

Welcome to The Church of the Sacred Heart

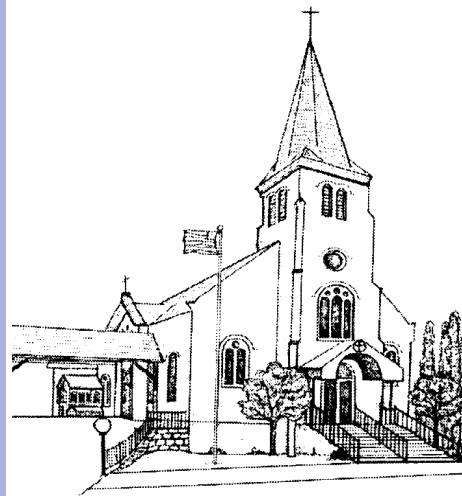
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Weekend & Weekday Masses

Saturday-Temporarily Suspended
Sunday 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am

Private Prayers:

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays-
8:30-Noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass
until Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions will be heard by request
after mass on Wednesdays or
by appointment.

Clergy

Pastor:

Fr. Shane Stoppel-Wasinger

Assisting Priest:

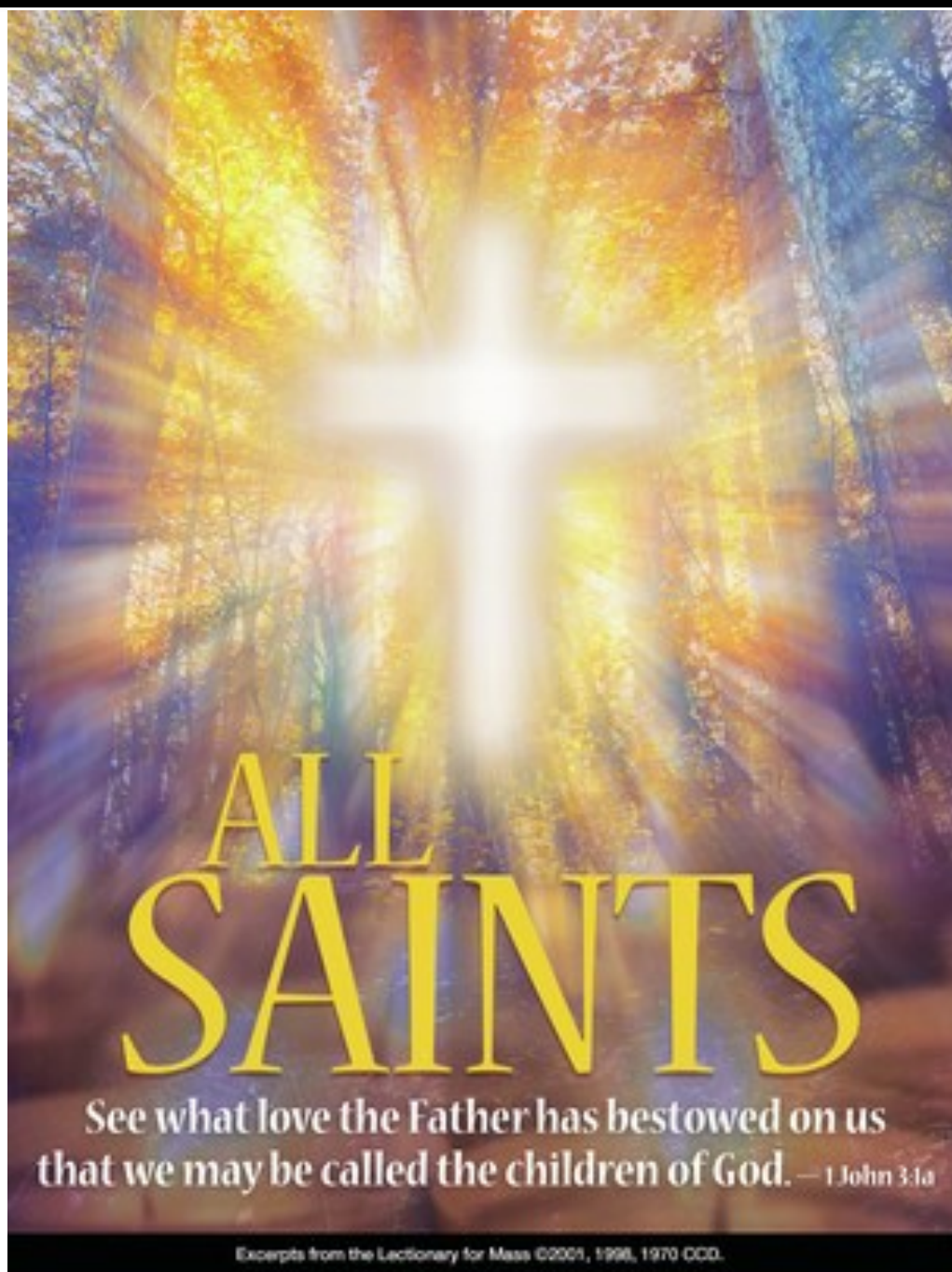
Fr. Chuck Brambilla
Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
8:00 am. - 12:00 pm.

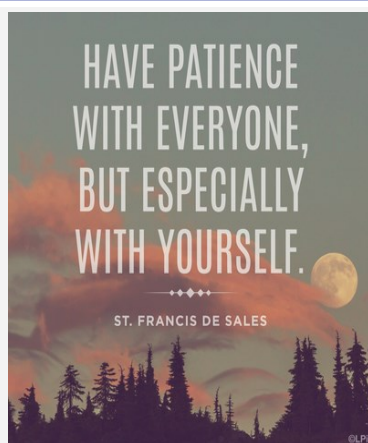
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All Saints Day, November 1, 2020

On Patience



The piece of advice most individuals seek from me during spiritual counseling, is how to be more patient. Yet, most of us, including myself, could use a little or maybe a lot more, patience in our lives. During my sabbatical, I thought about the need and importance to be more patient. It is, quite simply, good for us to have! Those who are patient are more easy-going, have an easier time enduring difficulties, and even live healthier lives.

When we practice patience, blessings open up to us. Many words of wisdom about patience can be found throughout the Bible. One of the spiritual works of mercy invites us to, “bear our wrongs patiently.” A passage I find helpful can be found in the Book of Psalms 37:7, which states ***“Be still with the Lord and wait patiently for Him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out wicked schemes”***. In other words, we are not to be angry or bitter about those who wronged us. I find my patience can be kept during these kinds of situations, by praying to God and asking for help to get through any difficulty. Praying to God never fails me.

In today’s world, patience is becoming a lost art. We live in a society that is always rushing here or there. I have witnessed those rush late into church and slide into the pew quickly, to avoid feeling guilty, yet, had they had patience, they could have genuflected to our Lord and just enjoyed the moment being present with him before they sat down. When we are in a hurry, we pick-up our pace, causing us to literally run into someone! If I had a dollar for everyone who got in line to checkout at the grocery store expelling a loud sigh because there were two people ahead of them...

Being patient can also teach us persistence. When we are patient in what we are striving for, we become more persistent by not giving up. I particularly love this Scriptural passage from Isaiah 40:31, ***“Yet those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get weary, they shall walk and not faint”***. This reminds me that good things happen when we’re patient. I definitely need patience when I set any personal goal. One goal comes to mind, my exercise program. During the initial months of my exercise program, I wanted to lose weight and be in shape immediately, however, I knew realistically that it would take a lot of my time and a considerable amount of patience. Now almost two years later, I have achieved my goals. My patience has definitely paid-off in the long run!

Patience takes time and effort. If one is patient, then blessings and good things will come our way.

Know I am praying for you all,

Father Shane

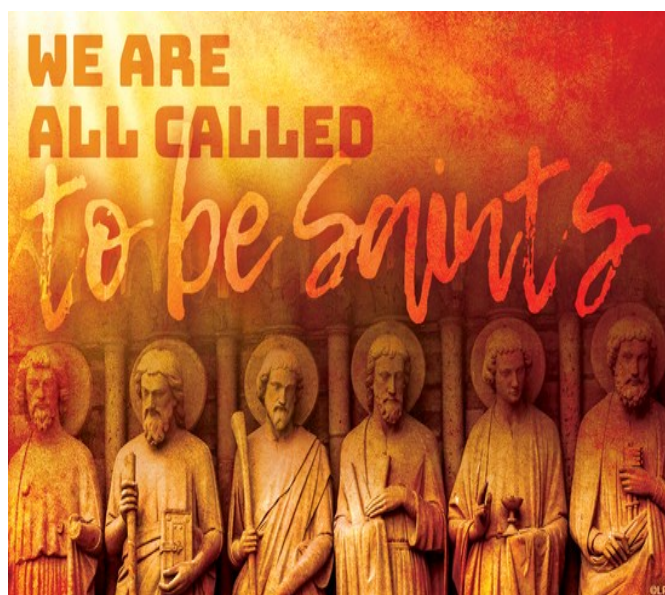
Gospel Meditation ~ All Saints

I remember as a child the meticulousness my father would bring to a task. Whether it be tending to a chore in the yard, repairing something, or painting a room, the tiniest of every detail demanded his attention. He had great patience. I benefited greatly by his example and remember these lessons well. We all need examples to follow. It is important to identify folks who excel at simple things and show us how to do things well. There are those among us and those who have gone before us who serve as these models and witnesses. They are ordinary people who in their “extraordinary ordinariness” capture our attention and allow us to see things more clearly.

These are the prophets, martyrs, teachers, witnesses, heralds, and innovators who bring a single-minded devotion to God to even the simplest of tasks they perform. They have an openness to being used and become vessels of Divine justice, mercy, and presence. They call us to the “more” of life and point us to the Gospel in all of its simplicity and splendor. They remind us of the little ones of the Kingdom and the values we all need to cultivate and possess. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemaker who often are rejected not only by those who have far different agendas but by those you think would welcome them.

All of the saints in heaven and on earth form this cloud of witnesses who journey with us as we make our way through life. They offer us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. They direct us toward true happiness and remind us that we are all called to be saints. All it takes is desire, love, and fidelity. There is much we can learn from the official saints of the church. Their guidance is ever before us and ever with us. But there is also a lot to learn from the unofficial saints of the church. They sit beside us every Sunday, are our neighbors and ordinary people we meet every day. Because of the devotedness of their faith, they remind us to keep going, remain focused, and cultivate purpose and meaning, and give voice to those who have none. The inspiration is all around us.

Pay attention to the details. Do what you do with great love. Know that you are not alone. Believe that you can persevere. Have great faith.



If you or a loved one are ill in any way and would like to have your name included on the Prayer Chain, the Sunday Prayers of the Faithful and/or the bulletin contact the Parish office. Permission from the individual must be given before we can list their name in the Prayers of the Faithful or the bulletin.

Prayer, at its heart, is an act of faith, asking God to step in and believing that He is both willing and able to listen to us. There is no prayer intention too large or too small — you can ask for God's help with every need.

Almighty God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that you would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. Amen.

Continued prayers for:

Sue Roth, Gerald Mollberg, Jim Thorn,
Judy Strandmark, Shirley Kirchberg Traci Bartz,
Joseph Schwaab, Grace Schwaab, David Gamache,
Erin Hestbeck Mielke



November 7 & 8 Celebrants

Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Shane	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Chuck	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.

November 14 & 15 Celebrants

Fr. Shane	St. Gregory	5:00 p.m.
Fr. Fitzgerald	Sacred Heart	9:00 a.m.
Fr. Shane	St. Gregory	9:30 a.m.

PRAYER PARTNERS

We are looking for prayer partners for our 9th Grade Confirmation students. Prayer partners commit to praying for a student for a period of two years until he/she is confirmed in the spring of 2022. If you can help in this important ministry, please sign up on the sheet provided in the vestibule.

KIC - GRADES 1 - 8

The KIC program for Grades 1-8 began on October 21. A parent information meeting was held on October 14 and materials were handed out at that time. Please call Claire at the Faith Formation Office (651.674.7382) for questions you may have regarding this year's at-home lessons.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

The Solemnity of All Saints is on Sunday, November 1. *Normally a separate Holy Day of Obligation, but since All Saints Day falls on a Sunday this year, your regular Sunday Mass will fulfill the obligation.*

The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven.

All you holy men and women, pray for us!

ALL SOULS' DAY NOVEMBER 2

Beginning on the feast day of All Souls', we not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts, through prayer, almsgiving and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for their purification. Praying for our beloved dead is a Christian obligation. The church devotes the month of November to prayer for all those who have died in Christ. St. Gregory's invites you to join us on November 2 at 6:00 pm for a Prayer Service to commemorate all the faithful departed and especially those who have had a funeral at St. Gregory the Great and Sacred Heart in the last twelve months.

SYNOD PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE SERIES

This five-part virtual series on praying with Scripture offers practical tools for growing in holiness, drawing upon the rich tradition of the Catholic Church. Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens will teach the fundamentals of praying with Scripture and explain how to use a Prayer Companion resource to enrich your prayer experience. Watch at your convenience with family, friends or on your own. To receive materials, download "MyParish" from your app store and search "Archdiocesan Synod" OR sign up to receive emails at eva.us/archspm-fall2020. More information at archspm.org/synod.

