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A TALE TOLD BY AN IDIOT

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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.

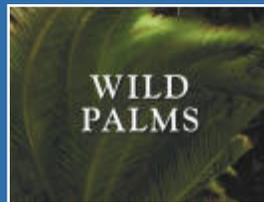
It is my opinion that who is elected President will make no difference. Politicians and bishops are attempting to protect their sand castles against the rising tide. In 25 years, the United States of America and the Catholic Church as we know them will be gone. By then I will be dead or 92, whichever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

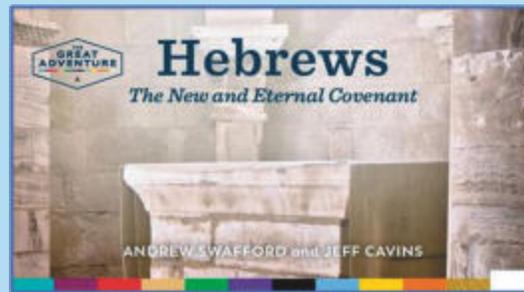
The Christian Initiation process is not a program. The process is a journey of faith...

- ...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)

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In Our Midst

One day my son came downstairs in our house and went into the kitchen to get himself a bowl of cereal. He had no idea I was in the front room quietly reading something on my smartphone. He poured his milk and reached to grab a spoon. At that moment, I simply said, "Hello." Startled, he jumped back from the silverware drawer and let out a scream. He would tell this story differently, but it certainly was a scream. He clutched his chest as if he had just seen a ghost. All I wanted to do was say hello.

We have all been startled by someone when we thought we were all alone. Sometimes that person in our midst was simply quiet and hidden from our view. Other times, we simply have our head and mind in the clouds to the point we are ignoring the fact we are not alone.

At times that person we don't see is Jesus. He might seem quieter some days, but he should never be hidden from our view. He is always there with us, in others, and sharing our everyday moments. When we fail to see him in our midst, it is easy to act in ways we wouldn't if we saw him directly in front of us. We become less giving and more self-centered. No one wants to be surprised one day when suddenly they realize they were not alone, especially if the one who startles us is our God. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Do you consider yourself spiritually mature and awake? We can become a little presumptuous in the Christian life and even put a little too much stock in God's mercy. We foolishly believe that in the end, God is going to give everyone a passing grade and all will be well. Therefore, until that time comes, I can remain mediocre in my faith disciplines and put aside the effort needed to go from okay to excellent. We can be accomplished procrastinators! The meeting of God face-to-face either when we die or when Christ comes again, whichever comes first, is not going to be as casual as we may think. There is no earthly meeting in our experience that can even compare to what it will be like to meet God. To say that we are going to be caught up in awe is an understatement. But, there is something even more significant than that to consider. If we haven't learned how to be attentive, recognize, and long for the holy of holies in this life, what makes us think we are going to recognize and desire it in the next? Pray for the wisdom to act prudently.

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!

November 7 - 14

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| Nov 7 Sat | 4:00 pm Confession, PO 5:00 pm Vigil Mass (<i>Celestina Manalansan, RIP</i>) |
| Nov 8 Sun | 9:30 am Mass, Church (<i>Enrico Abadesco, INT; Tom Dumit & the Dumit family, INT; Don Reay, RIP; Jeri Porter, RIP; Deceased of Koch-Regan Family, RIP</i>) 9:30 am Mass, Parish Hall 9:30 am Mass Livestream (<i>FB page: St Augustine Catholic Church</i>) |
| Nov 9 Mon | Office Unavailable Start of Reservations for November 14 & 15 Mass! (call the parish office or go to our website, www.staugustineoh.org) 4:30 pm Agape |
| Nov 10 Tue | 4:00 pm No RE 6:30 pm No RE |
| Nov 11 Wed | VETERANS DAY - Church & Office Closed No activity in Church No RE |
| Nov 12 Thu | 4:00 pm No RE 6:30 pm No RE |
| Nov 13 Fri | 10:00 am Fr Paul's Private Mass (<i>Father Paul Pluth, INT; Jessica Cates, INT; Steve Austin, RIP; Eileen Wagner, RIP; Cece Westbeld Kolza & family, INT</i>) 10:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet/Rosary, PG 11:00 am Private Prayer/Adoration, CH |
| Nov 14 Sat | No activity in the morning |

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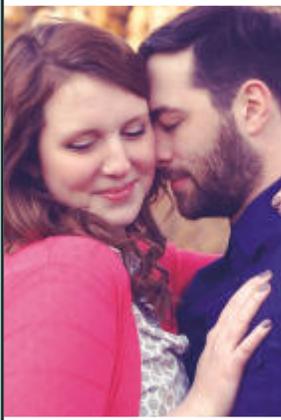
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