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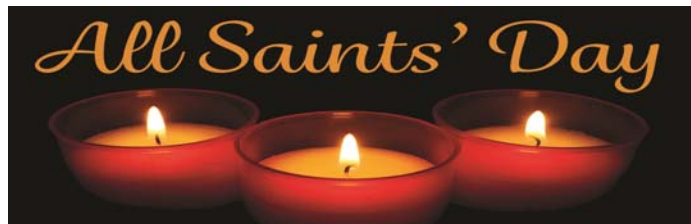
dear Padre

How do our prayers actually help people who are deceased? I keep thinking it should be the other way around: The deceased should pray for us! After all, they have it made—and we don't.

From the early days of the Church, there has been a tradition of remembering those who have died. In the fourth century, Bishop Cyril of Jerusalem noted in his catechetical instructions how, in the Eucharistic prayer, we remember those who have died in two different ways. First, we remember those special ones who have fallen asleep, the fathers and mothers of our faith, the prophets, the apostles, and the martyrs. And we ask that God enable us to share in their inheritance, thanks to their prayers and intercessions for us. This is still the case. At every Mass, we remind God that we rely on Mary and the saints to intercede for us.

But also at every Eucharist, since the early days of the Church, when we pray for those who have died, we are reminded that love lasts more than a lifetime. It reaches out across time and space, and even across the divide of death. When we have loved, we yearn for the beloved to live on, not just in memory but in a place that is beyond suffering and tears. And we yearn to see that loved one again. This is one of the most telling reasons why we pray for the dead. It tells us something about ourselves as men and women made in the image of God, God's children who wish what God wishes: that no one be lost, that all be redeemed.

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The Pharisees are back to take another shot! Last week we heard about the Pharisees teaming up with the Herodians, to attack, and trick Jesus into 'legal jeopardy'. Frustrated last week by the 'Wisdom of God', they team up this time with the Sadducees and send a 'hot-shot scholar' to entrap Jesus in some heretical scheme. Last week the Herodians tried to get Jesus to oppose Caesar and say something 'treasonous' against Caesar's taxes. Now with the Sadducees they are

conniving a trap to portray him as heretically opposing the Temple or the Law of Moses. So what seems an innocent enough question, "Which commandment in the law is the greatest?", this question also serves as a set-up to portray Jesus as a 'religious compromiser' minimizing important elements of the Torah and being like a 'cafeteria-Jew'. The Sadducees figure that Jesus will only emphasize some personal agenda or preach a rant about a 'pet issue' from the Law. Their question functions as a potential trap because, if Jesus picks one command as greatest, then could that justify treating other elements as secondary or non-essential? And if they are secondary, could that be used to justify ignoring or even breaking other commands in order to keep that 'prioritized one'? For example, considering last week's trap about Caesar's tax, think of today's question as basically asking, "Which tax is most important, the Federal, the State or the local? Payroll or Property? Sales or Estate?" Imagine you answer, "Oh, the Federal is the most important!" Well, try not paying state or local taxes. See what happens! Jesus says it is the same with commands of God--Love of God constitutes a whole fabric or tapestry of obligations. Apparently the Pharisees were daydreaming about how to make Jesus look bad when he was teaching, "whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches all these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:19).

Jesus's full answer quoted from *Matthew 22:37-40* is "You shall **love the Lord, your God**, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. **This is the greatest and the first commandment.** The second is like it: You shall **love your neighbor as yourself.** The **whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.**" Jesus answer is so comprehensive. First, start with God: love, honor and respect God above all. Then secondly, **but in** the same breath Jesus says, human beings are equally to be loved, honored, and respected as coming from God's Hand, because they are created in God's image (reflecting Him). **Asked for the one greatest law, Jesus gives two as one!** Jesus is tying two scripture quotes together, first Deuteronomy 6:5 and then Leviticus 19:18. Yet, I love most how he goes on to bring up **the role of 'prophets' with 'law'** suggesting that all law is best interpreted by prophets. With this second tying together, Jesus is balancing 'law **with** prophets'. An excellent summary! Echoing again last weeks' test, if God's law was a coin, it has two sides, "Love God" on one side, and "Love Neighbor" on the other. Truly loving God **is** loving one's neighbor, and truly respecting one's neighbor is giving God all due honor. We must keep both, as one: Law and Prophets!

But, let's make this more interesting! There are **two firsts** here (?). What I mean is that there is a **first** in the 'order of importance' and a **first** in the 'order of time'. Are you first in line, or first 'as in most important'? For example, in baseball, (speaking of who is on first?), I may be first batter,

but the most important batter (the power hitter) will be the later 'fourth' batter! Or with 'Thanksgiving' is coming, let's imagine following a recipe for making turkey & dressing. We want to say *the Turkey is the **first**, most important item.* Yet, how flat or bland is its flavor without **first preparing the onions, celery, carrots spices, and breadcrumbs (stuffing).** So should we say then that the flavorful stuffing is first? Or is the turkey first? Well, which is first-greatest or first in line? How about balancing it this way? In the 'order of importance', the turkey is first, but in the 'order of time', the herbs and additive vegetables are first! But really, we all know to have them both and keep them together to enjoy fully Thanksgiving! So, I can hear someone saying, "Once combined, what does it matter!" So, I say, "True, let's just eat!" So Jesus says that about the Law, to observe and live it fully, keep love of God and love of neighbor together!

I brought all that up about being first (as in most important) versus first in a sequence (in timing), because I want to read again the first chapters of Genesis as a timetable, to see what is the **actual first command of God given according to Bible time?** Most people instinctively say, "Oh, it's when God tells Adam/Eve to **NOT eat** the forbidden fruit." However, we don't read that command in Genesis until chapter **2:16-17** and again in Genesis **3:2-3**. But earlier **in chapter 1**, I find the actual first commandment of God, to be where God says to Adam/Eve, "**Be fertile and multiply;** fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth" (Genesis 1:28). The actual first spoken command of God is to "Be fruitful; multiply!" God is saying, "Be alive, be productive, be awake and life-giving!" That is a command I love and should follow every moment! How am I life-giving toward others every day? How am I fruitful, productive and life-sharing every day? What have I done today for God, and what have I done today for other people? No day is complete or fulfilling until I do something for God or for another person, created in His image. Love God and love Neighbor. Keep it together! No day is complete until I have loved God **in** another person! That is my first and most important call of the day! Get to it!

Here are some daily questions to consider in our prayer time!

Sunday: What word, or phrase from Mass stayed with me after Mass? Share the word with someone this week!

Monday: In what ways, do I show honor and worship of God in my life?

Tuesday: How do I show love and respect to my neighbors?

Wednesday: Is my every act and word respectful to both God and other human beings? Do I keep both God and neighbors in mind with my every decision, word and deed?

Thursday: My religion strengthens my relationship to God, yet does it also deepen my relationship to all of God's children (my neighbor)?

Friday: Perform a corporal work of mercy today for someone as an act of penance.

Saturday: Come to mass early and pray a rosary for world peace & conversion from sin.

Peace and Prayers, Fr Brian Johnson

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

All Saints Day Mass Schedule:

Holy Day of Obligation Masses will be offered at 7:00 am, 12:05 pm and 6:00 pm

Parish Council & Finance Committee Reports: At their last meeting, parish council discussed how best to communicate with the parish matters that are discussed at meetings. Please find multiple copies of their meeting minutes in addition to the detailed monthly financial reports posted on the bulletin boards. They will be always be available there or just take a copy with you.

Called by Name Program: Every young Catholic man should consider all vocations, including whether or not God is calling him to priesthood. However, if not invited or encouraged to think about priesthood, it may never be considered. Many young men may have the burning question within of God calling them to priesthood, but they may be waiting for a confirmation from someone else, to nudge them into seriously pursuing God's priestly call for them. Do you know a faithful young man who may have a vocation to the priesthood? We believe that our future priests will come from our own parishes and schools, but we need your help to identify them. We're looking for high school students and older. Any man you recommend will receive good information from the Vocation Office about discerning his vocation, as well as invitations to discernment retreats and other events. Tell Fr Brian, Deacon Mike or Deacon Tony, to approach them or to invite the vocation director to reach out to them.

Anointing of the Sick-First Wednesdays of Month: Father Brian will offer the sacrament of the sick, 'Anointing for Healing' at the Wednesday evening mass (6:00pm) on November 1st. The Catechism specifies that those who can be anointed include 'anyone in danger of death from sickness or old age' yet also includes anyone 'prior to a serious operation', or 'for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced' (Catechism #1514-1515).

7-12 Religious Education Classes:

Our Annual Movie Night is set for Nov. 3, 2017 at 6pm. We will have the movie outdoors on the big screen with a fire pit and we will roast hotdogs, have smores and a night together. The youth are out of school on the following Monday and Tuesday so we always enjoy this Sunday night together.

3rd Annual Deanery Activity will be held on Nov. 12, 2017 at St. Romuald from 2 to 6pm. We will have mass during this event and it will meet the obligation for their weekend mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EVENTS

5TH SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT ST. MARY OF THE WOODS: I am asking for volunteers to help at this breakfast starting at 7 am and will be serving breakfast after the 8 am Mass at St Mary's. All are welcome.

ANNUAL MONEY RAFFLE DRIVE: K Of C Members will begin selling tickets for the \$1500 -1st Prize, \$1000-2nd Prize, and \$500-3rd Prize for \$20 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be at St Romuald Parish Hall on the 12th of Dec at 6:30 pm.

Church Bus Survey: The Parish council is conducting a survey to determine if there is a need for the parish to purchase a van or small bus. The vehicle would be used to bring parishioners to mass who do not have transportation to the weekend masses. Please contact Janet Bland 270-617-8156, email janetbland@att.net or Gail Pollock 270-756-2547, 270-668-3338 email pollock1@bbtel.com to share your thoughts. Thank-You.



This Week at St. Romuald

Mon	1:00 pm	Blue Army Rosary
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting
Tues	9:00 am	Trunk or Treat
	10:00 am	Scripture Study
	1:00 pm	Mass at Extended Care
	4:00 pm	Rosary
Wed		All Saints' Day
	7:00 am	Holy Day Mass
	12:05 pm	Holy Day Mass
	4:00 pm	Confessions
	6:00 pm	Holy Day Mass
Thur	9:30 am	Mass (Medco)
Fri	9:00 am	School Mass (First Friday Mass)
	10:00 am	24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration
Sat	8:00 am	First Saturday Mass

UPCOMING:

Nov 5 6:00 pm Women's Jail Ministry

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

A Word from Pope Francis:

"We serve Jesus, the Word of God. So, let us reflect upon the many ways we are called to receive and give the word to others. **We are servants of the word of salvation**, which never returns to the Lord empty. Allowing ourselves to be "wounded" (challenged) by the word is indispensable for expressing verbally that which overflows from the heart. **We are servants of the word of eternal life**, and we believe that man not only lives on bread, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. (cf. Mt 4:4). Aided by the Holy Spirit, we must nourish ourselves at the table of the word by reading, listening, studying and bearing witness with our lives. **We are servants of the word of reconciliation**, also among Christians, and we wish with all our heart that "the word of the Lord may speed on and triumph" (2 Thess 3:1). It is right therefore to expect a new impetus to our spiritual life from a greater respect for God's word. **We are servants of the word that "went out" from God** and "was made flesh" (Jn 1:14). It is vital that the Church today go out to proclaim the Gospel to all, in all places, on all occasions, without delay, reluctance or fear (cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 23). Let us walk and work together to spread the word (cf. Acts 6:7). (Papal Address 10-5-2017)

Pray to end abortion: Join other Catholics and those from other faiths that gather each Saturday at 2nd and Market in Louisville from 7:00-8:00 am (EST) to pray for families entering the abortion clinic. Many children have been saved and mothers spared future grief by this prayer action and support. With God, all things are possible! Archbishop Kurtz is known to show up and pray with everyone too!

Abortion Update: Last week 58 women went into EMW Clinic for abortions at 2nd and Market Street in Louisville. **Please pray to end abortion.**

Al-Anon Meeting: Mondays 7:00 pm St Romuald Parish Hall. Come find support and understanding to recover a sense of serenity in your life.



Are you or someone you know interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or considering becoming a Catholic???

If yes, please contact Fr. Brian, Deacon Mike, Deacon Tony or Marie Rose at 756-2356 anytime throughout the year!

Thanks to Jennifer Roberts, Maria Flood, Rita Whitfill and Cindy Carwile for providing refreshments for RCIA this past week!

Readings for the Week

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Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;
Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

Celebration

BIRTHDAYS: Gerald Maysey, November 4th and Kenny Trent, November 4th.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat-Hope after Abortion:

This retreat offers a unique approach to healing the wounds of abortion. An experienced team accompanies you on a spiritual journey back to God, a journey in which we reflect on the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and Healer, and allow Him to do what only He, our God, can do – to heal us and restore us to emotional and spiritual health. Next retreat is November 10-12, 2017. More info, please call Debbie: 270-570-4717 or contact her through debbie@hopeafterabortionky.com

National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov 5-11)

Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 130,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. Many factors have contributed to the decline: growing secularism, a lengthened period of adolescence, attitudes about celibacy, etc.

During the week we encourage all Catholics to:

- ◇ Take time to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.
- ◇ Reflect on our own vocation and strengthen our personal relationship with Christ.
- ◇ Participate in the **CALLED BY NAME** process
- ◇ Invite and encourage young people to consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life and to consider participating in our discernment opportunities
- ◇ Educate our young people about the importance of silent prayer and taking the time to truly listen to God's voice in our hearts

PRAYER REQUESTS

We Pray For:

Gene Aldridge, Paula Anthony, Gene Bennett, Joe Bennett, Becky Brown, Ava Bruner, Juanita Burch, Brian Butler, Billy Carwile, Jerry Carwile, Kayla Christian, Mallorie Collins, Debbie Critchelow, Jim Curtis, Rick Dale, Vonda Decker, Amanda Douthitt, Marolyn Dowell, Roger Dowell, Kenneth Dowell, Treyten Drake, Debbie Dubree, Davye Duggins, Sammy Duggins, Tijuana Duncan, Lottie Eauer, Tessa Farris, Carroll Ferguson, Ginny Flood, Cindy Getz, Jenny Ginn, Dorothy Greenwell, Bill Greenwood, Linda Greenwood, Susan Griffin, Janet Hallway, Kay Harris, JoAnn Henning, Lisa Henning, Danny Herdt, Kitty Himmelhaver, Bill Hinton, Doug Hinton, Johnny Howard, Rick Hurley, Merri Hurt, Braddock Inman, Robert Jackey, Virginia Jeffries, Mary Ann Johnson, Brenda Kelly, Louise Kennedy, Tracy King, Patricia Lane, Angie Lawrence, Parker Leslie, Annette Lucas, Margaret Lyons, Red McClellan, Bevan Michael Miller, Richard Miller, Blaise Mills, Sharon Morgan, Dorothy Morris, Emma Nottingham, Don O'Donoghue, Eddie O'Donoghue, Joe Oelze, Patsy Oelze, Earl O'Reilly, Janet O'Reilly, Libby Osborne, Martha Payne, Brian Phillips, Peggy Phillips, Joe Priest, Robert Priest, Sandy Priest, Bob Rankin, **Melvin Roach**, Rita Roach, Shirley Robbins, Lincoln Roberts, Suzanne Rose, Carri Roth, Eric Severs, Rex Lee Sheets, Haley Sloan, Steve Smith, Jerry Sosh, Virginia Stanford, Lucye Stupak, Pam Sturgeon, Phillip Sturgeon, Loretta Swink, Adalee Taul, Becky Taul, Gina Thornsberry, Calla Stiith, Paul Tucker, Tessa Wadsworth, Fallon Wen, Greg Wethington, Raymond Wethington, Jimmy Whitworth, Mary Rita Whitworth, Carolyn Wilcheck, Kevin Wilcheck, Rebecca Wilson, Robert D. Wilson, Anne Wolfe, Sandra Zanone. **Serving in the Armed Forces:** Mandie Adams, Kevin Arnold, Fred Barham, Austin Brown, Timothy Cashen, Ryan Critchelow, Cody Garst, Parker Findlay, James Hanor, Christian Hansen, Jack Hayes, James Howard, Charles Kuhlman, Bradford O'Reilly, Jordan Pate, Liana Tindle, Chase Upchurch, Garrett Wadsworth

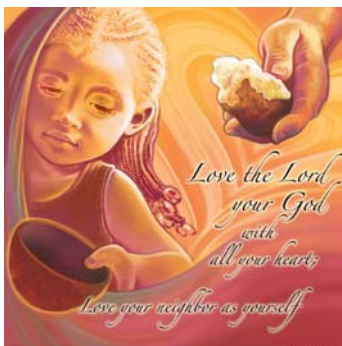


Catholic Faith Information: Please check out and pick up any of the free pamphlets and booklets in the back of church about Catholic teaching and practices. They are excellent resources from the Knights of Columbus about our faith beliefs!

"Thank St Romuald Church: Our family wishes to thank you, the parish of St Romuald and the funeral meal team helpers (Margie Mattingly and everyone) who shared food and dishes following the funeral and meal for Timmy Stevenson. Thank you for your prayers and support. Julie Stevenson & family"

In Sympathy

Please pray for the eternal rest and peace of Helen Tritschler (Ann Tritschler's Mother) who passed away this past week. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.



AROUND AND ABOUT

St. Theresa Community Fall Festival, Sunday, Oct 29, Turkey Dinner from noon to 3:00 pm in the Meade-Breck Center/Matt Pike Memorial Gym, 9255 Rhodelia Road, Payneville. Games and booths for all ages!

Saint Paul School - Principal: Saint Paul School, a small unique Catholic School in Leitchfield, KY, has an immediate and for the 2018/2019 school year an opportunity for a Principal who is committed to the mission of Catholic Education. Working under the supervision of the Pastor, the Principal will oversee a PreK - 8 school; the position is a dual principal teaching role. Candidate must be a practicing Catholic, and have at least five years of teaching experience, a strong academic background, and must be able to successfully pass a background check.

Contact Details: Saint Paul School is an equal opportunity employer that provides a wide range of benefits. All interested applicants may submit a resume, cover letter and teaching certificate to: stpaulgrayson@windstream.net or Fr. Steve Hohman, 1812 St. Paul Road, Leitchfield, KY 42754

Please call Saint Paul School at 270-242-7483 with any questions.

Trinity High School in Whitesville, Kentucky will be hosting a shadow day for all current 8th graders. If you are interested in your child attending the shadow day or would like more information, please contact the Director of Admissions and Advancement, Anna McDaniel, at (270) 233-5533. We would love to partner with you in continuing your child's Catholic school education!!!

SRIS NEWS

We will be having the Preschool thru 1st grade **TRUNK OT TREAT** on the school grounds on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 9:00. We would like to invite any business or individual in the community to participate. We will have approx. 100 children. If you would be interested in celebrating with us or have any questions please call 270-756-5504 or email lori.carwile@stromualdschool.org by Oct. 27. Thanks!!



SRIS Booster Club's Holiday Bazaar: Booths are still available for rent for the Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 11, 2017. Booths cost \$40. If you need more information please call or text Jessica Phillips 270-863-1896 or email jphillrdh@yahoo.com



Sunday, Oct 29, 2017

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;
PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

Priests need our prayers too

No two priests are alike, yet all are commissioned to be a sign of Christ and bring the gospel to God's people. The fact that priests come in all shapes and sizes says a lot about the breadth and depth of Christ. Christ is reflected in all those who dedicate their lives to God's mission. Faithfulness, not perfection, is all that is required. Priests remind us that our salvation, which comes through Christ, isn't out there somewhere but right here standing at our side, accompanying us on our journey. Offer priests strength and encouragement in their roles as you hope they will offer you in yours.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40 (148).* "I love you, O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer."

Monday, Oct 30, 2017

Healing leads to praise

Stop to notice the content of your prayers. According to the early Christian thinker Origen, the noblest form of prayer we can make is praise. But so often, it is the one feature missing in our communication with God. We find in the gospels that praise is the song of the healthy creature—what one gives *after* healing. When you do not praise, it may mean you need to be healed. Look for ailments in your life, whether of the mind, body, or soul. Tend to your needs and ask for the healing grace of the Holy Spirit. Praise will follow.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17 (479).* "When Jesus laid hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God."

Tuesday, Oct 31, 2017

Break some bread today

Baking bread requires the holy virtues of patience and attention. It is hard work wrapped in warm smells and a tremendous sense of accomplishment when the job is done. The process seems undeniably spiritual to anyone who has attempted to bake bread. Why? Because preparing and sharing food is a fundamental act of faith. It is the essence of Christianity and of Jesus himself. Who will receive nourishment from you today? Remember, a little leavening goes a long way.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21 (480).* "The kingdom of God is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with flour until all of it was leavened."

Wednesday, Nov 01, 2017

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

You can do this

In *Sister Wendy's Book of Saints*, art historian Sister Wendy Beckett writes about us: "Holiness can so easily appear as something remote from us, to be read about or . . . gazed at, but from afar. Yet to be a saint is a wholly practical and realistic growth into our own truth. It is what we are all meant to become, it is our deepest fulfillment, our own personal realization of what we have been potentially from birth. There is no play about sanctity. It starts from where we are and what we are." Move deeper into the saint you were born to be.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667).* "They will be called children of God."

Thursday, Nov 02, 2017

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL

SOULS' DAY)

At the hour of our death

A few years ago a church document had this to say about death: "Death, while starkly real and total, is the vehicle of that final offering of self which calls for the supreme act of faith in the Lord of Life." Yes, death is final; we will never know the dead in the way we knew them on earth, and that is sad. Death also challenges us. Do we really believe it is not the end, a terrifying abyss? Or do we see it as rebirth to new life and entrance into the peace of spirit that awaits resurrection? On this day, pray for those who have died. Pray also for the faith to see in death the final passage into full union with Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 (668).* "If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him."

Friday, Nov 03, 2017

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS

Look deeply for dignity

Saint Martin de Porres (1579-1639) was a barbershop surgeon when he joined a Dominican monastery at 15. Soon his success with medicinal herbs and miraculous healings earned him great fame as a healer. But Martin was famous for tending to small things, too. Once, he solved the monastery's pest problem by nabbing a mouse and respectfully asking it to leave, along with its countless cousins. Recognizing the dignity in all God's creatures is no small thing. How can we show others that we see their dignity?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6 (483).* "Who among you, if your son or ox falls into a cistern, would not immediately pull him out on the sabbath day?"

Saturday, Nov 04, 2017

MEMORIAL OF CHARLES BORROMEIO, BISHOP

Shaping up is an ongoing process

Saint Charles Borromeo was an instrument of the Holy Spirit in helping to keep the church on course through needed reforms in the 16th century. Had he been a participant in the Second Vatican Council rather than the Council of Trent, he may have contributed to Vatican II's similar insight on the need for reform: "Christ summons the church, as she goes her pilgrim way, to that continual reformation of which she always has need."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11 (484).* "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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