

PADRE'S PONDERINGS

Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank you for your generous response and for your feedback regarding last weekend's Teaching Masses. I know there is so much more that could be said about the beauty and significance of our liturgy. Hopefully the experience drew out at least one fresh insight that might make us a little more attentive or might help us enter a little more deeply into the mysteries being celebrated at each Eucharist.

During October, the Church in the United States observes Respect Life Month. This year's theme for the month, "Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life," reminds us that the most stable grounding for any real sense of human dignity is to be found in God. To kick off Respect Life Month at our parishes, Carol Owens, who coordinates the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Providence, will speak at all of the Masses next weekend to share with us some of the wonderful work in defense and support of life that is already happening at our parish and what more we might be able to do. She will also share with us how we might take advantage of or assist with a new diocesan ministry for victims of domestic abuse. I know you will join me in extended to Carol a warm welcome.

October is also the Month of the Holy Rosary. I hope you'll plan on joining us for October Devotions (Exposition, Rosary and Benediction) at Saint Charles on the Mondays of October at 6pm. There is no better way to grow closer to Christ than to entrust ourselves to the intercession of our Blessed Mother Marv.

I hope you came to church hungry this morning! Please join us in the lower hall of All Saints anytime this morning (8am-12nn) for a fundraiser breakfast for New Beginnings, the meal site that operates in conjunction with All Saints.

Religious education formally begins this week with classes for grades 7-8 meeting on Tuesday, October 1st, at 7pm in All Saints Rectory. Grades 1-6 will meet next Sunday, October 6, after the 10:15am Mass in the lower church hall of All Saints. The education of our young people in the faith must be a renewed priority for us as a parish community. As Saint Augustine taught many centuries ago, one cannot love what one does not know. Our program is designed to help our young people grow in their knowledge of God and of his people, the Church, so that they can grow in love for each. We welcome all of our students, their families, and our catechists warmly!

Until next week, Fr. Joe



OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

The parish communities of All Saints and Saint Charles invite you to come together in prayer on the Mondays of October as we commemorate the Month of the Holy Rosary. Each evening will be held in Saint Charles Church and will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction. Please join us and bring a friend or two along!

> Monday October 7, 6pm—Fr. Upton Monday, October 14, 6pm—Fr. Kiley Monday, October 21, 6pm—Fr. Upton Monday, October 28, 6pm—Fr. Upton



Breakfast Fundraiser

Help us to help others!

Sponsored by K of C Woonsocket Council #113 to raise funds for



Sunday, September 29th 8 am - 12 noon

at All Saints Church, 323 Rathbun St., Woonsocket

Adults \$10 Children 5-12 \$7 (under 5 free)

(Family Max \$35 - immediate family only)

Celebrating 125 years of service to the Church & Community





We are collecting canned goods for the Food Panty at all events



FAMILY LITURGIES 2019-2020

What is a "Family Liturgy" at All Saints?

Once a month at All Saints, the 10:15AM Mass is going to be designated as a special "Family Liturgy" with a homily geared principally toward the children,

although not without value for the adults present! The Family Liturgies are planned to coincide with the liturgical seasons or other catechetical themes that can be easily reinforced at home or in religious education classes. Please note the dates and themes below as we look forward to another school year.

Saturday, September 21 & Sunday, September 22 -"Teaching Mass" Weekend

⇒ All the Masses this weekend at All Saints will be celebrated as "Teaching Masses." In lieu of a homily, the celebrant will explain the meaning and significance of the vestments, the rituals and gestures of the Mass. This will prove to be a valuable experience for all ages!

Sunday, October 27, 10:15AM – Parade of Little Saints

⇒ To coincide with the Solemnity of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls, all children will be encouraged to dress as their favorite saint and some will even be "interviewed" during the

Sunday, November 17, 10:15AM - Giving Thanks to God

⇒ In advance of Thanksgiving Day, we will reflect on what we're grateful for and will learn about the greatest act of thanksgiving, the Mass. Eucharist means "thanksgiving" after

Sunday, December 1, 10:15AM – Advent Family Liturgy

⇒ A day to reflect on the importance of the Advent Season through the symbol of the Advent Wreath, and to prepare our hearts to receive Christ as Christmas.

Sunday, January 5, 10:15AM – The Gift of the Magi

⇒ In this liturgy, we will continue to reflect on the Christmas message and will learn about the gifts of the Magi, who will make a special quest appearance during the homily!

Sunday, February 9, 10:15AM – The Strength of Jesus's Love

⇒ As we look ahead to Valentine's Day, we will reflect on the power of Christ's love for us.

Sunday, March 1, 10:15AM – Lenten Family Liturgy

⇒ A day to reflect on the meaning of the Lenten Season

Sunday, April 19, 10:15AM - Divine Mercy and First Reconciliation

⇒ Join the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation to learn more about Jesus' gift of mercy extended to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sunday, May 3, 10:15AM – First Communion and May Crowning

⇒ Our First Communion children will receive Jesus at this parish Mass for the first time in Holy Communion. They will also lead our May Crowning as we honor our Blessed Mother Mary and entrust them and their families to her maternal care and intercession.



ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR November 2, 2019 from 9a-3pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are able to help, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the rectory asap!

| Name: | |
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| Phone: | _Email: |
| Arranging and filling basketsBringing baskets to hall Bringing Linus items to hall | Storing decorations Setting up for bazaar Breaking down afterward |
| Decorating subcommittee | Other? Write on reverse. |

Email: paul@bourgetgroup.com or sneeze87@hotmail.com or maskaraid@comcast.net for more info! Thank you!

WEEKEND FINANCIAL UPDATE

September 22nd, 2019

2nd Collection: \$1,588

1st Collection: \$3.064

St. Charles

All Saints

1st Collection: \$1,209

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 28th

4:00: (SC) Moreira & Rijo Families

4:00: (AS) Alva Rondeau, by M/M Marcel Laliberte

(AS) Edward R. Viens Sr., birthday remembrance, by wife &

family

Sunday, September 29th

7:30: Roger Sylvestre, by wife 9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles 10:15: Paul Auclair Jr., by mom Monday, September 30th - All Saints

8:00: Parishioners of All Saints Parish

Tuesday, October 1st - St. Charles

9:00: M/M Clovis Leclerc, by the family Wednesday, October 2nd - St. Charles

9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles Parish

Thursday October 3rd - All Saints

8:00: Denise Malbouef

Friday, October 4th - All Saints

Gerard Tardif, birthday remembrance, by Gerard Martel

Saturday, October 5th

(SC) Parishioners of St. Charles Parish 4:00:

4:00: (AS) Larry Gervais, 12th anniversary, by wife

(AS) Alva Rondeau, by M/M Marcel Laliberte

Sunday, October 6th

7:30: M/M Aldo Rossi, by Arline & Roger

9:00: Parishioners of St. Charles

10:15: Jeff Henault, by a friend

Muriel V. Lucier, by friends and family

12:00: Marta Tejeda de Flores, 6 months deceased, by Mabel Doire

BEEN TO CONFESSION?

Remember that Confessions are heard in both All Saints and Saint Charles every Saturday afternoon at 3pm. Take an opportunity to receive God's mercy and peace in this powerful sacrament, no matter how long it has been or how often we might have to confess the same sins! God is always ready to forgive!

WORD ON WEDNESDAYS

Join us at either of our Wednesday sessions (1pm in the meeting room off the sanctuary of All Saints Church or 6:30pm in All Saints Rectory) as we continue to explore the Gospel of John. No prior experience or participation is necessary. All are welcome!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION AND FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

Are you an adult Catholic who never received first Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation? Do you know someone who would like to learn more about becoming a Catholic? Is there an adult friend or a relative of yours that was never baptized? Or is someone in your family seeking "more" in coming to terms with the meaning and purpose in life in general? Adult formation for the Sacraments of Initiation is not just about earning Catholic merit badges, but taking time to really engage with deeper questions that have consequences for our daily living and working, and our eternal destiny. Please reach out to Fr. Joe (fatherupton@gmail.com) if you know of anyone who might benefit from an informal conversation about Catholicism or sacramental preparation.

Retiro Anual Parroquial

La parroquia de Todos los Santos los invita a nuestro retiro anual parroquial a celebrarse el día Sábado 5 de Octubre, comenzando a las 9am hasta las 2pm. Al finalizar el retiro contaremos con nuestro Padre Joe para la celebración de la misa.

ES TOTALMENTE GRATIS!! Desayuno y Almuerzo se proveerá.

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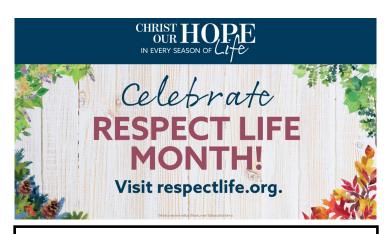
Primera Comunión

Confirmación

Domingo Oct 6 @11am Martes
Oct 1 @7pm

PROGRAMA DE TV EN ESPAÑOL: No se olvide de ver a "Católicos de Hoy", por el cable del canal 14 (cox) y 33 (Verizon) los jueves a las 5:30 p.m. y viernes a las 11:30 a.m.

ESCUCHE NUESTRO PROGRAMA DE RADIO: No se pierda nuestro programa Radial en Español todos los sábados a las 9:30 a.m. por la 100.3 FM. Síganos con noticias diarias en nuestra página www.facebook.com/elcatolicoderi/



RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION

Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

Hope is not false optimism or empty positivity. Christian hope is something much more profound and goes to the very depths of our identity as followers of Christ.

Hope is the virtue "by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, 1817).

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end" (Spe salvi 31).

Christians know "they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness" (SS 2).

For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.

The Church teaches us that "the one who has hope lives differently" (SS 2). Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

WELCOME!

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church,

No matter your current family or marital status,

No matter your personal history, age, income, background,

gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality,

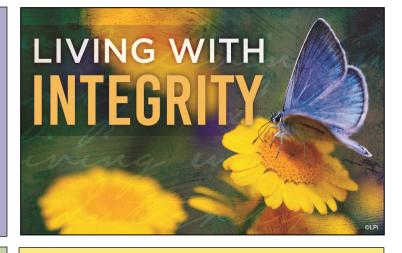
No matter your self-image of holiness or virtue,

You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us!

You are invited, accepted and respected

at All Saints and Saint Charles Borromeo.

We want to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!



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ALL SAINTS PARISH

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Daily Masses:

Monday, Thursday & Friday at 8am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 4pm

Sunday at 7:30am, 10:15am and 12n (en Español)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3pm

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Daily Masses:

Tuesday & Wednesday at 9am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 9am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at 3pm

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323 Rathbun Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895
Monday-Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-1:30pm
(Closed Thursday)

PARISH STAFF

GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 22, 2019 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Compartmentalization or consistency? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty." This parable isn't advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers over-charged and skimmed off the top.

Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from to taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This parable contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces? Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time?

Jesus calls his disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation? "No servant can serve two masters." These week, take stock of your life. All of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go?

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