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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Sunday: 9:30 am (English) & 12:15 pm (Spanish)
Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: Noon Wednesday: 6:00 pm
Adoration: Wednesday 5:00 pm Private Prayer: Wednesday 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Saints Experience Joy Amid Sorrow

What is the unique characteristic common to every saint? It certainly isn't intelligence. You don't have to be super-smart to be a saint. St Christina the Astonishing was developmentally impaired, and yet she became a spiritual adviser to rulers and peasants alike. St Joseph Cupertino needed a literal miracle to pass his theology exams.

It certainly isn't good looks. St Rita of Cascia, a widow who entered the convent, was given a mystical vision of Christ's passion. Afterwards she experienced on her own forehead one of the wounds caused by Christ's crown of thorns. She bore the open wound on her face for the last decades of her life, and it was ugly and smelly. And yet, her spiritual beauty spread like sunlight all throughout Italy and down through the centuries.

The unique characteristic of saints isn't even a great personality. St Pio of Pietrelcina was ornery and temperamental. He used to be harsh and demanding even when he was hearing confessions. And yet, sinners from all over the world were drawn to his confessional. The unique characteristic isn't wealth and worldly success - we do have canonized saints who were empresses, but we also have those who were hermits and beggars.

The characteristic shared by all the saints, the one sure sign of mature holiness, is none of those things. Rather, it is the truly amazing ability to experience deep joy even in the middle of terrible sorrow. This is what Jesus means when he says that those who are poor, in mourning, and persecuted are blessed. Holiness is a mature friendship with Jesus Christ, a friendship so deep and strong that it allows us to experience the joy of eternal life even while still fighting the painful battles of our earthly exile.

Happy Solemnity of All Saints Day

Sacraments

Baptism, Marriage, & Anointing of the Sick – Call for appointment
First Communion, Confirmation & Religious Ed –
Sunday 11:00 am – 12 Noon
Youth Group – November 11 at 7:00 – 8:30 pm
OCIA – Thursday 7:00 pm
Confessions: Sunday: 8:45-9:15 pm & 11:30 am to Noon:
Saturday: 4:15 – 4:45 pm; Wednesday: 5:15 – 5:45 pm
and by appointment

Commemorative bricks~ Sunday, November 1 is the last day to order for this round of bricks. Forms are in the Narthex. Please make sure you let Father know if you would like a brick this time. You may pay at a later date.

Annual Catholic Appeal – Thank you to everyone who has given to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Because of the generosity of our Parishioners, we have been able to meet our goal. May God continue to bless us all.

Baked Spaghetti Fundraiser ~ pickup will be on Saturday, November 14. If you can come help, please do so. We will begin at 8:00 am. It is not necessary to stay all day, there will be plenty to do all day.

Saint Walk~ is this morning during coffee and donuts. We will have activities to help our little saints learn more about their Catholic Saints. All children are invited to come and enjoy the fun.

November Remembrance ~ We remember our deceased loved ones all month. Please remember to bring you pictures to display.

Prison Ministry Collection ~ we are taking collections for the Prison Ministry through Sunday, November 22. Cards and stamps, calendars, toiletries such as soap, shampoo, shaving cream, toothpaste and toothbrushes are needed. These are items that are luxuries to the prisoners. Please help if you can.

Angel Dancers ~ Our Christmas program will be Wednesday, December 16 following Mass. Angel dancers will begin practicing on Tuesday, November 3 at 7:00 pm. All kids interested in participating are welcome to come and join us.

Today's Readings can be found on page 942 in the St. Augustine Hymnal

Our Gifts to God:

Weekly Budget Goal: $2,875 Last Year's Offering: $2,415.15

Last Sunday's Offering: $2,960.96 (In pew: $2,685, Online: $275.96)

Children: $92

Harvest of Hope Goal: $128,508

Pledges Remaining: $21,685.24 Total Given: $57,625.73

DAILY MASS

October 31
No Mass

November 1
9:30 am Mass
Don & Theresa Dawson
12:15 PM Mass

November 2
9:00 am
Noon Mass
6:00 pm
Francisca Nguyen Thi Tam

November 3
No Mass

November 4
5:00 pm Holy Hour
6:00 pm Mass

November 5
Noon Mass

November 6
Noon Mass

You can scan the QR code to donate online.