



THE Voice

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Dear Parishioners,

Message from Parish Priest

Called to be Saints (1 Corinthians 1 :2)

The month of November begins with a great celebration. We joyfully celebrate the Feast of All Saints. This day reveals to each of us our true goal and vision. Our goal is to one day reach heaven and along with the angels and saints, glorify God the Trinity forever and ever. The celebration of this feast reminds each of us that we are on the way to this destination. We are pilgrims. We are travelers. We are trekkers. We are voyagers. Heaven is our homeland (Hebrews 11:16). The path to our destination is holiness. The Bible says that each of us are called to be Holy just as our Father in heaven is holy. Without holiness one cannot see God (Hebrews 12: 14). The best way to celebrate this feast is to renew ourselves in holiness. It is of great merit to remember our baptismal day during this feast. We were truly saints on that day because of the cleansing of our souls by the precious blood of our Lord and the renewing of our life by the Holy Spirit. Let us reopen our hearts and mind and body to the Spirit to obtain that holy innocence in our lives. Each person who had gone from this life to the heavenly kingdom is a saint. The truth is none of them reached the glorious heaven by their own merit, but by the merit of the grace of the Lord. Let us continually pray for the grace to walk the life of saint. Saints in the triumphant church are our models to follow. Let us have a spiritual communion with the saints. Let their life be a challenge for each of us to grow and love our Lord more deeply and immensely. We are called to be saints for we are children of the Holy One. We are imperfect, but since we are His children, we shall be perfect. With that hope, I wish you all a Happy Feast of All Saints.

Yours in Christ,

With Prayers, **Fr. Ani Xavier OFM Cap.**

An understanding of All Souls Day

Through the month of November, Catholics remember the dead and pray for the souls in purgatory. It is our faith that our prayers and sacrifices would be helpful to obtain the grace of the Lord so that the souls in purgatory would one day experience the presence of God in all His glory in the heavenly kingdom.



Who goes to purgatory?

All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. (CCC-1030). Note that who have died in the grace of God, but still to be purified are the ones who go to purgatory.

What is the difference between Purgatory and Hell?

Hell is the punishment for damned and is a never ending fire. It is for eternity. Purgatory is the final purification of the elect and it is a cleansing fire. Those who are in Purgatory are already set apart for heaven. They need to be purified before they can be fully united in the communion of the Holy Trinity.

Will Purgatory exist after the Last judgement?

CCC 1031 says "as for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire". Purgatory exists only after the particular or individual judgement. Purgatory will cease to exist after the Last judgement. There shall be only Heaven and Hell after the last Judgment.

Is Purgatory explained in Bible?

Purgatory is not explicitly termed in the Bible. However we find instances such as below on it.

In 1 Corinthians 3:15, Paul indicates that one will be saved from a fire "The one whose work is burnt down will suffer the loss of it, though he himself will be saved; he will be saved as someone might expect to be saved from a fire." While a person who is punished to the fires of hell cannot be saved, the above verse is rightfully about a purgatory fire.



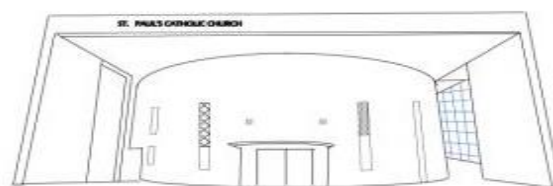
From Right Fr. Fabrizio Meroni, Fr. Rapheal Zaheib

Tribute to Mother Mary- Rosary Month Closing Ceremony on 31-Oct-2018



Church Events

Nov 1 All Saints Day	Nov 2 All Souls Day
Nov 2 Fr. Wilson's Birthday	Nov 5 Fr. Ani's Birthday
Nov 10 & 11 : Nurses gathering	
Nov 13 & 14 : Seminar on Amoris Laetitia " The Joy of love" by Fr. Martin	
Nov 22: St. Cecilia Feast – Choir Celebration – Gathering	
Nov 23: Fr. Varghese's Priestly Ordination Day	
Nov 24: Altar Servers Picnic	
Nov 25: Feast of Christ the King, Nov 30: Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle	



Parish Office Timings

Morning 9 AM to 1.00 PM, Evening 5 PM to 9.00 PM

Tuesday - Closed

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