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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2023

Of Saints and War

November arrives. The Month of the Faithful Departed. The sounds of bombs, the screaming of protesters, and the images of destruction remind us how many brothers and sisters in the Faith have “Departed” as a result of the scourge of war. So too the Saints. The martyrdom that happens at the hands of those who hate the Church and of those who casually calculate ‘collateral damage’ quite probably constitutes the greatest number of those on the list (the “canon”) of those canonized saints we remember on November 1. Think of that – most Saints are killed in war or persecution.

Remember, despite all the pretense of Geneva Conventions, war always means rape, murder of children, and spoiling of the environment. Always.

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mt 22:34-40)

Jesus does something no other teacher had done – he explicitly links the two commandments. You can neither love God without loving your neighbour and you cannot love your neighbour without loving God.

But who is my neighbour? For the Jewish person of Jesus’ time, “neighbour” is restricted to another member of the tribe. There is the wiggle room which allows for war: most people are really not my neighbour. Jesus’ beloved People thought he was crazy because he looked beyond “tribe” ... even looked beyond “neighbour” ... to create a new community of “brothers and sisters”. “Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.” (Mk. 3:35) This is not a new idea it is a new People: a People who – praying “Our Father” – know that everyone is thereby our brother and sister.



O how hard it is for this to penetrate the hearts of people – even those who proclaim to “do the will of God”. We see ideas only. We see memories (especially memories of hurt) only. Whenever someone begins to think: “How terrible it was that the terrorists do this *but ...*”; “How sad that babies will be killed *but ...*” – people are no longer seen, ideas are left to be debated. The unthinkable happens – Terrorists hide weapons near churches and hospitals, Parliaments debate proportional response, mobs decry genocide by endorsing genocide, and children of the Father die unprovided for. Oh yes, arms manufacturers get richer and those who have stocks in weapons of war (i.e. weapons for rape, child-murder, and destruction) fatten their portfolios while “culling the herd”.

And the lord of this world, the enemy of humanity, croaks his awful cant.

But the Saints sing the song of Heaven. The Martyrs show us their blood shed by others (no Christian martyr can shed the blood of others) as tasting of the Blood of the Innocent One who dies in and with every innocent one. The Saints sing, because they know the True Song, they know the Way of the Song, they live the Life of the Song: Jesus Christ.

Come, let us join the Saints song. Come let us be Saints. Come let us be Martyrs.

Fr. Stephen

MONDAY, October 30, 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Rudolph Krakowski*)
 6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, October 31 2023

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** (*SI Beth & Stan Spendelow*)

WEDNESDAY, November 1, 2023
All Saints (S)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass**
 3:00 pm - Eucharistic **Adoration** until 5:00pm
 7:00 pm - Faith Study

THURSDAY, November 2, 2023
All Souls (M)

10:00 am - **Mass** († *Deceased of the past year*)
 11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass with Bishop Mark Hagemoen**
 († *Deceased clergy of the diocese*)
 7:00 pm - **Mass** († *Deceased of the parish*)
 8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, November 3, 2023
St. Martin de Porres (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** († *John Ford*) + extended confessions
 5:30 pm - Sto. Nino Prayer Group
 6:30 pm - Chanted Office
 7:00 pm - Gregorian Chant **Mass**

SATURDAY, November 4, 2023
St. Charles Borromeo (M)

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
 12:10 pm - **Mass** († *Ken Beckie*) + extended confessions

SUNDAY, November 5, 2023
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am - **Mass**
 10:00 am - **Mass**
 7:30 pm - **Solemn Vespers**
 8:00 pm - **Mass**

All Saints' Day - Wednesday, November 1st

Holy Mass at 12:10pm

All Souls' Day - Thursday November 2nd

Holy Mass at 10:00am, 12:10pm with Bishop Mark Hagemoen, and 7:00pm

Remember to bring in the cards for the deceased on All Souls' Day

Pre-Planning Your Final Wishes – Learn how planning ahead will reduce stress for your family, save you money and give you peace of mind. This free workshop by Saskatoon Funeral Home will be hosted at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral on **Tuesday, November 7th at 2:00pm**. Registration is required. To register, call Vanessa at (306) 652-0033 or email parish@stpaulcocathedral.ca

1.  **Gregorian Chant Mass**
Friday November 3rd at 7:00pm

Starting with **Chanted Divine Office at 6:30pm**, followed by **Mass at 7pm** and then **Chanted Night Prayer**, with refreshments served afterwards.

Marriage Preparation: Christ in the Middle

7- week program on Tuesday evenings at 7pm from November 7 to December 19

For more information or to register, please contact Liz at

marriageprep@stpaulcocathedral.ca



OFFERING for October 22, 2023

	Weekly Collection	Monthly Total
Cash Donations	\$793.05	\$3,549.65
Envelopes	\$2,629.00	\$20,165.75
PAG	\$4,432.50	\$9,162.50
E-transfers	\$945.00	\$1,448.20
		\$34,326.10
Less: Monthly goal		\$40,000.00
	Net:	-\$5,673.90
Renovations	\$850.00	\$11,970.00



Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays 3 - 5 pm
 Monday to Saturday 11 am - 12 pm