# FOR ALL THE SAINTS



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### **RECTOR'S MESSAGE**



#### Beloved in Christ,

A couple of weeks ago I opened an email newsletter from Nashotah House, my seminary, and my attention was grabbed by the words "All Saints" in big letters. It turns out that "All Saints" is a movie about the "true story of a pastor in Tennessee, who with the help of 50 Burmese refugees, saved his dying church by turning the grounds around the church into a working farm." Reading further I was shocked to find out that the "pastor" of this parish was Fr. Michael Spurlock, a classmate of mine in seminary! I was totally unaware of his experience, as the only contact I've had with him since he graduated have been failed attempts to catch up, so I immediately began watching trailers and interviews to try and get the full story. Everyone in them shared a sense of awe and wonder at what had happened, which Michael described perfectly when he said simply,

You do not have an All Saints without faith. You do not have an All Saints without Jesus Christ. Human willing would not have been enough to save All Saints.

### **RECTOR'S MESSAGE**

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Naturally, hearing that led me to reflect on our own parish history, where God was clearly at work, as well as the present time, where I'm privileged to see that work continuing on a regular basis. I thought this was especially appropriate to consider as we approach Pentecost and the season after, because the gift of the Holy Spirit should produce a beauty that inspires not only in the life of All Saints', but in the lives of all of us saints.

God is always calling us to love, and our daily experiences are the raw material we have to form our response. When we open up our lives to the leading of the Holy Spirit, they take on an unmistakably divine beauty because that raw material gets formed with a creativity and harmony far beyond what we're capable of on our own. That's not easy because our own souls and bodies are part of what's being formed, but by God's grace it's always possible and it's always worth it.

Take time at the beginning of every day to offer all of your thoughts, desires, and actions to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to see God's will; to open your heart to love God's will; and to open your hands to do God's will. Then take as much time as possible to just be quiet and listen, and when you're done, resolve to keep listening throughout the day.

That may not seem like a lot, but the more you do it, the more you will see God working in your life to make you and those around you all saints.

In His mercy,

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### June

2	The Martyrs of Lyons, 177 Morning Prayer Mass	9:00am 9:30am
3	Pentecost (tr.) Solemn Mass Parish Dinner	4:00pm 5:30pm
6	Mass	Noon
8	Evening Prayer	6:30pm
9	Columba, Abbot of Iona, 597 Morning Prayer Mass	9:00am 9:30am
11	Trinity Sunday Mass Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew Solemn Mass	8:00am 9:30am 10:30ar
13	Anthony of Padua, Priest, Confessor, Doctor, 1231 Mass Finance Committee Meeting	Noon 6:00pm
16	Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, 1752 Morning Prayer Mass	9:00am 9:30am

### June (continued)

18	Feast of Corpus Christi (tr.) Mass Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew Solemn Mass	8:00am 9:30am 10:30am
20	Mass Vestry Meeting	Noon 7:00pm
23	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Morning Prayer Mass	9:00am 9:30am
25	The Third Sunday after Pentecost Mass Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew Solemn Mass	8:00am 9:30am 10:30am
27	Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, 444 Mass	Noon
30	St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles (tr.) Morning Prayer Mass	9:00am 9:30am

### July

1	Societies of Mary All are welcome to join the Societies of Mary for their monthly day of in the Chapel with Rosary at 11:00am with Mass to follow. After who to the Parish Hall for a potluck luncheon.	
2	4th Sunday after Pentecost Mass Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew Solemn Mass	8:00am 9:30am 10:30am
4	Independence Day: Parish Office closed	
7	Morning Prayer Mass	9:00am 9:30am
9	5th Sunday of Pentecost Mass Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew Solemn Mass	8:00am 9:30am 10:30am
11	Mass Finance Committee Meeting	Noon 6:00pm
14	Bonaventure, Bishop of Albano, 1274 Morning Prayer Mass	9:00am 9:30am
16	6th Sunday after Pentecost Mass Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew Solemn Mass	8:00am 9:30am 10:30am

### July (continued)

18	Mass Vestry Meeting	Noon 7:00pm
21	Morning Prayer Mass	9:00am 9:30am
23	7th Sunday of Easter Mass Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew Solemn Mass	8:00am 9:30am 10:30am
25	St. James the Apostle Mass	Noon
28	Morning Prayer Mass	9:00am 9:30am
28	8th Sunday of Easter Mass Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew Solemn Mass	8:00am 9:30am 10:30am

### TREASURER'S CORNER

#### By John Gray III



Operating income is under budget for the month of April but expenses were also under budget.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenues	\$23,854	\$26,906	\$(3,052)
Expenses	\$33,748	\$48,878	\$(15,130)

#### Key *REVENUE* deviations from plan were:

- Current month pledges were \$1,978 under budget
- Plate/Other Contributors is over budget by \$1,338
- Investment income was \$2,934 under budget due to distribution timing differences

#### Key *EXPENSE* deviations from budget were:

- Pastoral expense was \$2,216 under budget
- Business expenses were \$4,454 under budget
- Facilities expenses was \$2,511 under budget
- Music Program expense was \$525 under budget
- Property Management expense was \$2,500 under budget

#### Totals through April:

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Pledges	\$44,068	\$38,793	\$5,275
Total Revenues	\$116,546	\$103,109	\$13,437
Expenses	\$159,636	\$195,458	\$(35,822)

For the first four months of 2017, we are under budget by \$49,258

### PRESCHOOL CORNER

#### By John Gray III



Operating income is under budget for the month of April, but expenses were also under budget.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenues	\$44,378	\$44,458	\$(80)
Expenses	\$39,356	\$41,316	\$(1,960)

#### Key *REVENUE* deviations from budget were:

• Current month tuition was \$2,060 over budget

#### Key *EXPENSE* deviations from budget were:

 Operating expenses for April were \$1,960 under budget. Payroll was lower than budgeted because the new teachers are being paid at a lower rate.

#### Net Gain for April was \$5,022

#### Preschool Update for June

- We currently have 77 children enrolled for June- of those 21 are part-time and 11 are toddlers.
- Father's Day Party will be held on Friday, June 16 at 2:30pm.
- Pre-K promotion will be held on Friday 23 at 2:30pm

#### Sanctifying Time

In the last issue, I wrote about how, as Catholic Christians, we sanctify time in various ways; from the seasons and feasts of the Church year to even the hours of the day, and focused especially on the particular devotions for the days of the week. Moving forward I'll cover the pious devotion for the months of the year and how to participate in it.

#### June - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Just as Jesus is, in His person, the perfect revelation of God the Father (see John 14:7-11), His Most Sacred Heart is the specific revelation of God's immense love for us. The devotion is especially concerned with the love and compassion of the heart of Christ towards humanity, and its long suffering. It is often depicted as a fiery furnace, beating with love despite being pierced, broken, and encircled with a crown of thorns, but it's more than just a sentimental idea. It also serves as a reminder of the humanity of our Lord, that because of the Incarnation, the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a literal, physical reality.

This is one of the most widely-practiced and well-known Catholic devotions, and the most significant source for its current form was St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647–1690), a nun of the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary, to whom Jesus appeared several times between December of 1673 and July of 1675. The chief features of the devotion are reception of Holy Communion on the first Friday of each month, Eucharistic adoration during a "Holy Hour" on Thursdays, and the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which falls 19 days, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, after Pentecost, which will be June 23<sup>rd</sup> this year.

Some other ways to keep the devotion during the month of June:

- Pray and meditate on Jesus' Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (as St. Margaret Mary was) and His death on the cross.
- Pray and make a special fast for the Church, a loved one, and/or those who don't know Jesus.
- Pray and meditate on the Litany of the Sacred Heart or a prayer specific to the feast, see next page

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#### Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

V. Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Christ, have mercy on us.

V. Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

R. Christ, graciously hear us.

V. God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, formed in the womb of the Virgin Mother by the Holy Ghost,

have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, united substantially to the Word of God.

Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty.

Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God.

Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High.

Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven.

Heart of Jesus, glowing furnace of charity.

Heart of Jesus, vessel of justice and love.

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love.

Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues.

Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise.

Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts.

Heart of Jesus, in whom art all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Heart of Jesus, in whom dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead.

Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was well pleased.

Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received.

Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills.

Heart of Jesus, patient and rich in mercy.

Heart of Jesus, rich to all who call upon Thee.

Heart of Jesus, fount of life and holiness.

Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our offenses.

Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with reproaches.

Heart of Jesus, bruised for our iniquities.

Heart of Jesus, obedient even unto death.

Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance.

Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation.

Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection.

Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation.

Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins.

Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who hope in Thee.

Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in Thee.

Heart of Jesus, delight of all saints.

V. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

R. spare us, O Lord.

V. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

R. graciously hear us, O Lord.

V. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,

R. have mercy on us.

V. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart,

R. Make our hearts like unto Thine.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look upon the Heart of Thy well-beloved Son and upon the acts of praise and satisfaction which He renders unto Thee in the name of sinners; and do Thou, in Thy great goodness, grant pardon to them who seek Thy mercy, in the name of the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, world without end. Amen.

#### St. John Henry Newman's Prayer to the Sacred Heart

Most Sacred, most loving Heart of Jesus; You are concealed in the Holy Eucharist, and You beat for us still. Now, as then, You say: "With desire I have desired." I worship You

with all my best love and awe, with fervent affection, with my most subdued, most resolved will. For a while You take up Your abode within me. O make my heart beat with Your Heart! Purify it of all that is earthly, all that is proud and sensual, all that is hard and cruel, of all perversity, of all disorder, of all deadness. So fill it with You, that neither the events of the day, nor the circumstances of the time, may have the power to ruffle it; but that in Your love and Your fear, it may have peace.

#### July - The Most Precious Blood of Jesus

In the sacrificial system of the Old Testament, "the life of the flesh is in the blood" (Leviticus 17:11), so the shedding of blood represented life being poured out. The shedding and sprinkling of blood was a part of the covenants being made because it symbolized the lives of the parties being joined and bound up in the new relationship.

St. Paul tells us that Jesus reconciled "to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross" (Col. 1:20). The blood of Christ saves us and gives us the hope of heaven because His life is being poured out in atonement for sin and joining His divine life to ours. Without the blood of Christ shed for us, all would be lost.

The feast of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus has been celebrated in different places for centuries and was included in the General Roman Calendar as a significant feast to be observed everywhere until its revision in 1969. At that time, it was removed from the universal calendar because the Blood of Jesus was already being venerated in the feasts of the Passion, on Corpus Christi, the Sacred Heart, and the Holy Cross, and became a votive Mass that could be offered at various times.

We can observe a devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus in many of the same things we do for the Sacred Heart. One distinction though is its call to repentance and reparation. Since an aspect of the shedding of blood is atonement for sins, July is a great time to develop or renew the habit of examining our conscience and making a sacramental Confession.

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# **PARISH LIFE**

#### An Afternoon of Art and Music

Artists: Teresa and Troy Lindenmeier, Todd Muffatti and Kathryn Dreyer











# **PARISH LIFE**

### On Sunday, May 21 — Photos by John Gray III

William (BJ) Robinson and Musical Friends











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### **PARISH LIFE**

#### Music Ministry – by Robert MacLeod



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Pauline Tweed on Thursday, May 4. I have enjoyed a close friendship with Pauline and the Tweed family for many years, on both a personal level as well as professional.

Pauline became our soprano soloist/section leader 10 years ago upon retirement in the same capacity at First Presbyterian Church, where her husband, Dr. Myron Tweed, was Director of Music. They served there for 27 years.

Pauline and I collaborated on many recitals and other musical projects over the years. In addition, she has been the soprano soloist in the professional quartet at Congregation Beth Israel for the past 25 years.

Pauline has remained a very busy voice teacher, and her musical contributions to the musical fabric of San Diego, and that of the Tweed family were extensive.

A Celebration of Life service will take place at First Presbyterian Church on a date to be announced at a later time.

### COMMEMORATION

#### Thomas a Kempis, Priest, Monk, and Writer





Thomas Hammerken (or Hammerlein ~ both mean "little hammer") was born at Kempen (hence the "A Kempis") in the duchy of Cleves in Germany around 1380. He was educated by a religious order called the Brethren of the Common Life, and in due course joined the order, was ordained a priest, became subprior of his house (in the low Countries), and died 25 July 1471 (his feast is observed a day early to avoid conflict with that of James bar-Zebedee the Apostle).

Thomas is known almost entirely for composing or compiling a manual of spiritual advice known as *The Imitation of Christ*, in which he urges the reader to seek

to follow the example of Jesus Christ and to be conformed in all things to His will. An extract follows:

When God bestows Spiritual comfort, receive it with a grateful heart; but remember that it comes of God's free gift, and not of your own merit. Do not be proud, nor over joyful, nor foolishly presumptuous; rather, be the more humble for this gift, more cautious, and more prudent in all your doings, for this hour will pass, and temptation will follow it. When comfort is withdrawn, do not immediately despair, but humbly and patiently await the will of Heaven; for God is able to restore you to a consolation even richer than before. This is nothing new or strange to those who know the ways of God, for the great Saints and Prophets of old often experienced these changes. ...Indeed, the temptation that precedes is often a sign of comfort to follow. For heavenly comfort is promised to those who have been tried and tempted. "To him who overcomes," says God, "I will give to eat of the Tree of Life."

#### From <u>Iames Kiefer's BIO's</u>

### **COMMEMORATION**

#### Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, Martyr

c. 202



Irenaeus (pronounced ear-a-NAY-us) was probably born around 125. As a young man in Smyrna (near Ephesus, in what is now western Turkey) he heard the preaching of Polycarp, who as a young man had heard the preaching of the Apostle John. Afterward, probably while still a young man, Polycarp moved west to Lyons in southern France. In 177, Pothinus, the bishop of Lyons, sent him on a mission to Rome. During his absence a severe persecution broke out in Lyons, claiming the lives of the bishop and others. When Irenaeus returned to Lyons, he was made bishop. He died around 202. He is thus an important link between the apostolic church and later times, and also an important link between Eastern and Western Christianity.

His principal work is the *Refutation of Heresies*, a defense of orthodox Christianity against its Gnostic rivals. A shorter work is his *Proof of the Apostolic Preaching*, a brief summary of Christian

teaching, largely concerned with Christ as the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy. An interesting bit of trivia about this latter book is that it is, as far as I know, the first Christian writing to refer to the earth as a sphere.

One of the earliest heresies to arise in the Christian church was Gnosticism, and Irenaeus was one of its chief early opponents.

Irenaeus maintained that the Gospel message is for everyone. He was perhaps the first to speak of the Church as "Catholic" (universal). In using this term, he made three contrasts:

1. He contrasted the over-all church with the single local congregation, so that one spoke of the Church in Ephesus, but also of the Catholic Church, of which the Churches in Ephesus, Corinth, Rome, Antioch, etc. were local branches or chapters.

### **COMMEMORATION**

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- 2. He contrasted Christianity with Judaism, in that the task of Judaism was to preserve the knowledge of the one God by establishing a solid national base for it among a single people, but the task of Christianity was to set out from that base to preach the Truth to all nations.
- 3. He contrasted Christianity with Gnosticism, in that the Gnostics claimed to have a message only for the few with the right aptitudes and temperaments, whereas the Christian Gospel was to be proclaimed to all men everywhere.

Irenaeus then went on to say: If Jesus did have a special secret teaching, to whom would He entrust it? Clearly, to His disciples, to the Twelve, who were with Him constantly, and to whom he spoke without reservation (Mark 4:34). And was the teaching of the Twelve different from that of Paul? Here the Gnostics, and others since, have tried to drive a wedge between Paul and the original Apostles, but Peter writes of Paul in the highest terms (2 Peter 3:15), as one whose teaching is authentic. Again, we find Paul saying to the elders of the church at Ephesus (Acts 20:27), that he has declared to them the whole counsel of God. Where, then, do we look for Christ's authentic teaching? In the congregations that were founded by the apostles, who set trustworthy men in charge of them, and charged them to pass on the teaching unchanged to future generations through carefully chosen successors.

From James Kiefer's BIO's

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### **PARISH HISTORY**

#### All Saints' Seal



Encircling the seal are 12 apostles' symbols and in the center the shield contains 4 more symbols. In this issue we continue our exploration of the All Saints' seal by describing 3 symbols starting at the two o'clock position for St. Thomas, St. Matthias and St. James, Less.

### **PARISH HISTORY**

#### All Saints' Seal



**St.Thomas** shield shows a carpenter's square and a vertical spear. Thomas was an evangelist in Persia and India where he is said to have erected with his own hands a church building at Malipur, in east India, hence the carpenter's square. He is the patron saint of builders. Thomas died when he was shot with arrows, stoned and left to die. A pagan priest then ran a spear through him. St. Thomas' Day is December 21.



**St. Matthias** was the Apostle chosen by lot to take Judas' place as one of the twelve. Tradition holds that he worked in Judea or Ethiopia. He is said to have been stoned and then beheaded. His shield is a book and a halberd (a combined spear and battle-ax). St. Matthias' Day is February 24.



St. James (called "The Less" or "The Just") was a son of Alphaeus. This Apostle's shield shows a vertical saw, with the handle upward. He worked in and near Jerusalem and was probably its first bishop. An ancient historian, Hegesippus, claims that James at age 96 was taken to the pinnacle of the temple and pushed into midair. Near death, he struggled to his knees imploring the Lord to forgive his enemies. The enraged Jews stoned him, and as he lay dying a fuller dashed out his brains with a fuller's bat. His dead

body was sawn asunder, hence the symbol of the vertical saw. Saint James' Day is May 1.

From F. R. Webber's Church Symbolism



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