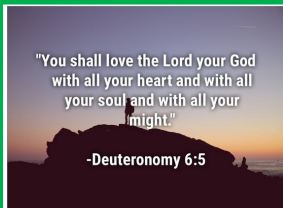


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"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." Matthew 22

Here ends, all the disputations and entrapments orchestrated by religious leaders during Jesus' final visit to Jerusalem. They questioned Jesus at length, utilizing various experts on different subjects: Sadducees, lawyers, chief priests, elders, scribes, Pharisees, and their disciples. In each confrontation, Jesus proves himself more careful, clever, and inspired than his adversaries. When Jesus questions them about the messiah and his relationship to David, they are stumped and finally silenced (22:41-46). But before being silenced, a legal expert from among the Pharisees asks Jesus one last question in order to test him, "Which commandment in the law is greatest?" (22:36). For him to answer wisely will be a confirmation of his teaching authority. It seems, after a long day of verbal battle, even the Pharisees begin to lose steam and wonder whether their efforts had been worthwhile. Jesus' answer is classic. Loving God is the first thing, the most important thing. However, with it, comes a corollary: to love God means you must also love God's people. The ancient rabbis put it in similar terms: "What is hateful to you do not do to your neighbor. That is the whole Law."

Catholics and the Use of Statues

As a convert from a protestant faith, it was often suggested to me, the use of statues and similar items, was a form of "idol worship." To clarify, Catholics use statues, paintings, and other artistic devices to recall the person or thing depicted. Just as it helps to remember one's mother by looking at her photograph, it helps us to recall the example of the saints by looking at pictures of them. Catholics also use statues as teaching tools. In the early Church they were especially useful for the instruction of the illiterate. Protestant churches use pictures of Jesus and other Bible pictures for teaching children. Catholics also use statues to commemorate certain people and events, much as Protestant churches have three-dimensional nativity scenes at Christmas. There's no "idolatry" occurring in these situations. God forbids the *worship* of images as gods, but he doesn't ban the use of images as "worship aides". It is when people begin to adore a statue as a god it becomes a problem. Thus, when people did start to worship the bronze serpent as a snake-god (whom they named "Nehushtan"), the righteous king Hezekiah had it destroyed (2 Kgs. 18:4).



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God Isn't Asking You to Figure it Out? He's Asking you to Trust He Already Has.

Our Lady of Fatima Relics?

There are no relics of the “Our Lady of Fatima” since she had no corporal body per se. There are, however, relics of the children who encountered her. Francisco Marto was born on June 11, 1908 in Aljustrel, Portugal. His sister, Jacinta Marto, was born on March 11, 1910. They are the two youngest shepherd children to whom Our Lady appeared for six months from May through October, 1917. Francisco was 9 and Jacinta was 7. During the recent presentation of the “Our Lady of Fatima” Statue I was provided with relics of two of the three “children” which were used to bless various items people brought to the church. In 1916, while tending to their sheep in the countryside around Fatima, the Angel of Peace appeared to the three shepherd children. Their cousin Lucia, age 14, was also with them. The Angel appeared to them three times that year to prepare them for the apparitions of Our Lady the following year.

After Our Lady’s appearances to them on the 13th of the month, May through October, 1917, “they consecrated their days to the love for God, for the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the Holy Father, as well as for their brethren, especially for the sinners for whom they prayed and made sacrifices”. Francisco died on April 4, 1919 and Jacinta on February 20, 1920 both from complications of the Spanish Flu.

Saint John Paul II beatified Francisco and Jacinta at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary on May 13, 2000. The Vatican canonized these two younger shepherd children on May 13, 2017, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima and the 100th anniversary of Our Lady’s first apparition to the children.



Join us for Bible Study

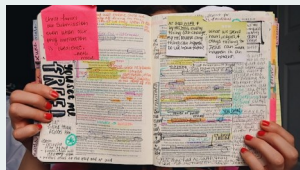
1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM

1:00 pm Meeting
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Passcode: 689472

Contact:
Carolyn James
(323) 394-5441

7:00 pm Meeting
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Passcode: 6FuFf7

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RELICS???

During the recent visit of the Statue of “Our Lady of Fatima” and the relics which accompanied the exhibition; I fielded many questions. I thought it might be helpful to provide some of the information regarding “Relics”

Classes of Relics

1st Class Relic: a part of the Saint (bone, hair, etc.) and the instruments of Christ’s passion

2nd Class Relic: something owned by the Saint or instruments of torture used against a martyr

3rd Class Relic: something that has been touched to a 1st or 2nd Class Relic. You can make your own 3rd Class relics by touching an object to a 1st or 2nd Class Relic, including the tomb of a Saint.

Relics in churches or chapels are usually kept in one of two places: in a cavity (“sepulchre”) inside the Altar or in a “reliquary.”



Reliquaries have taken on a variety of shapes — boxes, Noah’s Arks, caskets, the shape of an arm, leg, head, etc.. — and some are exquisite specimens of gold and silversmithing.



The two we displayed here were each in their own pyxes.

CanonLaw 1190

§1 It is absolutely wrong to sell sacred relics.

§2 Distinguished relics, and others which are held in great veneration by the people, may not validly be in any way alienated nor transferred on a permanent basis, without the permission of the Apostolic See. While selling relics (“simony”) is wrong, it is permissible to buy them if they will be marketed anyway and buying them would save them from desecration. This must be done only if the good which comes from buying the relic outweighs other uses the money spent could be used for — and this should never be done at auction because bidding would only drive up the price, forcing others who simply want to rescue relics to pay more. This could also increase the likelihood of a market developing in the sale of relics. Relics may be legitimately obtained from Church sources, i.e., the Vicariate in Rome, the religious Order of the Saint involved, the shrine of the Saint involved, etc.

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WEEKLY COST TO THE CHURCH, AND WE
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Things you may have missed as October comes to an end?

The feasts in October included two of the most popular devotions of Catholics: on to the **Holy Rosary** (October 7) and the **Guardian Angels** (October 2). In October 2002 our Holy Father John Paul II wrote the Apostolic Letter **Rosarium Virginis Mariae (the Rosary of the Virgin Mary)**. This letter introduced five new mysteries, called the Luminous or Mysteries of Light: (1) Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan, (2) Jesus' self-manifestation at the wedding of Cana, (3) Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, with the call to conversion, (4) the Transfiguration, and (5) the Institution of the Eucharist. Make a more concerted effort to pray the Rosary together as a family during the month of November in preparation for Advent. read the Apostolic Letter to understand the beauty of this devotion more deeply, and pray the new Luminous mysteries.



November; The month of remembrance.

The month of November is **traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died**. It is related to the fact the end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent – the four-week period of preparation before Christmas.

All Hallows Eve All Hallows' Eve or Halloween heralds the month of November with emphasis on the Communion of Saints, especially the Church Suffering (the Poor Souls in Purgatory) and the second coming of Christ or *parousia*. This last day of October on the secular calendar is second only to Christmas in commercial preparations. The secular festivities center on ghouls, witches and devils, but the Christian counterpart focus on the **communion of saints**. As Christians living a "Catholic Culture", we should try to explore the Christian roots of the **Halloween** festivities.

Memorial Service for St. Bernadette Parishioners: We will be celebrating the Memorial for All Parishioners and family members within the last 2 years. The ceremony will be held during the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, November 4th. Please bring a photo of the deceased to be placed on the altar rail during the service and bring them to the reception following mass. Please contact the church office at (323-293-4877) and provide your name and the name(s) of the deceased loved one(s) no later than Wednesday, November 1st .



LITURGY SCHEDULE

MONDAY,
OCTOBER 30, 2023
TO SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 05, 2023

Monday, October 30, 2023
8:00 Communion Service
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Tuesday, October 31, 2023
All Hallows Eve
8:00 Communion Service
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday, Nov 01, 2023
Feast of All Saints
8:00 am Mass
Live-Streamed and In-Person

***Thursday, Nov 02, 2023**
All Souls Day
8:00 am Mass
Live-Streamed and In-Person

***Friday, Nov 03, 2023**
St Martin de Porres
8:00 am Mass
Live-Streamed and In-Person

***Saturday, Nov 04, 2023**
St Charles Borromeo
3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, Nov. 05, 2023
Daylight Savings Time Ends
31st Sunday Ordinary Time
10:00 am Mass
Coffee & Donuts
Parish Hall
Following Mass

Other Sacraments
(as Scheduled)

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1 Corinthians 15:58

*Oh Lord, help every worker to
work wholeheartedly for the
church. Help them to remember
the work they do in the church is
not in vain as Your Word
declares Your work is never
wasted.*



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Mass Intentions: October 28 to November 03, 2023

Saturday 4:00 pm

The Intentions of All Parishioners

Sunday 10:00 am

Donald L. Foster (RIP)

Alfonzo W. Matthews (RIP)

**Requesting a Mass Intention? Contact the Parish Office
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Did you know?

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What are the rules about minors serving as volunteers?

It is the job of adults — not minors — to protect children from harm and abuse. However, many minors are also volunteers at school and at church, which sometimes makes it difficult to know what roles minors should play. Within programs or ministries, there should always be an adult in an official supervisory role. Minors should be helping, but never directly in charge of younger children. Meeting this standard can be challenging but it is important in keeping all children, including minor volunteers, safe.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Minors Who Are Serving or Assisting in Volunteer-Type Activities” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know. at [Read the VIRTUS® article “Minors Who Are Serving or Assisting in Volunteer-Type Activities” here.](#)



**Memorial Service for St. Bernadette
Parishioners**
Saturday, November 4th at the 4:00
pm Vigil Mass

St. Bernadette will honor all deceased St. Bernadette parishioners and family members * with a memorial service during the November 4th vigil mass. Please join us after mass for a reception.

We invite you to bring photos of your deceased loved ones* to mass, where they will be displayed on the altar rail.

Please contact the church office at (323) 293-4877 and provide your name and the name of the deceased loved one(s).



*Deceased parishioners and their family members for the past 2 years

