

From Your Pastor

Happy All Saints Day! Who Are the Saints?

St. Paul frequently begins his pastoral letters by announcing that he is writing “to the saints” or “to those called to be saints.” He is writing to men and women like you and me, and yet he addresses them as “the holy ones” or “the saints.” Why? Paul knows that God created us for holiness, for sainthood. He remembers well the exhortation of the Lord, “Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Mt 5:48). The Church takes up this theme at the Second Vatican Council. Chapter 5 of the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium, 39-40) is given over to “The Universal Call to Holiness in the Church.”

“39. The Church... is believed to be indefectibly holy. Indeed Christ, the Son of God, who with the Father and the Spirit is praised as “uniquely holy,” loved the Church as His bride, delivering Himself up for her. He did this that He might sanctify her. He united her to Himself as His own body and brought it to perfection by the gift of the Holy Spirit for God's glory. Therefore in the Church, everyone whether belonging to the hierarchy, or being cared for by it, is called to holiness, according to the saying of the Apostle: “For this is the will of God, your sanctification.” However, this holiness of the Church is unceasingly manifested, and must be manifested, in the fruits of grace which the Spirit produces in the faithful; it is expressed in many ways in individuals, who in their walk of life, tend toward the perfection of charity, thus causing the edification of others; in a very special way this holiness appears in the practice of the counsels, customarily called “evangelical” [poverty, chastity and obedience]. This practice of the counsels, under the impulsion of the Holy Spirit, undertaken by many Christians, either privately or in a Church-approved condition or state of life, gives and must give in the world an outstanding witness and example of this same holiness.

“40. The Lord Jesus, the divine Teacher and Model of all perfection, preached holiness of life to each and everyone of His disciples of every condition. He

Himself stands as the author and consumator of this holiness of life: “Be you therefore perfect, even as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Indeed He sent the Holy Spirit upon all men that He might move them inwardly to love God with their whole heart and their whole soul, with all their mind and all their strength and that they might love each other as Christ loves them. The followers of Christ are called by God, not because of their works, but according to His own purpose and grace. They are justified in the Lord Jesus, because in the baptism of faith they truly become sons of God and sharers in the divine nature. In this way they are really made holy. Then too, by God's gift, they must hold on to and complete in their lives this holiness they have received. They are warned by the Apostle to live “as becomes saints,” and to put on “as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience,” and to possess the fruit of the Spirit in holiness. Since truly we all offend in many things we all need God's mercies continually and we all must daily pray: “Forgive us our trespasses.”

“Thus it is evident to everyone, that all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity; by this holiness as such a more human manner of living is promoted in this earthly society. In order that the faithful may reach this perfection, they must use their strength accordingly as they have received it, as a gift from Christ. They must follow in His footsteps and conform themselves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history.”

HAPPY FEAST DAY!



God bless each of you.

Mrs. Fay

ALL SAINTS

Prayers Are Requested for those who are ill, for vocations to the Priesthood and to the Consecrated Life; for married couples and for families; for the safe return home of the men and women in our military services; for the prayers listed in our book of intentions; and for the repose of the souls of Marie Dunning, Alice M. O'Brien, Frederick Keyes, Elaine Hanagan, Si Chun Tsai and the deceased members of our parish, our families and our benefactors.

First Friday and the Eucharist: In order to strengthen the Eucharistic character of First Friday, the First Friday schedule is as follows: Mass at 7:00 and 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM (Latin). Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 9:30 AM until 12:00 Noon, for an increase of Vocations to the priesthood and Consecrated Life. Exposition will conclude with Benediction at 12:00 Noon. Sign-up sheets for adoration are available at the doors of the church.

REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED – You are encouraged to list your beloved deceased in the *Book of the Names of the Dead* near the San Donato Shrine in the upper church. We remember our deceased in a special way at Mass during the month of November. You may also use the special envelopes at the doors of the church to have your beloved deceased remembered at Mass on All Souls Day tomorrow, November 2nd.

Pastor's Parish Listening Session – Monsignor Fay will have his annual Pastor's Listening Session on **Saturday, November 7th, 2:30-3:30 PM, Upper Church in English** and **Sunday, November 8, 2:15-3:15, School Cafeteria in Spanish**. Please join us.

St. Columbkille School Open House will be on Sunday, November 1 from 12-3 pm. St. Columbkille School educates students in grades Pre-K through 8, while promoting educational opportunities and academic excellence for all. For more information visit www.stcolumbkilleschool.net or call 617-254-3110.

Thank You from the Dominican Sisters. They raised \$1,089.00 to aid in their work with lepers. God Bless you for your generosity.

EXTRA FLU SEASON PRECAUTIONS – In addition to practicing good hygiene, Cardinal Seán has directed the following for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and for flu prevention. These directives are effective Saturday, October 31, 2009 and remain in effect until the cold and flu season has come to an end.

1. The Holy Water fonts are to be drained, cleaned with a disinfecting soap, and re-filled with holy water on a regular basis. Please note that old holy water should be disposed of in the sacarium.
2. The distribution of the Precious Blood for the faithful is suspended, with the exception of those who must receive from the cup due to medical reasons. The faith of the Church teaches that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under only one species.
3. The exchange of the Sign of Peace is to be offered without any physical contact. If the priest celebrant chooses to extend the invitation for the sign of peace, the faithful, instead of a handshake, may bow to the persons nearby.
4. While the faithful retain the option of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand, all ministers of Holy Communion are advised to distribute the consecrated hosts with care, being cautious not to touch the tongue or the hand of the communicant.
5. Parishioners should be reminded that if they are ill or suspect they are ill with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. They should remain at home and return to church when they are well.

We thank you for your understanding and support of these directives, which aim to protect the health of our people.

Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul boxes as you leave Mass today.

PARISH GIVING

Parish Offertory (Oct. 24 – Oct. 25): \$4,347

Catholic Appeal (to date): \$38,411

St. Vincent de Paul (Oct. 24 – Oct. 25): \$685.35

Thank You for Your Generosity

**From a Homily on All Saints Day
by St. Bernard (d. 1153)**

Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feast day mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honors when their heavenly Father honors them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honor from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning.

Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of patriarchs, the ranks of the prophets, the council of apostles, the great host of martyrs, the noble company of confessors and the choir of virgins. In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them.

Come, brothers and sister, let us at length spur ourselves on. We must rise again with Christ, we must seek the world which is above and set our mind on the things of heaven. Let us long for those who are longing for us, hasten to those who are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to intercede for us. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnestly seek to share in their glory. Do not imagine that there is anything harmful in such an ambition as this; there is no danger in setting our hearts on such glory...

Therefore, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession.

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Masses for the Week

Sunday, Nov. 1 – All Saints

- (Sat.) 4:00 pm Jacob & Hortencia Sequeira &
Philip & Maria Pinto, Mem.
7:30 am Cedrone & Zaia Families, Mem.
9:30 am Carmelo & Agatina Torrisi, Mem.
11:15 am James & Pearl Kenny & Family, Mem.
12:45 pm *Missa pro Populo*
5:00 pm Lucio & Maria Loreta Pellegrini, Mem.

Mon. 7:00 am All Souls

Tue. 7:00 am Domenico, Lucia &
Maria Cirigliano, Mem.

Wed. 7:00 am Loreto & Mary A. Cedrone, Mem.

Thu. 7:00 am Neil Duffy, Mem.

Fri. 7:00 am Martha J. Maher, Mem.

Sat. 7:00 am Angelo & Julia DiMattia &
Vincent Gasbarro, Mem.

Sunday, Nov. 8 – 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

- (Sat.) 4:00 pm Anthony Drago, Mem.
7:30 am *Missa pro Populo*
9:30 am Deceased Members of Sodality &
The 9:30 Community
11:15 am Gloria Abren, Mem.
5:00 pm Anthony Baccari, Mem.

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ARISE Together in Christ

Gracious God and Father,
we enter into your presence
realizing you know us better than we know ourselves.
You know the cares and sufferings
we carry in our hearts.
You call us to holiness
and we trust you to lead us together
on our journey to be a renewed Church,
for with you all things are possible.
Create us anew in Jesus Christ your Son.
Liberate us from all that keeps us from you.
Heal us from every form of sin and violence.
Transform us to live your Word more profoundly.
Awaken us to the sacred; rebuild trust among us.
Enliven our parishes; reunite our families.
May your Holy Spirit empower us
to live as a community of love,
freed to share in your work
of recreating our world and restoring justice.
We believe you are doing something new,
calling us to arise together in Christ
to celebrate the fullness of life. Amen.

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LEVÁNTATE Unámonos en Cristo

Dios y Padre de infinita bondad,
acudimos a Ti sabiendo que nos conoces
mejor que nosotros mismos nos conocemos,
y sabes el peso que llevamos
en nuestro corazón.
Nos llamas a la santidad
y, porque para Ti todo es posible,
confiamos que nos guiarás unidos
por la senda que nos lleve
a ser una Iglesia renovada.
Créanos de nuevo en Jesucristo tu hijo.
Libéranos de todo lo que nos aleja de Ti.
Sánanos de toda forma
de pecado y violencia.
Transfórmanos para vivir
tu Palabra más profundamente.
Despierta en nosotros
la sed de lo sagrado.
Restaura entre nosotros la confianza.
Vivifica nuestras parroquias;
y reunifica a nuestras familias.
Que tu Espíritu Santo nos fortalezca
y nos congregue en una comunidad de amor,
liberados para servirte y continuar tu misión
de recrear el mundo y restaurar la justicia.
Creemos que haces algo nuevo,
con tu llamado a levantarnos en Cristo
para celebrar la plenitud de la vida. Amén.

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