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All Saints Day

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A TALE TOLD BY AN IDIOT

Most of us who can vote have voted. Before the vote, I received videos of a Catholic priest preaching his decidedly partisan views. Now with the election almost over, I feel free to share my decidedly non-partisan opinion.

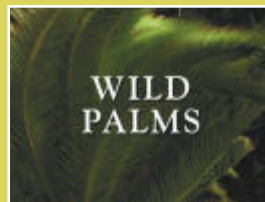
It is my opinion that who is elected President will make no difference. Politicians and bishops are attempting to protect their sand castles against the rising tide. In 25 years, the United States of America and the Catholic Church as we know them will be gone. By then I will be dead or 92, whichever comes first.

The cause of that demise is not in leaders but is embedded in the culture. The tide of secularization that began 60 years ago steadily has washed away the memories of American history and Christian history. The United States today is looked upon as a nation conceived upon slavery (*New York Times* 1691 Project), and Christianity (or any religion) has become a subject of study for anthropologists and historians, and an object of curiosity for many others (revealed in the Supreme Court nomination).

You won't find it nowadays, but in 1993 ABC broadcast the miniseries *Wild Palms* with Jim Belushi and Angie Dickinson. It depicted an America in 2007 where the government controlled the nation through the media. A resistance group, the Friends, held secret meetings in drained swimming pools connected by tunnels, like the catacombs were to Christians in the Roman Empire. In 1993 I watched all 5 nights, regarding it as a fantasy.

Not any more. Today we Christians worship in catacombs of livestreamed Masses under government control, until we are forced to broadcast from undisclosed locations. We will persevere, but not thanks to any political or religious leader.

Of course, I could be wrong, and what I've written could be what William Shakespeare called "a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." *Father Paul Pluth*



Sit, Kneel or Stand? What To Do at Mass

Here in the Pacific Northwest, everyone does their one thing during Holy Communion. Sit, kneel or stand? All three are happening at the same time!

To bring unity to our worship, Archbishop Etienne has legislated new laws for what to do at Holy Communion, based on the universal law, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)*.

Effective Saturday, November 28, Archbishop Etienne requires

1. After the *Holy, Holy* we **kneel** until after the *Amen* of the Eucharistic Prayer.
2. After the *Lord's Prayer* and *Peace*, we **remain standing during the Lamb of God**.
3. After the *Lamb of God*, we **kneel** until we go forward for Holy Communion.
4. When we return to our places after Holy Communion, we **may kneel or sit**.

EXCEPTIONS

At St Mary and in the Parish Hall at St Augustine, because we have no kneelers, you are **not required to kneel** (*GIRM* 43).

In these places, it is appropriate to stand from the *Holy, Holy* through receiving Holy Communion, after which you may sit.

If you prefer to **kneel** during the Eucharistic Prayer and again **after the Lamb of God**, that is your choice.

In any place, it is **improper to sit** during the Eucharistic Prayer, unless you are unable to sit or stand.

Next Baptisms are scheduled for February 13 (subject to change depending on Covid restrictions)

Baptism class is scheduled on January 9, Saturday from 9:00 am to noon on Zoom. Call Peggy Smith at 360-675-2303 ext. 5 to register, where you will receive instructions about the Zoom classes.

RCIA has begun, but you can still join.

RCIA is a process through which non-baptized adults or baptized adults of a different Christian denomination may enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

It is also for baptized Catholics who have not yet received First Communion and/or Confirmation

The Christian Initiation process is not a program. The process is a journey of faith...

- ...through the initial stages of asking and seeking
- ...through beginning involvement with Christian/Catholic people
- ...through hearing the Gospel proclaimed and by faithful reflection and prayer on this Word of God
- ...through study and discussion about Catholic experience
- ...through doubts and hesitations
- ...through discernment of God's call for them as individuals
- ...through the steps of commitment
- ...through the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist)

This process is for those who:

- Are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church;
- Have never celebrated baptism;
- Have celebrated Baptism in another faith and are interested in the Catholic Church;
- Are married to a Catholic and attend Mass but just don't know what the next step is to become one of the Catholic faithful.
- Or-are a Catholic who wants to further their understanding by taking a refresher course.

Call 360-675-2303 x 5 for more info.



HEBREWS: The New and Eternal Covenant

You are invited to join a Zoom Study of Hebrews by Jeff Cavins & Andrew Swafford. The study is on-going and is held on Mondays thru November 30, from 10am to 11:30am.

There are several options for you to participate:

Purchase a digital copy of the workbook and access to videos for 1 year—\$25.95

Purchase a physical and digital copy of workbook and access to videos for 1 year – \$26.95

Watch on Mondays with no workbook or access to videos.

We recommend options 1 or 2 if possible. You purchase these individually from Ascension Press. Go to Ascensionpress.com and create a sign in or use one you already have. Then select Menu on far right and “Join a Study”, enter our zip code and the study group has already been created.

Call Barb Dumit for more information (360-240-9509)

EVERYDAY SAINTS

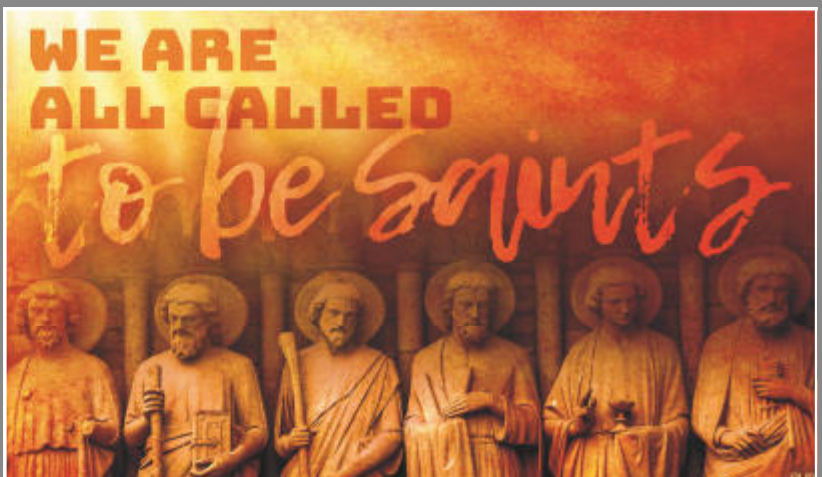
Growing up I thought saints were larger than life people with extraordinary stories. The thought that I could one day be revered as a saint by anyone seemed crazy. I wrote my essays on different saints every year in Catholic school right around All Saints Day. These were stories about people I had never met, and I assumed I would never meet anyone like them going forward.

Now that I am older, I realize that I was wrong back then and my immaturity of both mind and heart did not allow me to see that there are saints among us all the time. I have met many people in my life that I would call living saints. They are holy

people who give of themselves to God and others in profound ways. Their relationship with Jesus is evident and they live their lives in ways that people witness the transformative power of love.

As a child I was wrong about saints, but even more importantly, I didn't fully realize that all of us are called to be saints! Me, a saint? Holiness is not something simply studied in books. It is the way of life we are all called to live. The call comes from Jesus Christ and each of us must respond. If we are still thinking like children, we may choose to stay silent and live accordingly. If we are more mature in our faith then we might not only respond, we might one day have a school child write a report about us.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





Photographs of deceased family members and friends will be displayed on the Altar of Remembrance during the month of November, to pray for them. Mass will be offered for all the faithful departed on All Souls Day, Monday, November 2 at 9:00 am.



ST. A CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

FRIDAY, NOV. 6, 10 AM- 12 NOON
SATURDAY, NOV. 7, 9 AM-12 NOON
And after weekend Masses

Please call or email Barb Dumit to volunteer
360-240-9509 or tbdumit@comcast.net
MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES
Please see insert for more details.



LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Especially with regard to living the Gospel, we are not alone. A great cloud of witnesses journey with us offering us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. We look to them for the example of perseverance we desperately need in order to be faithful, and for what it means to "walk the talk!" The Beatitudes are indeed a blessed vision that people hunger to hear and embrace. But, they also clearly remind us that following Jesus is difficult. Poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy and peace making are not virtues readily accepted by the world. Pursuing a purity of heart and acknowledging the hunger of souls require not only a courageous stance, but a single-minded devotion to God. And, after going against the grain of the world and meeting resistance along the way, the true disciple may find themselves persecuted and paying a high price. Look to all the saints for the secret to happiness and the example of fidelity. Their lives speak volumes of how God can use even the weakest and most humble among us in tremendous ways. Saints are not even close to being perfect. They are just ordinary folks like us trying to give honor to God with their lives.

Mass Reservations

From Monday 9 am to Thursday 4 pm
You may make a reservation online
www.staugustineoh.org or by phone
at 360-675-2303 Ext. 23

Please take note: Make sure to list each person's first name in your reservation. Mass-goers not from the same household cannot be seated together.

No reservation & No mask, No entry.
NEW ENTRY INTO THE CHURCH WILL BE
THROUGH THE VESTIBULE.



Knight of Columbus will be selling "Keep Christ In Christmas" cards after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 9:30am Sunday Mass through November 22nd outside the vestibule area.
Beat the rush, get your cards early!

October 31 - November 7

Oct 31 Sat	4:00 pm Confession, PO 5:00 pm Vigil Mass (<i>Father Paul Pluth, INT</i>)
Nov 1 Sun	9:30 am Mass, Church (<i>Our Parishioners, INT</i>) 9:30 am Mass, Parish Hall 9:30 am Mass Livestream (<i>FB page: St Augustine Catholic Church</i>)
Nov 2 Mon	Office Unavailable Start of Reservations for November 7 & 8 Mass! (call the parish office or go to our website, www.staugustineoh.org) 9:00 am All Souls Day Mass (<i>All Souls in Purgatory, RIP</i>) 9:00 am All Souls Day Mass Livestream (<i>FB page: St Augustine Catholic Church</i>) 4:30 pm Agape
Nov 3 Tue	4:00 pm RE Online, 1st & 2nd Gr, Zoom 6:30 pm RE Online, 12th Gr, Zoom
Nov 4 Wed	10:00 am Fr Paul's Private Mass (<i>Ann Pauza, RIP</i>) 4:00 pm RE Online, 3rd & 4th Gr, Zoom 6:30 pm RE Online, Gr. 7/8 & 9/10, Zoom
Nov 5 Thu	4:00 pm RE Online, 5th & 6th Gr, Zoom 6:30 pm RE Online, 11th Gr, Zoom
Nov 6 Fri	10:00 am Fr Paul's Private Mass (<i>Felix Pangelinan, RIP; Rey Aldana, RIP; John Borras, RIP; Debbie Westbeld's mother, INT</i>) 10:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary, PG 11:00 am Private Prayer/Adoration, CH
Nov 7 Sat	No activity in the morning

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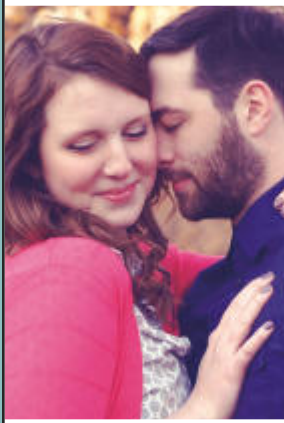
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