

October 27, 2019

Dear fellow parishioners,

Hello from across the pond! My pilgrimage to Ireland continues, so I prepared this letter before I left. Our pilgrimage return October 29. I'll be back for mass on the 30th.


**Friday November 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.** Let us make plans to attend Mass. At St. Augustine Cathedral parish, there are many opportunities to attend mass. There is a Vigil Mass at 5:30pm on Thursday, October 31. Before you go trick or treating, parents are welcomed to bring their children to Mass, even if in their Hallowe'en costume! (By the way, Hallowe'en gets its name from All Saints Day—All Hallows' Eve!) Masses on Friday, November 1, are at 7:00am, 8:45am with St Augustine Cathedral school, 12:10pm and 5:30pm. Let's do our best to praise God in honoring all the Saints. It's our Feast Day, in anticipation of our final destination.

I have a small collection of relics. I will have them on display for your edification and veneration. After masses on the Holy Day, the relics will be found in the rectory office hallway. Please use the parish office entrance during regular parish hours. All Holy Men and Women, pray for us.

Our commemoration of All Souls is Saturday November 2. It is not a holy day, but a stark reminder to pray for all souls in their journey back to the Lord. For those souls who are not in Heaven, let's do our part to pray for them. Someday, we hope someone will pray for us.

Here is an **Update on the Renovations** of the sanctuary: there has been a lot of unseen work beneath the sanctuary since August. By the last week of November, a screened wall will separate the sanctuary (altar area) from the nave of the church. Work can begin on the interior wall and the floor. Advent begins December 1, 2019 and so the sanctuary will be under construction for at least six (6) months. Let's pray that the work is done well and promptly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Very Rev Robert Creagan".

Fr. Robert Creagan, rector