

ST. LEONARD PARISH

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Celebrating 150 Years

WEEKLY BULLETIN OCTOBER 08, 2023

TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

*"I have chosen you from the
world, says the Lord,
to go and bear fruit that will
remain".*

JN 15:16

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants by Abel Grimmer



Sermon on the Mount by Cosimo Rosselli

SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH

Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	10:30 AM (Italian)
	12:00 Noon
Mon-Fri	8:15 AM
	12:05 PM

All Masses are transmitted
on our Facebook page
"St Leonard's Parish,
North End, Boston"



Headphones for the hearing impaired are
available upon request.

Gluten-free host are also available upon request.

**St. Leonard Church will be closed for cleaning
on Mondays 9:00 AM - 11:00AM &
Thursdays 9:00 AM - 11:00AM**

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Rev. Michael Della Penna, OFM
Student Priest in Residence: Rev. Federico Cinocca
Guest Priest: Rev. Alexander O'Kere
Rev. Robert Caprio, OFM
Rev. Francis Walter, OFM
St. Stephen Rector: Rev. David Costello

Parish Office

Mon - Thu 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Friday Closed

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Office Hours: Mon - Fri 8AM - 3PM
Website: <https://sjsne.com/>

Saint Francis Gift and Book Store

Mon - Thurs 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Fri - Sat 1:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Sunday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Confessions

Saturdays 4:15 - 4:45 PM and upon request.

SAINT LEONARD CHURCH SCHEDULE OF DEVOTIONS

Mon - Fri	8:15 AM Mass
	11:30 AM Rosary
	12:05 PM Mass
Monday	12:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tuesday	12:30 PM St. Anthony Novena
Wednesday	12:30 PM Litany of St. Joseph
	1st Wed of every month
	Queen of Peace Prayer Group
	6:30 PM Rosary, 7:00PM Mass
First Fridays	12:30-3:00 PM Adoration
	3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

SAINT STEPHEN CHURCH

401 Hanover St, Boston, MA 02109
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Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	11:00 AM
Thurs-Fri	7:30 AM

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* For the discount, parking ticket must be validated by a North End store, church, attraction, restaurant, business or organization.



SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Mass Intentions October 07 - October 13

October 07 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Emilio Scapicchio; Michael Giudice

OCTOBER 08 - SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family and Varano Family; Piazza Family; Deceased Members of the Cataldo and Merola Family

10:30 am - Luigi & Ersilia Torra; Rocco & Filomena Pezzano; Arnaldo Russo; Months mind mass in memory of Rino Borelli

12:00 pm - Deceased Members of the Giardiello and Petrosino families; Deceased members of the Picardo Family; Joseph and Josephine Trodella; Filomena & Alfredo Frasca; Maria Della Porta; Marie LoCicero; James Michael Sweeney; Joseph Gassiraro; One month anniversary of Elaine Anzilotti may she rest in peace; Mary and Freddie Pagliuca; O'Driscoll Family

OCTOBER 09 - MONDAY

8:15 am - Souls of Purgatory

12:05 pm - Thais & Ann Angiulo

October 10 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - For the homeless people around the world

12:05 pm - Michelina Martignetti

October 11 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - David Halpin

12:05 pm - Harold F. Whitten

October 12 - THURSDAY

8:15 am - Jerry & Ann McCormick

12:05 pm - Mariano Taborda

October 13 - FRIDAY

8:15 am - For the healing and renewal of families

12:05 pm - Angelina Cogliani



All intentions and holy cards found near the Saints will be offered up once a month at the Sunday Mass.

Monday, October 09,
the parish office will be closed due to
Columbus Day.

The Book Store will be open.

Are you in need of Prayers?

Each day the friars of St. Christopher Friary pray for the intentions entrusted to them.

If you would like your intention included in our prayers, please call the friary prayer request line: 617-742-4190 ext. 100.



We are happy to keep you in our prayers.

CASA MARIA

MASS IS CELEBRATED EVERY SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM

October 07 - CELEBRATED BY FR. ALEXANDER



Homily for Sunday 27A

Pluscarden abbey

For the third week running we have a parable about a vineyard. Each one of these parables has been aimed against the Jewish Priests, Elders, Scribes and Pharisees who reject Jesus. Like the hired workers in the vineyard, they were envious of the divine generosity. Like the disobedient son of his Father, they professed themselves ready to do God's will, but in fact they didn't. And like the vineyard tenants, having rejected and murdered God's servants the prophets, they were now planning to kill his only Son.

Today's parable, even more clearly than the others, evokes the song of Isaiah we heard in our first reading. There the vineyard is a figure of Israel. We can understand it also as a figure of God's blessing on his chosen people, or even as this whole created world, or as the portion of life we have been allotted, given to us as the arena of blessing and salvation. God demands fruits of holiness from his vineyard; not indeed for his own benefit, but only for the benefit of his people. Yet, throughout their history, the Jews responded to the divine gift with disloyalty, and hard-hearted murmuring, and infidelity, and rebellion.

According to Isaiah, a terrible punishment is to come upon the vineyard. That punishment is implicit also in the parable of Jesus. As a matter of historical fact, after the death of Jesus, a calamity befell the Jewish nation at the hands of the Romans, far greater than any that had occurred in Old Testament times. Yet this is not the only or even the chief moral of this parable. For the ways of God are not to be thwarted, and human wickedness cannot turn aside his plans of salvation. On the contrary. So the principal result of the infidelity of the Jewish leaders will be an explosion of grace and blessing. Because of their sin, gentiles and sinners who previously were outside the law will now be brought into God's Kingdom.

So our parable today is laden with irony. "Let us kill him", say the tenants, "and take over the inheritance". Yet killing Jesus is precisely rejecting what he came to give them. For the inheritance offered by God's Son is not some paltry area of real estate: it's the gift of divine life; a share in his own Sonship. "If we are Sons," says St. Paul, "then we are also heirs, heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ" (Rm 8:17). Similarly: the great aim of the Jewish leaders was to keep the gentiles out of their Kingdom. Yet the gentiles would now be included, precisely as a result of Jesus' saving death. The stone they had rejected became the head of the corner: Jesus is that stone which, according to the letter to the Ephesians, binds Jews and Gentiles together into one Temple for God (Eph 2:21).

I tell you then, says Jesus, the Kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

Wrestling with the apparent harshness of this sentence, St. Paul sternly warns us gentiles not therefore to be proud; not to sit back in self-satisfied judgement on our elder brothers the Jews. We have great cause for humility, for we have inherited such a blessing as we had no right to expect, and could never have deserved. As for the Jews: if their loss has proved so great a gain to the gentiles, cries Paul, how much greater a gain will come when all is restored to them (Rm 11:12)!



Meanwhile, we have received the mission of producing the fruits of the Kingdom. But in comparison with the Jews of the Old Testament, the stakes for us have been considerably raised. The Jews had only Moses and the prophets to guide them. The owner of the vineyard left his instructions, then went away; for it often seemed to them as if God were absent. But we have Jesus; we have the Holy Spirit; we have the Sacraments of the Church; we have the promise of eternal life. Yet we too can take Jesus, if we want, and cast him out, and attempt to kill him. We can reduce him to a practical irrelevance in our lives; we can banish him from our hearts; we can flagrantly disobey his law.

As for leaders in the Christian Church: throughout history there have been found some who have proved themselves unworthy of their high calling. How terrible it is when, by giving scandal, they lead the little ones astray! Sometimes they have acted in their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ (cf. Phil 2:21). Sometimes they have been guilty of financial or sexual misconduct. And sometimes they have watered down the wine of the Gospel, or even mingled a few drops of poison in with it, when succumbing to a perennial temptation, they have accommodated themselves to the spirit of their own age. In this centenary year of Fatima we are reminded that grave warnings of calamity as a result of sin are by no means out of date. Our Lady warned of terrible afflictions for the world, and she did not fail to point even to the ultimate calamity, which is the eternal punishment of hell.

Yet our Lady of Fatima, ever faithful to her divine Son, did not come in the first place to threaten. Her mission, like his, was above all to announce a great blessing, to invite us once again to great intimacy with God, to call us all once again to great holiness. And as with the parable, so in our own day: we may be confident that the purposes of God will not ultimately be frustrated. In spite of all human wickedness, or all human frailty, the vineyard of the Lord will not fail to yield its fruit. The building of the Church will continue to be raised up; God will continue to be served, and loved, and both Gentiles and Jews will continue to be called, and gathered into the Kingdom together.

Our grounds for this hope are based on the pattern of history established by Jesus. First there is sin and death. Then there is resurrection from the dead. Jesus seems to be defeated. But he rises again victorious. He seems to have been killed. Yet this very act of killing brings about the outpouring of his life. So for all its apparent harshness, today's story does have, will have a happy ending. God's purposes will be accomplished. And every detail of the story will ultimately be a means for the pouring out of God's benefits: for our own good, and for his glory.



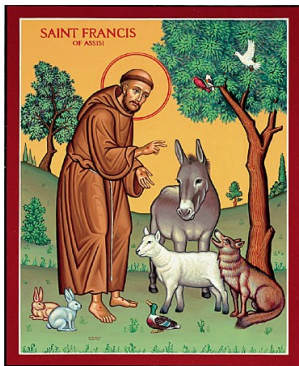
EVENTS

October Events

- **October 8th: "Blessing of the animals"**
- **October 17th & 18th: Tuesday & Wednesday, "Moby Dick at Sacred Heart":**
 Tuesday 6:30pm at The Mariner's House
 Wednesday 6:30pm at Sacred Heart Church
- **October 22nd : Sunday, Stations of the Cross**
 1:00pm Social
 2:00pm Adoration
 3:00pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday - October 8th

Blessing of the animals



Keeping the Franciscan tradition, on October 8, 2023 after the 9:00am Mass and the 12:00pm Mass, Fr. Michael Della Penna will bless the animals in the Peace Garden.

All pets are welcome!

Sunday - October 8th



Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

The First meeting of the year for Court Ausonia #781 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 1:15 PM in St. Joseph's Hall at St. Leonard's Church. All women 18 Years old and over are invited to come to the meeting. We will be discussing the growth and rebuilding of the Court and projects to do for the coming year.

Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY & Wednesday, October 17th & 18th

Moby Dick at Sacred Heart

Tuesday, October 17 th at 6:30pm
@ the Mariner's House

- History of Seafaring, bethels and the North End
- Reverend Taylor as the model for Father Mapple in Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*.
- Historical tour of Sacred Heart from Bethel to Italian Catholic Church

Wednesday, October 18 th at 6:30pm
@ Sacred Heart Church

MEET at Sacred Heart Church to watch the 1956 version of Moby Dick, starring Gregory Peck and Orson Welles. Discussion of themes of the book including good versus evil after the movie.



For more information, contact: celebrating150years@sleonard.org.

SUNDAY - October 22nd

Fourth Sunday Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Sunday, **October 22nd** at **Saint Leonard's Church** following the Noon Mass.

- 1:00pm:** Social
- 2:00pm:** Adoration
- 3:00pm:** Stations of the Cross



We hope to see you then!



150TH ANNIVERSARY



Next meeting of the 150th
Committee is Monday, November
14th at 6:30pm in the Church Hall.

150th Building the Future Fund

Thank you to all the Angels that have contributed to our 150th Building the Future Fund thus far.

We still need to raise \$100,000 to repair the facade of Sacred Heart, and \$100,000 to fix the Roof at the Rectory. Please consider donating to our Angelic Choir:

- \$150 Sesquicentennial Club
- \$500 Angels
- \$1,500 Archangels
- \$5,000 Principalities
- \$15,000 Powers
- \$30,000 Virtues
- \$50,000 Dominions
- \$75,000 Thrones
- \$100,000 Cherubim
- \$150,000+ Seraphim

Donations can be made with a check to
St. Leonard's 150th and sent to the Parish office at
320 Hanover Street, Boston MA 02113;
or by donating online at
www.saintleonardchurchboston.org.

Thank you so much!

**This is our Sesquicentennial Prayer;
we hope you will join us in praying it
during this year:**

*Almighty and merciful God, who made Saint
Leonard an outstanding herald of the mystery of
the Cross, grant, by his intercession,
that, acknowledging on earth the riches of the
same cross, we may be worthy to attain the fruit
of redemption in Heaven.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who
lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen*

*Let us pray that this 150th celebration be an
opportunity for us to be transformed by the Cross
and more intimately united with Christ.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are the
centerpiece of our 150th celebration
and we will be offering, as an insert
each week in the bulletin, the
Station of the month along with
meditations for your prayer and
reflection.

We encourage you to spend some
time each day allowing Jesus to
speak to you through His Passion.
This week for the month of October
we are focused on the Tenth Station:
Jesus is Stripped of His Garments



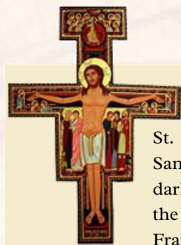


ST. LEONARD PARISH VENERATE THE SAINTS

*Join us to learn more about the saints
and the relics located at our parish.*

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023
ROSARY 6PM
MASS 7PM

For more information contact:
www.celebrating150years@sleonard.org



Travelling San Damiano Cross

St. Francis' vocation began at the foot of the Cross at San Damiano where he prayed to God to "enlighten the darkness of his heart..." Later he heard Jesus say from the Cross, "Go, repair my Church" and as a result the Franciscan order was born. Since that time all Franciscans have a longstanding devotion to the Cross.

St. Leonard, coming out of this tradition, refined the devotion of the Cross by popularizing the Stations of the Cross and preached that we can be transformed in and through the Cross.

Thus, as part of the 150th Anniversary, we would like to invite parishioners to welcome the San Damiano Cross into their homes and allow themselves to be transformed by the Cross.

Parishioners can have the Cross in their home for one week. Let us know if you are interested. We will fill weeks consecutively beginning on January 29, 2023. The Cross will be blessed and handed over at the noon Mass each week. We hope you will invite family, friends and neighbors into your home to pray before the Cross.

To sign-up for the travelling San Damiano Cross, please contact celebrating150years@sleonard.org or by calling the Parish office at 617-523-2110 and asking for Claudia.

SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH

DURING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR, WE ARE OFFERING THE CHANCE TO SPONSOR A CANDLE IN FRONT OF THE ST. LEONARD STATUE ON THE ALTAR. SPONSORSHIP IS \$25 AND THE DONATION MAY BE MADE IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF SOMEONE. CANDLES BURN FOR ONE WEEK. PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO SIGN-UP.

DINNER DANCE



The Original North End Dinner Dance, celebrating the 150th Anniversary, will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, November 11th at 6pm. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ playing songs from the '70's and '80's, and raffles. A special Folk Mass will be celebrated at 5pm in St. Leonard's Church.

**The maximum capacity of the event is 150 people,
and tickets will be \$65 each.**

PROGRAM (AD) BOOK

Please consider supporting this special event by placing an ad in the program book. Boosters and patrons sponsorships are available too.

Thank you.

“THE ORIGINAL NORTH END” DINNER DANCE

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With Love, To Father Claude



A book about Father Claude will hopefully be published by Christmas.

- 1: The book will include pictures and stories by the Scrima and Pasto family.
- 2: My incredible honor will be to transcribe Father Claude's personal stories and remembrances.
- 3: North Enders' (present and past) personal stories and remembrances.

***I need to collect your stories, etc. to begin work!**

I will be outside Church to collect your stories, personal remembrances and/or thoughts this weekend, after all Masses. You can write them right at the table!

All proceeds of this tribute to Father Claude will be donated to charity.
Thank you so much,

Peggy Fucillo
email: airola1893@aol.com

St. Leonard's Religious Education Program

St. Leonard's Children Catechism

St. Leonard's Church Catholic catechism instruction (Kindergarten through high school) will begin in person on October 15th and conclude in May, culminating in our First Communion and Confirmation celebrations. Classes will take place on Sunday mornings at 10:30am.

If you would like your Child to participate this year, please fill out the registration form on our website.

St. Leonard's RCIA

St. Leonard's Church RCIA will begin in person on October 22th and conclude on March 10th, and culminating during Easter weekend.

Classes will take place on Sunday mornings after 12pm Mass.

If you would like to participate this year, please fill out the registration form on our website.

Online registration for RCIA is now opened.

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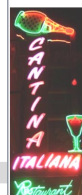
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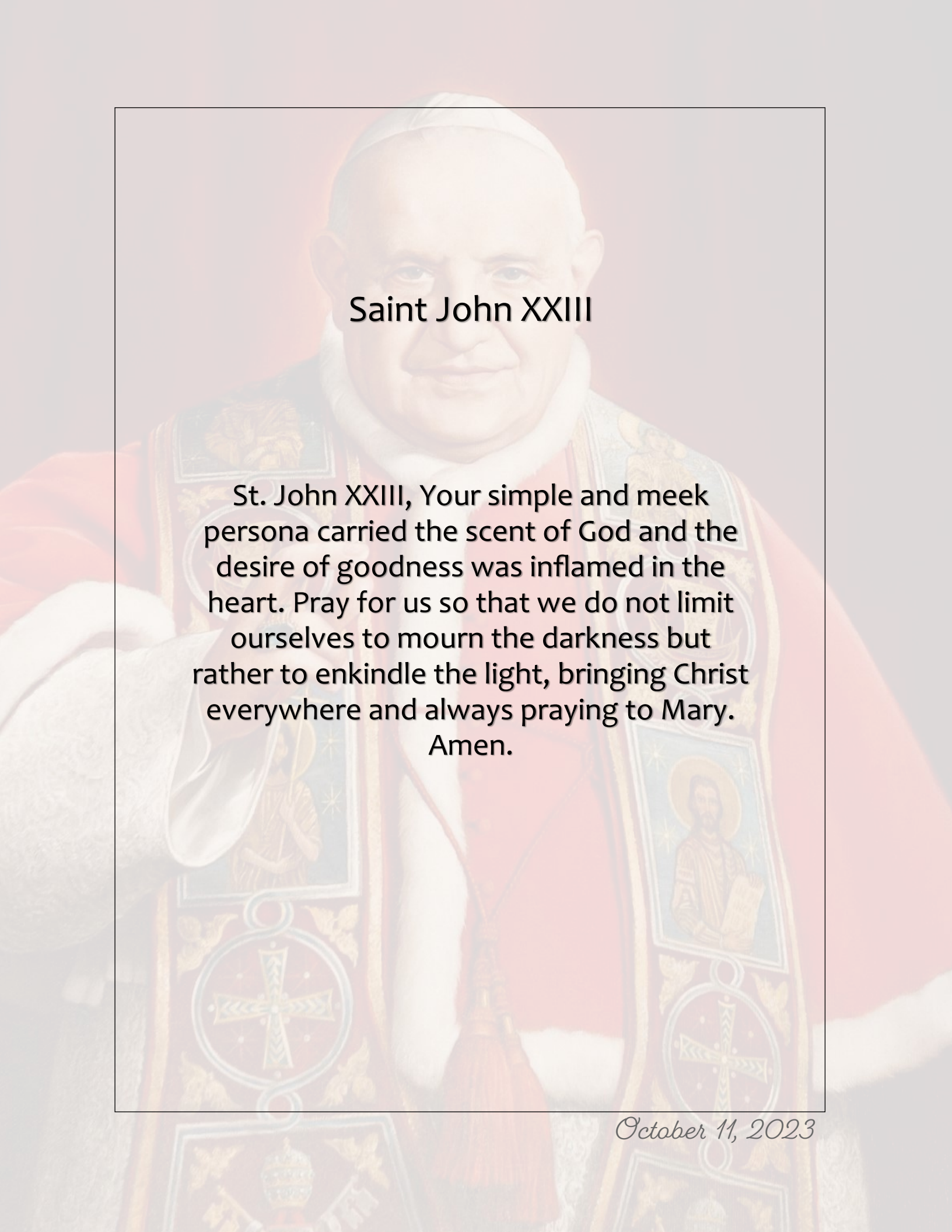
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Saint John XXIII

St. John XXIII, Your simple and meek persona carried the scent of God and the desire of goodness was inflamed in the heart. Pray for us so that we do not limit ourselves to mourn the darkness but rather to enkindle the light, bringing Christ everywhere and always praying to Mary. Amen.

October 11, 2023