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BISHOP OF CHARLESTON
The Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS

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OFFICE SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday 8:30AM – 2:00PM

ST. MARY'S SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Adoration	9:00AM - 3:00PM
Chaplet of Divine Mercy	3:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	3:15PM
Tues., Wed., and Thurs.	After the 6:00PM Mass

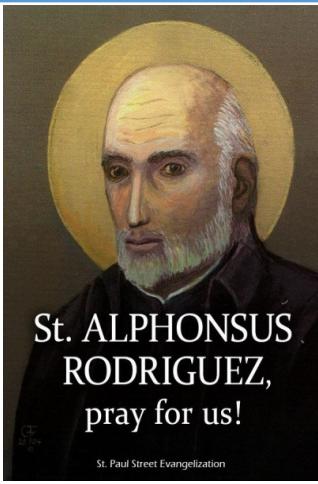
LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:30PM St. Mary's Church
Sunday	9:00AM St. Joseph's Church
Sunday	11:00AM St. Mary's Church

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Tues., Wed., Thurs.	6:00PM
Friday	12:10PM (except First Friday)
First Friday Mass	6:00PM
First Saturday	8:00AM

SAINT'S CORNER



St. ALPHONSUS
RODRIGUEZ,
pray for us!

St. Paul Street Evangelization

SAINT ALPHONSIUS RODRIGUEZ

Tragedy and challenge beset today's saint early in life, but Alphonsus Rodriguez found happiness and contentment through simple service and prayer.

Born in Spain in 1533, Alphonsus inherited the family textile business at 23. Within the space of three years, his wife, daughter, and mother died; meanwhile, business was poor. Alphonsus stepped back and reassessed his life. He sold the business, and

with his young son, moved into his sister's home. There he learned the discipline of prayer and meditation.

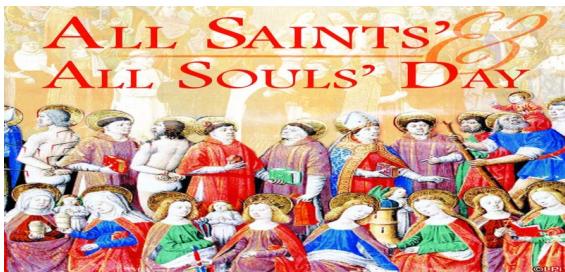
At the death of his son years later, Alphonsus, almost 40 by then, sought to join the Jesuits. He was not helped by his poor education. He applied twice before being admitted. For 45 years he served as doorkeeper at the Jesuits' college in Majorca. When not at his post, he was almost always at prayer, though he often encountered difficulties and temptations.

His holiness and prayerfulness attracted many to him, including Saint Peter Claver, then a Jesuit seminarian. Alphonsus' life as doorkeeper may have been humdrum, but centuries later he caught the attention of poet and fellow-Jesuit Gerard Manley Hopkins, who made him the subject of one of his poems.

Alphonsus died in 1617.

REFLECTION

We like to think that God rewards the good, even in this life. But Alphonsus knew business losses, painful bereavement, and periods when God seemed very distant. None of his suffering made him withdraw into a shell of self-pity or bitterness. Rather, he reached out to others who lived with pain, including enslaved Africans. Among the many notables at his funeral were the sick and poor people whose lives he had touched. May they find such a friend in us!



Tuesday, November 1st is All Saints Day, it is a Holy Day of Obligation .Fr. Dan will celebrate Mass at 12:10pm and 6:00pm at St. Mary's. Wednesday, November 2nd is All Souls Day, this is not a holy day of obligation. Mass will be at 6:00pm at St. Mary's for those who would like to attend

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 30, 2022

Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2

Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/
Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom
5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-
15

Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2

Thes 2:16—3:5/ Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

BOOK CLUB

The Autobiography of a Hunted Priest by John Gerard,S.J. tells the story of a Jesuit priest in Elizabethan England at a time when to be a Catholic priest was considered treason and could mean imprisonment and torture. It is full of intrigue - disguise, danger, hide-outs, "priest hunters", capture and escape, all while saying Mass, preaching, converting the lost and ministering to the faithful in secret. Truth can be stranger than fiction. We will meet second Tuesday, November 8, after evening Mass.

ST. MARY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Mission: To grow closer to God by providing additional outlets for our youth to interact with other Catholic youth within our parish.

Who: 5th-8th graders of registered St. Mary's families

When: The youth group will meet twice a month for a dinner and a social event (movie or games) and for lunch and a service project. The first meeting will be on Saturday, November 5 following the 5:30 pm Mass. We will meet in the Parish Hall for dinner and a movie. Pick-up will be at 9:00 pm. The second meeting will be on Saturday, November 19 from noon to 2:00 pm. We will meet in the Parish Hall for lunch and a service project.

Contact: Whitney and Danny Dorsel
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RSVP: For a 5th-8th grader to participate, his or her parent or guardian must contact Whitney or Danny by Tuesday, November 1.

COMMENTARY ON THE READINGS

THE 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



To better understand the link between the various readings for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, we need to begin with the Gospel Reading and then return to the normal order of the readings.

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of St. Luke (19:1-10). In this passage, we hear the familiar story of Zacchaeus, a Jewish tax collector who longed to "see" Jesus. This implies that Zacchaeus must have heard about Jesus and wanted to know more about Him. So, hearing that Jesus was coming his way, Zacchaeus runs ahead of the crowd and climbs a tree to get a better look. Jesus, knowing this man's thoughts, stops at the tree, calls the tax collector down and then goes home to have dinner with him. (See Revelation 3:20) Now, we can look at this scene from a purely human level and see a small man in a tree and Jesus stopping to chat with him, but the more important point here is that Jesus will go out of His way to find those who are sincerely looking for Him. We don't have to climb trees or do heroic things. We just need to open our heart and mind and invite Him in.

Now, returning to the **First Reading from the Book of Wisdom (11:22-12:2)**, we hear or read the words of a wise sage, who recognizes the greatness of God "before whom the whole universe is but a grain from a balance or a drop of dew," yet He loves each one of us and is even gentle with sinners, "rebuking offenders little by little." God is a loving and Just God, with the little as well as the mighty.

In the Responsorial Psalm (145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14), the Psalmist is giving us a prayer that anyone could say or sing, even Zacchaeus after his encounter with Jesus on the road and then coming to his house to have supper. Wow! What an overwhelming experience! But this is what each of us can have if we really open our mind and heart to Jesus Christ in the Eucharist or in our own private prayer. He is there waiting for us to make that special move to seek Him.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians (1:11-2.2). Its message is to dispel the Thessalonians' fear of not being ready when the Lord returns to earth. Because of the severe persecutions by the Romans (and some Jews), they thought that surely the end was near. Paul encourages them (and us) to seek the Lord every day while we can. Don't wait until "the end." This is true for us today. We should be like Zacchaeus, running ahead to find Jesus in life's daily activities and not waiting until we go to church on Sunday.

Seeking the Lord is not an exercise of looking from treetops or mountains or into dark closets. Rather, it is a spiritual exercise of the mind and heart; but it takes just as much effort, honesty and sincerity as the more physical efforts. God made us for Him to love. All we need do is be willing to accept His love in whatever manner He wishes to give it. Further, "seeking" or "seeing" the Lord is not a matter of a time or an event; but rather a continuing process that we should be pursuing every day of our life. So I leave you with this thought: "Are you seeking Jesus to come into your heart and home? If not, why not?" Something to think about during your prayer time this week!



The Solemnity of All Saints

FEAST DAY—NOVEMBER 1

"God never abandons us. Each time we need it, one of his angels will come to lift us up again and give us comfort; 'angels,' at times with a human face and heart because God's saints are always here, hidden in our midst. This is difficult to understand and also to imagine, but saints are present in our lives."

—Pope Francis, General Audience, June 21, 2017

All Hallows' Day, the Solemnity of All Saints, or All Saints' Day is a celebration of all Catholic saints held on November 1 each year. "On this solemnity, we recall the holy men and women who, having completed their earthly journeys, now live forever with God. These saints, though not canonized, offer us models of abiding faith and love of God and neighbor" (*Essential Guide to Seasons and Saints*, 109).

In the Catholic Church, we are called to imitate and venerate saints because of their heroically virtuous lives, martyrdom, or their offering of life for others. But, what does veneration mean and why do we pray to the saints?

Veneration of the saints fosters our faith in God and does not detract from it. Rather, our faith in God is strengthened by our relationship with our brothers and sisters in the faith who are in heaven. The Church teaches that by imitating the virtues lived by the saints, the saints bring us closer to Christ. When we ask the saints to pray for us, we ask them to join their wills with the will of God and intercede for us



here on earth. This is the Communion of Saints which we profess every Sunday in the Creed. In his homily on the Solemnity of All Saints in 2015, Pope Francis said,

Let us ask the Lord for the grace to be simple and humble people, the grace to be able to weep, the grace to be meek, the grace to work for justice and peace, and above all the grace to let ourselves be forgiven by God so as to become instruments of his mercy.

This is what the Saints did, those who have preceded us to our heavenly home. They accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage, they encourage us to go forward. May their intercession help us to walk on Jesus' path, and to obtain eternal happiness for our deceased brothers and sisters, for whom we offer this Mass.

The Solemnity of All Saints—November 1—is a Holy Day of Obligation.



This is an original piece that was created specifically for Catholic Current. More information on the veneration of saints can be found on USCCB's website at <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/popular-devotional-practices-basic-questions-and-answers.cfm>

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