bob Doss, Flo Fitzsimmons and Bill Jenkins. Our Military: Marissa Richter—Army Nat'l Guard, Jonathon Waller— Army, Michael A. Wilhelm— Army Reserve, Daniel Clifford— Chief Navy Officer, Thomas Dean— Corrections Officer, Robert Dean— EMT, Michael Alcala—Airforce. Our law Enforcement: Robert Bartos, Eric Richter, Mary Clifford, Josue Rangel, and all others in the Armed Forces & Law Enforcement.



*Our Seminarists
for the month of
October, 2023*

Quinton Thomas

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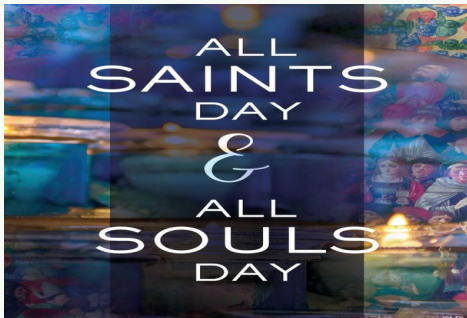
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**Steven
Wilson**

SEARCH #153 RETREAT

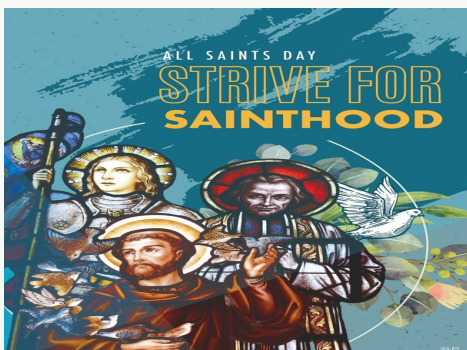
Registrations are now being accepted for Search #153, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. The December Search is open to high school juniors and seniors. Search #153 will be held at St. John Center, Little Rock, over the dates of December 1-3, 2023. The fee is \$150.00. For more information and registration forms visit our website at: <https://www.dolr.org/sites/default/files/documents/search-153.pdf>



Wednesday, November 1st is All Saints Day and is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Mass at the regularly scheduled time of 6pm.

November All Souls Altar

Please remember to bring in pictures of your deceased loved ones and place them in the box in the vestibule of the church. They will be on the altar throughout the month of November.



MATRIMONIOS ATREVANSE A VIVIR UN FIN DE SEMANA DE ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL - Restaura tu matrimonio con esta grandiosa experiencia. No dudes no tienes nada que perder, pero si puedes ganar mucho. **ENCUENTRA EL VERDADERO SENTIDO DE TU RELACION.** ¡CUPO LIMITADO! ¿DONDE? EN LA SAN BARBARA, DEQUEEN, EL 20, 21, 22 octubre, FECHA LIMITE PARA 23 OCTUBRE. PARA REGISTRARTE LLAMA AL 870-642-2256 O 773-213-9593.

Encuentro Matrimonial is Marriage Encounter in Spanish and is a program of 44 hours in which couples can leave work, children, housework, and telephone in order to focus only on each other. If you are looking to grow in your relationship, to make it more profound and to enrich it, then you will like the difference that a weekend of World-wide Marriage Encounter can make in your lives. The next weekend will be held October 20-22, 2023 at St. Barbara Church, DeQueen. For more information or registration, call 870-642-2256 or 773-213-9593. Space is limited.



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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 29, 2023

Sunday:

Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/
1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday:

Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday:

Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,6/
Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday:

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday:

Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/
Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Friday:

Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday:

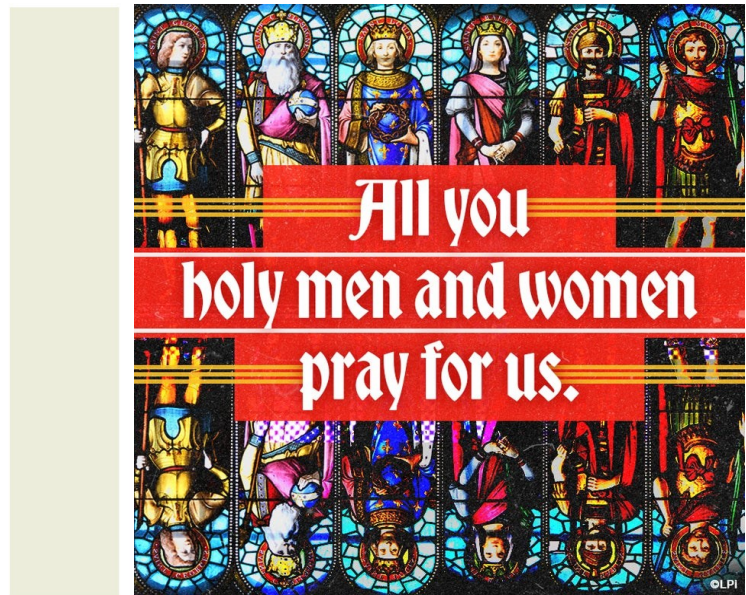
Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a,
14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday:

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In our secularized culture, we all struggle with belief in God, at least to some degree. An atheist man named Robert Bridges once wrote to his friend, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, asking how he could possibly learn to believe in God. Hopkins pithily responded: "Give alms." Would that help someone tempted by atheism today, like you and me?

I think so, and here's why. This week Jesus speaks of love for God and neighbor. These dual commands were nothing new when Jesus used them to sum up the Jewish law. What is new is the way he links them together in mutual dependency. In Jesus, God and man have become one. Human-love and God-love are now inseparably married forever.

The newness of the God-man means that there is now a permanently counter-intuitive way into the knowledge and love of God: love of our neighbor. To experience charity is to know God. That's what Hopkins was getting at for his friend. How we treat our fellow human beings is inseparable from faith in God. Do you want to have a stronger sense of God's loving presence and goodness? Commit to serving someone today and this week. Love him or her. Don't wait for love for God to appear in your heart before loving others. Jesus has united divine and human love. If you want to believe more in God, give alms.

— *Father John Muir*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans." (Ex 22:21-23)

Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading:

For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven. (1 Thes 1:9-10)

Gospel:

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Mt 22:37)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God became human to show us that only love can change the world. Let's not just believe in that love — let's be that love, each and every day.

Observances for the week of October 29, 2023

- Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** All Hallows' Eve
- Wednesday:** All Saints
- Thursday:** All Souls' Day
- Friday:** St. Martin de Porres, Religious
- Saturday:** St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week



Saint of the week

Blessed Father Francis Xavier Seelos was a German immigrant and Redemptorist priest deeply committed to serving those marginalized in the USA during the 1800s. He was known for his gentle and compassionate nature and his tireless dedication to the poor and the sick.

Prayer

O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer, let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight. I offer to You the grace You have bestowed on Your humble missionary, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.

May I have the same joyful vigor that Blessed Seelos possessed during his earthly life to love you deeply and live faithfully your gospel. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://seelos.org/prayers-to-bl-seelos/>)

Liturgical Life

One of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

- Mt 22:35-37

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

We hear today some of the laws that Moses received from God on Mount Sinai. Namely, God’s expectation that we show compassion for those most vulnerable in society. How could you show care for those in need this week?

Second Reading

Paul praised the Thessalonians for being role models of the faith for the surrounding regions of Achaia and Macedonia. How do you model your faith to family and friends?

Gospel Reading

For Jesus, love of God and love of neighbor and self are the most important commandments. Which of these commandments do you do best?



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LET US HOLD FAST TO HIM WITH ALL OUR SOUL, OUR HEART, OUR STRENGTH.
”

BISHOP

- ST. AMBROSE

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

27 Words That Matter

One of the quickest things you learn as a parent is how dangerous it is to explain too much, especially when your kid is teetering on the brink of a rebellion. The fewer words you use, the more power they have. A kid who is about to be carried away by their feelings needs to be brought back to earth with a tether made of short, succinct directions.

There are a lot of similarities between the Pharisees of Scripture and a toddler on the edge of a meltdown. Stay with me — this will make sense, I promise. Think about it: both toddlers and Pharisees have lots of feelings and lots of opinions. Both toddlers and Pharisees think you're out to get them. Both toddlers and Pharisees keep trying to trick you to get what they *think* they want.

A thorough Google search informs me that there are about 80,000 words in the Torah. Eighty-thousand words, and Jesus can boil it all down to 27: “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind” and “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

It doesn't make the excess words untrue; it doesn't even make them unnecessary. Sometimes I need the long explanation, the full and complete picture.

Because sometimes, as much as I hate to admit it, I act like both a toddler and a Pharisee. I am carried away by my feelings. I don't trust God. I am about to bolt.

When that happens, I need to be told in short and simple terms what my salvation means. I need a tether made of short, succinct directions.

“The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.” — Matthew 22:40

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is a sacramental seal and where did it come from?

Answer:

Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming, making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. A sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holy orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal “by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible” (#1121).

Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It's a spiritual “point of no return” whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by God to be his people. Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness.



PRAYERS IN THE PEW™

National Eucharistic Revival Supplement – October 2023

In this Year of the National Eucharistic Revival, we hope to have our hearts transformed like the disciples on the Road to Emmaus: the Light of Christ in the Eucharist burns within our hearts too!



THEME: THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Saint



Blessed Bartolo Longo (1841-1926) was a priest in a satanic cult in his youth. He credits the Virgin Mary and a zealous priest for saving him from the darkness. Afterward, he dedicated himself to promoting devotion to Mary through the Holy Rosary. It is believed that Blessed Bartolo composed the *Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary*, the fifth of which is the Institution of the Eucharist.

Back to Basics

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: There are many reasons why people cannot receive the Lord sacramentally in Holy Communion, and we are cautioned by St. Paul against receiving the Body and Blood of Christ unworthily (1 Cor 11:27).



The Eucharist, however, is *so full of light* that, even if we cannot receive Him sacramentally, we can still receive the *grace* of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass through an act of spiritual communion. According to our Catechism, the Eucharist actually keeps the Church – and our souls – *in existence*:

"The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being." (CCC, 1325)

Calls to Action



Disposition of Heart – Receiving grace, sacramental or otherwise, is entirely a question of how open our heart is to God's action. The Parable of the Sower (Matt 13:23) says we can receive thirty-, sixty-, or a hundred-fold.

Practice – Even if someone cannot go to *Communion* for whatever reason, we can always encourage that person to *go to Mass*. An immense treasury of grace overflows at every Mass like a river of light into the hearts of those who are disposed to receive it.

St. Peter of Alcantara used a glorious image for spiritual communion: *"Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces, and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them."* All that is necessary for us is to visit Him... and ask!

"That love-gance of my God / that smile of holy fire / Oh, this is heaven for me!"
~ St. Therese of Lisieux (Poem: *My Heaven on Earth*)

National Eucharistic Revival News and Resources

Keep up to date on preparations for the Eucharistic Congress in July of 2024, and get the Bishops' Spark Series – nine short daily reflections for Eucharistic renewal.

Make sure to get the official Prayers in the Pew *Eucharistic Revival Edition* prayer cards at www.SitStandKneel.com for evangelization resources to spread the Eucharistic fire!

OCTOBER 2023

PRAYERS IN THE PEW™ MONTHLY

FAITH IN ACTION CALENDAR / HIGHLIGHTS

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| MON OCT 2 | Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels |
| THU OCT 19 | North American Martyrs, Priests and Martyrs |
| MON OCT 23 | St. John of Capistrano, Priest |

Faith Formation Companion to Prayers in the Pew™

→ MONTHLY SYNOPSIS ←

October 2023 – October is completely filled with spiritual blessings! We celebrate Respect Life Month, the Holy Rosary, the Holy Angels, and an incredible array of saints (see calendar below). We are reminded this month to give thanks to God for all things, but especially for His gift of our Catholic Faith, which enriches our souls at every turn.

THE ANGELUS

A beloved but lesser-known prayer of our Catholic faith is the “Angelus”, a Latin word which means “angel”. The prayer is in the form of three verses and responses which repeat the dialogue of the Archangel Gabriel with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Annunciation (Luke 1). Each verse and response is followed by the *Hail Mary*.

The custom of praying the Angelus three times during the day (at 6 am, noon, and 6 pm) included the ringing of the Angelus Bell which called people to take time out of their busy workdays to pray. This custom has its roots in the great monastic traditions of the Benedictines and the piety of the Franciscans dating back at least to the 11th century. The prayer especially reminds us of the Incarnation of our Lord and the roles of the angels and Our Lady in the work of salvation.

This prayer is meant to be prayed in groups of two or more with a leader reciting the verse and the others offering the response, however it may be prayed individually with great spiritual benefit to the one who prays.

THE ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R. *And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*

(Hail Mary...)

V. Behold the handmaid of the LORD.

R. *Be it done unto me according to thy word.*

(Hail Mary...)

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. *And dwelt among us.*

(Hail Mary...)

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. *That we might be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE

Let's take the opportunity during this month of October to renew our devotion to the Holy Rosary. The challenge is to learn all the mysteries (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous) and to pray the Rosary both individually and in the family. Our Lady of Fatima asked the shepherd children to pray the Rosary daily, and we should too!

The US Bishops are inviting all Catholics to join them in the National Eucharistic Revival. From now until July of 2024 (when the National Eucharistic Congress takes place) we are endeavoring to strengthen our Eucharistic devotion and faith practice. As an aid to devotion, please download our Eucharistic Revival Supplement to this newsletter at our website (www.SitStandKneel.com).



— FAITH FUNDAMENTALS —



The Golden Rule

We're accustomed to thinking about "rules" as limitations on what we want to do. But when we talk about *the Golden Rule* we must think, instead, of a "ruler" – a yardstick that measures our own behavior.

In the Old Testament, behavior towards a neighbor was stated in the negative way: "Do not do to others what you yourself dislike" (Tobit 4:15). The teaching outlined a minimum type of justice: just don't hurt others. The Lord's words in the New Testament, however, raise the standard much higher. We are to evaluate and do what is positively good for our neighbor, the way we would want them to do good to us.

"Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. This is the law and the prophets." ~ Matthew 7:12

In other words, we are to measure "good" and "bad" in our relationships by our own basic human need to be treated fairly. If it's good for me... it's probably also good for thee.

— CATECHISM CONNECTION —



1776 Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment.

1970 The Law of the Gospel requires us to... put into practice the words of the Lord. It is summed up in the Golden Rule, "Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; this is the law and the prophets." The entire Law of the Gospel is contained in the "new commandment" of Jesus, to love one another as he has loved us.

CALENDAR OF FAITH | October

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| OCT 1 Sun | St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Dr. |
| OCT 2 Mon | Feast of the Guardian Angels |
| OCT 5 Thu | Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest |
| OCT 6 Fri | Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, Virgin |
| OCT 7 Sat | Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary |
| OCT 9 Mon | Sts. Denis, companions, Bishop and Martyrs |
| OCT 14 Sat | St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr |
| OCT 15 Sun | St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor |
| OCT 16 Mon | St. Margaret Mary Alcoque, Virgin |
| OCT 17 Tue | St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr |
| OCT 19 Thu | Sts. John de Brébuf and Isaac Jogues and companions (the North American Martyrs), Priests and Martyrs |
| OCT 20 Fri | St. Paul of the Cross, Priest |
| OCT 22 Sun | St. John Paul II, Pope |
| OCT 23 Mon | St. John of Capistrano, Priest |
| OCT 24 Tue | St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop |
| OCT 29 Sun | Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles |
| OCT 30 Mon | Vigil of the Solemnity of All Saints |

— BIBLE BASICS —



Colossians 3:12-13 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

— THE SCHOOL OF SAINTS —



At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in." ~ **Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

Praying with the National Eucharistic Revival

The Golden Arrow Prayer – May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.



All Saints (November 1)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we celebrate the saints who live in glory, and the vast number of people who have gone before us in the Christian life as “works in progress.” Reading any saint’s biography, you quickly become aware that they were persons singularly aware of their faults and sins, their human propensity to miss the mark. Penance is a recurring theme in their lives, and many found a “confessor” who coached them in the spiritual life.

Today, a new form of penance can coach us in our journey, because the setting is an assembly of the faithful. In this form, there is time given for people who wish to confess and be absolved to meet privately with a priest for a few moments. Before the community is dismissed, everyone joins in an act of praise for God’s mercy, usually by singing a hymn together. The individual part is not compulsory, and you can certainly participate fully and fruitfully without the individual confession. The joy of this liturgy is itself an impetus to change and to open up more fully to this wonderful gift of our faith. You have already been forgiven, of course. That was accomplished for you on the cross. It is the Christian task to open ourselves up, as did the saints, to the reality of that gift.

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All Souls’ Day (November 2)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week we have in All Souls’ Day a commemoration that is linked to the Halloween customs. The big-spending sugar shock holiday is a long way removed from November second’s grateful remembrance of the souls who are hidden from our sight, but alive to Christ. Old pagan superstitions might find us holding our breath when going by the graveyard, whereas others might actually go to the cemetery to tend the family graves, to share good food, and remember dear ones. Nowhere does a culture embrace this day as fully as in Mexico. The “Day of the Dead” is a national holiday that unfolds over three full days.

For three thousand years, the indigenous people of Mexico have been mocking death in an annual festival, and the invading Spaniards were shocked at the spectacle. To the Aztecs, life was a dream, and death was the entry into full life. Skulls were thus a symbol of joy and release from life’s sorrows. The missionaries found all this a bit creepy, but they moved the three-day feast from August to synchronize it with the Christian calendar. So today, graves are decorated, altars are built in the home to honor the family dead, children feast on candy skulls, and people dress up in elaborate skeleton outfits. The devout spend hours in the cemetery, and there is a lively sense of the communion of saints, the living and the dead.

No age of the Catholic Church's history is without its share of confusion and corruption. Still, even in moments when disorder may seem overwhelming, individuals and movements eventually arise to propose the faith with clarity and demonstrate it in action. St. Charles Borromeo, a central figure in the Council of Trent, is remembered on November 4, as a model of such leadership in difficult times.

The circumstances of Charles' birth, in 1538, could have easily allowed him to join the ranks of corrupt Renaissance-era clergy. He was born into luxury, the son of noble parents, with a guaranteed income comparable to modern "trust funds." Early on, however, the young man signaled his intention to go against the cultural grain. He announced his desire to serve the Church with sincerity, asking his father to give away the majority of the fund's money to the poor.

The young man relaxed through literature and music, taking no interest in the temptations abounding in Rome during the late Renaissance. He considered renouncing even this temperate lifestyle, for the strict observance of a monastery-- but found himself more urgently needed in the work of concluding the Council of Trent.

The Church's nineteenth Ecumenical Council had begun in late 1545, but experienced many delays. Its twofold mission was to clarify Catholic doctrine against Protestant objections, and reform the Church internally against many longstanding problems. As a papal representative, Charles participated in the council's conclusion in 1563, when he was only 25. He also played a leading role in assembling its comprehensive summary, the Roman Catechism (or Catechism of the Council of Trent).

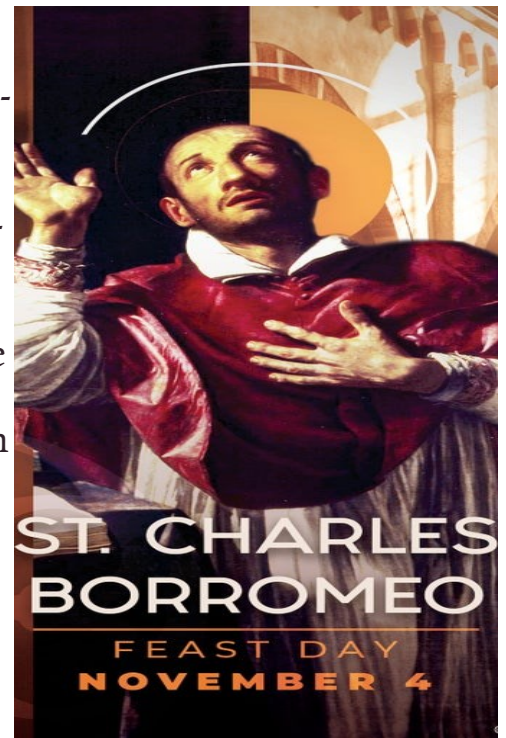
In reward for his labors, Charles received even greater responsibilities. Ordained a priest during the Council, he was named as archbishop and cardinal only months later. He found his diocese of Milan in a state of disintegration, after two generations of virtually no local administration or leadership. The new bishop got straight to work establishing schools, seminaries, and centers for religious life.

His reforms of the diocese, in accordance with the decrees of the council, were dramatic and effective, so much so that a group of disgruntled monks attempted to kill him. His survival was called miraculous.

The new archbishop's efforts for catechesis and the instruction of youth were especially fruitful, initiating the work of the Confraternity for Christian Doctrine and the first "Sunday School" classes. He also gave important pastoral attention to English Catholics who fled to Italy to escape new laws against the Catholic faith.

St. Charles Borromeo's amazing diligence, frequent travel and ascetic living eventually took their toll. The once young prodigy of the Papal Court also died young at the age of 46 on November 3, 1584. He was canonized 26 years later, in 1610.

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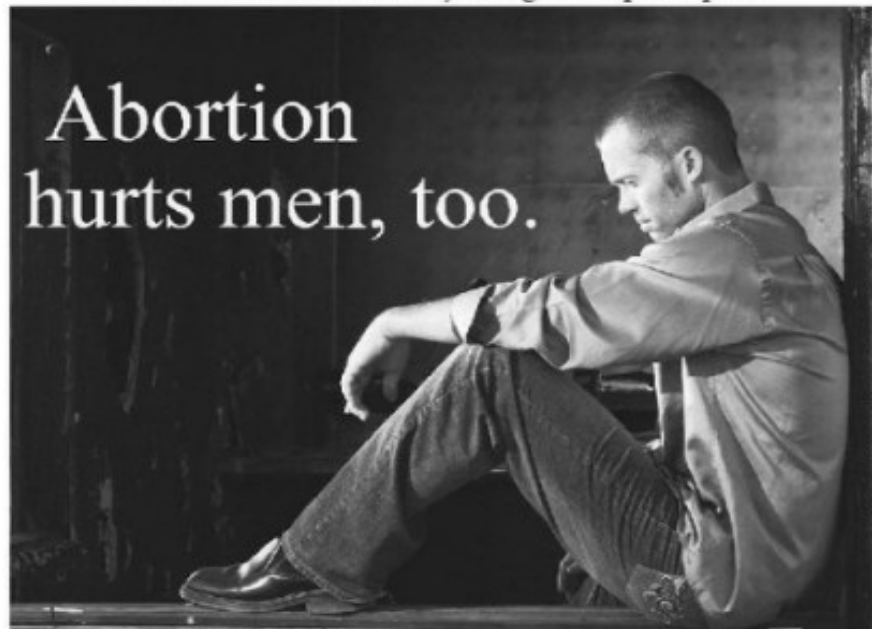
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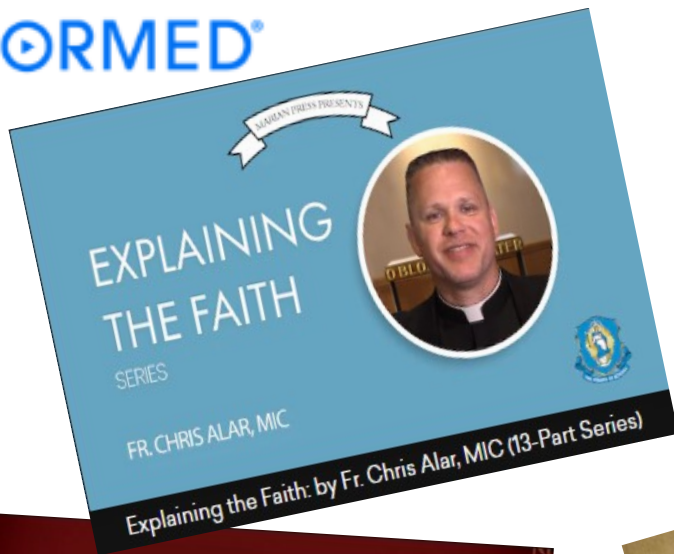
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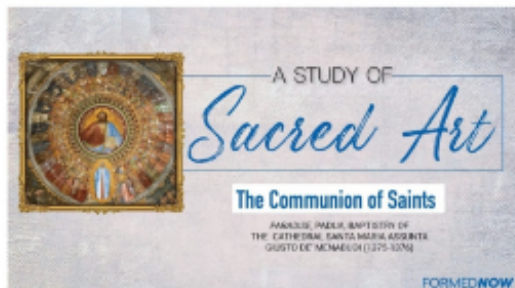
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