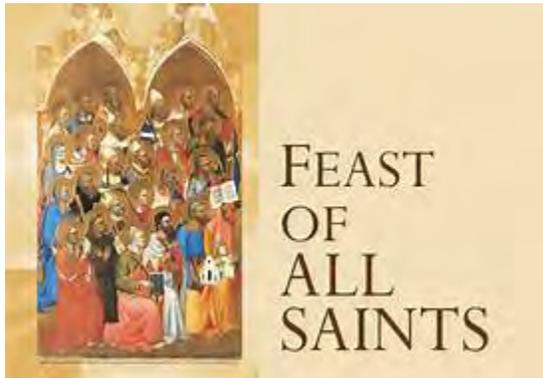


For The Bulletin Of November 1, 2020



The popular book *My Life With The Saints*, by Jesuit James Martin, is an introduction to certain saints told through memoir. Some of the most famous and most well-recognized saints are there, including Peter, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Ignatius of Loyola (the founder of the Jesuits), even Joan of Arc, Mother Teresa, and more, as well as some of the lesser known saints. Most of the saints he discusses, as reflected in the sample selection above, and as has been true throughout Christian history, were celibates.

But the fact that most saints were celibates does not mean that one needs to be celibate to be a saint, or that those who are not celibate have a more difficult time becoming a saint. Instead, it's a reflection of the kinds of people with whom the church is familiar. Even when married people are recognized as saints by the church, it's most often because they lived as celibates after having children (e.g. Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi) or one spouse lives as a celibate after the other died (e.g. Elizabeth Ann Seton). This can make it seem like the only way to become a saint is to become celibate.

Because so many whom the church names as saints were priests, religious, or consecrated people, it can make these people seem far removed from the daily life of a

vast majority of us. One estimate, for example, lists a total of ten married couples who have been recognized as saints in the two thousand years of Christian history. And the Quattrocchis, mentioned above, led a family life almost as if it were a small monastery with daily Eucharist, daily Rosary, and regular theology classes at the Gregorian Jesuit University in Rome. Not many of us maintain that kind of home life, and it certainly is not the only way to holiness.

So, it's critically important that we have the words of the Beatitudes in today's gospel to remind us of what holiness looks like. Nowhere in the Beatitudes is a word about celibacy or, frankly, about sexuality at all. There is certainly nothing about one's vocational state (priest, sister, etc.). Instead, we have attributes such as "poor in spirit, meek, and merciful." These are the hallmarks of holiness. And they can be practiced by anyone, religious or lay, Catholic or Protestant, even Christian or non-Christian. We recall that the Gospel of Matthew is much more about actions than words. And those actions have to do with mercy rather than celibacy.



Living The Paschal Mystery

Holiness can seem so out of reach when we have as examples those whose lives are so different from the vast majority of us. Holiness is not a prize given to those who complete a marathon, something most people cannot do. Instead, holiness is

something each of us is called to. Holiness is something each Christian can live. It is nothing more than living the paschal mystery, a daily dying to self so that we put others before us. Family members practice this each day. (Or at least they have many chances to practice this each day.) When parents sacrifice their own wants for the sake of their children, or when siblings put the needs of their sisters and brothers before their own, these are acts of holiness. It is through such acts that we live the gospel passage today as “peace-makers.” Division and strife are not marks of holiness; unity and peace are. Let us live the gospel message today and, in so doing, live the paschal mystery into our own holiness.

Once again, today’s scripture and liturgy ask personal questions of each one of us: how am I living the Beatitudes? Do I believe that I have been called to holiness? How am I living that call out? ...or not? Here are a few questions to help you with your reflection and meditation:

Today’s second reading from St. John tells us, “Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.” What do you think God’s dream is for your life?

On this Feast of All Saints, how have you been inspired by the lives and example of the saints?

How do you strive to embrace the Beatitudes in your life of faith?

Which beatitude is the most difficult for you to live out? Which is the easiest?



About Liturgy: Middle-class Holiness

This year we have the great blessing of celebrating the Feast of All Saints on Sunday. It would be important to read, or re-read, Francis, Bishop of Rome, apostolic exhortation on the call to holiness in today’s world, “Rejoice and Be Glad.” It is a beautiful and accessible reflection what it means to be holy.

In chapter 3, Francis explores the meaning of each line of the Beatitudes from Matthew’s gospel, which we hear today. For Francis, the Beatitudes coupled with the “Great Criterion” from chapter 25 of Matthew’s gospel, are what shaped the lives of the saints. When we take these two passages to heart, Francis says, we, too, can become “genuinely happy” (109).

Francis also reminds us that holiness is not something reserved only for those who live exemplary lives of faith. Rather, it is “present in the patience of God’s people in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those women and men who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbors, those who, living in our midst, reflect God’s presence.

We might call them “the middle class of holiness” (7).



Monday, November 2, 2020

Land developers were surveying what was to be a new subdivision on the far outskirts of the town, close to some of the most arid land in the state. One civil engineer asked where the water would come from. “There’s an aquifer here that will last fifty years. That’s what code requires.” The civil engineer asked, “What happens after fifty years?” “I won’t be here to find out! Not my problem!” was the reply.

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast of All Saints, whereas today it is All Souls. The capital “S” saints were yesterday’s focus. These were people like Sts. Clare and Francis of Assisi, Catherine of Siena, Sts. Peter and Paul, and many others. Today we commemorate all those holy souls, whether they were recognized officially as saints or not, who came before us. We might think of these people when, in the Litany of the Saints that we sing in the liturgy, we hear “all those holy men and women...”

It is significant that the church gives us this day, as it connects us with our ancestors in faith, such as deceased grandparents, great-grandparents, uncles, aunts, and extended family. We recall that together we form a “cloud of witnesses” whose faith has been handed from one generation to the next. As St. Paul says, “So we preach, and so you believed.” Now in our present day, so many of us share the faith with others, who will in turn pass it down to others. It’s hardly likely that we ourselves will be recognized by the

church as a capital “S” saint, but due to our identity as disciples of Jesus, one day we, too, many be remembered on this day fifty, or one hundred, or more years from now. Let us hope we built our homes on good ground, with access to clean water, clean air, and the like. We think not merely of ourselves but of generations to come.

The gospel passage the church uses to commemorate this feast is from John, with its universal character of salvation. In sum, God desires all to be saved. And Jesus Himself will be the cause of the resurrection. Then we shall be one family united in Christ. All those who have come before us, and all those yet to come, will be together. For it is the will of the Father that all those who come to Christ will never be driven away.



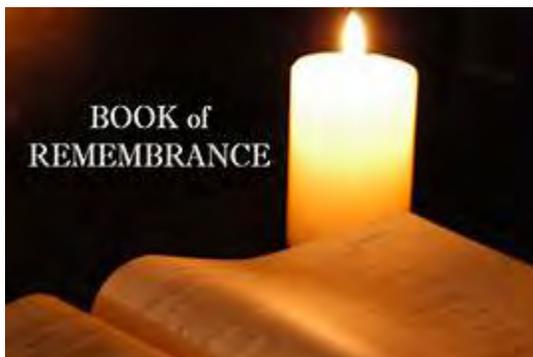
Living The Paschal Mystery

We live with markers of the past all around us. Our lives are built on the good work of others. The homes we purchase, roads we drive on, monuments, churches, and cathedrals were likely all built before us. We owe much to those who came before us. WE owe not only our material blessings but our spiritual blessing as well. We are connected to those ancestors in faith. The world is about so much more than us. And, after we depart this earthly life, there will be others who come after us, whose faith might even be built upon our own.

This passing down the faith from generation to generation began with the first disciples and apostles, and continues into our own

day. The death and resurrection of the Lord becomes the message we share with others. Death is not the end; new life awaits. For centuries past and centuries still to come, a “cloud of witnesses” proclaims the glory of God.

Who are the family or friends that have died whom you celebrate and remember today? What has helped you most when going through a time of grief or sadness in your life?



Each year, the parish makes our Book of Remembrance available in which you are invited to inscribe the names of loved ones who have fallen asleep in the Lord. The Book is then placed beside the Tabernacle for the remainder of the month of November which is dedicated to the remembrance of the deceased.

All those listed are remembered in each Eucharist that is celebrated. If you are unable to inscribe the name of a loved one, please give the office a call, give us the name of your loved one, and we will be happy to place their name in the Book for you. No donation is necessary or required.



Today at 1:00 p.m., our Confirmation class will lead us in A Prayer Service For Racial Healing. The service will last approximately one hour and will take place inside of the church; masks and social distancing will be observed.

The students believe that the time in which we are living is in need of our prayers to bring about unity and peace in our country and in our world. They believe that adding your prayers with theirs will be a strong message to God and one another that we need the healing power of God’s Holy Spirit.

Given the restrictions placed upon us, there is room for 70 participants in addition to the students who are leading the service. I hope you will come and support them in this effort as well as adding your prayers for unity and peace. Reservations are available on Flocknote.

Winter Nights Update

The Winter Nights Rotating Family Shelter reopens on Monday, November 2nd and our parish has a long tradition of supporting this outreach. In previous years, the shelter operated from October through June and rotated every two weeks among various faith communities in East and Central Contra Costa County. Participating congregations provided meals, supplies, volunteers and tutors in support of the families.

Not surprisingly, Covid-19 protocols will significantly impact shelter operations. This year:

- **No volunteers are allowed inside the shelter. No exceptions.**
- **All food must be prepared in commercial, licensed kitchens and delivered with no-contact.**
- As in the past, all clients must be screened before entering the program. New this year, clients must be COVID-19 tested and found free of the virus before entry into the program.
- To minimize travel and the number of locations, the shelter will remain at each host site for 4 consecutive weeks instead of the normal two weeks.
- The shelter will be open 24/7 with Winter Nights' staff present. In prior years, the shelter was open 24 hours on weekends and from 5:00 pm to 7:00 am on weekdays.
- Clients will shelter in place except for essential trips such as employment, school, and doctor's appointments.
- Social distancing is a priority. Tents will be 12 feet apart, and each family will have their own dining table spaced 6 feet apart. This means half the number of guests compared to a regular year.
- Guests and staff will be screened daily for Covid-19 symptoms.
- Rigorous cleaning and hand-washing protocols are in place. Mask coverings are required.
- Plans are already in place to care for individuals, families and staff if they come down with symptoms.

There may be a need for breakfast and lunch supplies so the families can prepare their

own breakfasts and lunches. Watch the bulletin for more information.

If shelter-in-place requirements are lifted before June, the '4-week at a host site schedule' will continue. However, families will leave in the morning and return at 5:00 pm on weekdays and be at the shelter round the clock on weekends, like a "normal" year.

If you would like more information, visit the Winter Nights website at <https://cccwinternights.org/>. Monetary donations can also be made through the Winter Nights website.

St. Ignatius of Antioch CYO Track Program from Brenda Ruffin, Registrar
Please read the message from Bill Ford, Director, Catholic Youth Organization, for the Diocese of Oakland:

Dear CYO Families,
Because of the continuing pandemic and restrictions, all CYO activities in the Diocese of Oakland will continue to be suspended, in compliance with prohibitions on team sports activities from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. This action is based on the uncertainties surrounding the pandemic and the current challenges in keeping our young people, volunteers, and families safe in our Church-sponsored activities, as well as to be in compliance with county prohibitions. This suspension is taken after consultation with the presidents of the CYO leagues in the diocese.

CYO remains hopeful that this coming spring, CYO Track and Field, CYO Girls' Basketball (in the western half of the diocese), and CYO Boys' Sand Volleyball can be played as these sports were not played last spring. The CYO league and track section leadership will recommend

decisions regarding these sports after January 1. Resuming these activities will depend upon participant and volunteer safety, local government directives, and venue availability. CYO coaches are reminded that any sports activities at this time are without the sanction of the Diocese of Oakland and CYO. (See the CYO Athletic Manual, page 15, for “Off Season Restrictions and Limitations.”)

We look forward to our parish churches and our schools reopening safely, a necessary first step in a return to CYO sports. When we are able to resume play, CYO will continue to be a vital ministry in our Church for our young people. We all continue to rely on our leagues and on the dedication of our many players, coaches, athletic directors, coordinators, game officials and volunteers.

While we wait, we will all be praying for all those affected by the pandemic, both directly and indirectly, and for our children to stay healthy and safe.

*Bill Ford, Director
Catholic Youth Organization
Diocese of Oakland
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***St. Ignatius of Antioch CYO Basketball
2020-2021 Season***

To Our Parents and Players,
I hope this email finds you and your family doing well during these unprecedented times. Let us keep each other in prayer, stay safe, and healthy.

We have been in talks with the East Diablo CYO League and CYO Oakland Diocese regarding our basketball program. The COVID-19 virus is not where we need it to be; therefore, we decided that

our CYO sports program would be postponed this season due to the pandemic. We are hopeful next season, we will be able to resume our program.

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Annual St. Nicholas Celebration

For the past 14 years, St. Ignatius of Antioch has celebrated St. Nicholas with a festive dinner in the parish hall which always featured an appearance by St. Nicholas himself. Of course, 2020 is not a normal year and we've had to adapt and find new ways to keep our worship lives and our faith community lives thriving.

The Social Events Committee has committed to keeping the tradition alive in 2020. Our St. Nicholas Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, December 5 and St. Nicholas has been contacted to save the date. The theme this year is **the Peace of Christmas**.

The Committee is working hard to make this event happen while taking into account the important health and safety rules meant to keep us all safe. Please see the attached flyer on today's insert and mark December 5 on your calendars!

Thanksgiving Outreach 2020

Thanks to your generosity, this summer's Mary Project and St. Peter Martyr Backpack Project proved to be very successful virtual events. Now the ongoing pandemic is also changing our role with the St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Thanksgiving distribution – it's going virtual too!

The distribution will be a drive through only event in our parking lot and participants will receive a turkey and a food gift card – no baskets. We are asking our parishioners to make cash/check donations in lieu of creating a basket. Please write

Thanksgiving Outreach in the memo line on the check. All money collected will be forwarded to the SVdP Conference at Holy Rosary. PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL GIFT CARDS. SVdP will purchase the gift cards and please do not purchase individual turkeys. The parish does not have any capacity to store frozen turkeys. Monetary donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 22.

If you would like to provide a Thanksgiving card with an expression of love and support, feel free to drop them off at the parish office, the rectory or at the weekend liturgy. These will be collected and handed out as part of the distribution process.

We look forward to returning to our traditional outreach efforts next year, filling our sanctuary with baby clothes, diapers and supplies for the Mary Project, backpacks and school supplies for St. Peter Martyr and Thanksgiving baskets for the SVdP outreach.

If you or someone you know would like to receive a turkey and food gift card as part of this outreach, reservations are required. Call 757-7450 (English) or 757-0941 (Español) on Monday, November 2 or Tuesday, November 3 from 9:00am – noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm on both days. Reservations will be taken only at these numbers and there is a limit of 150 reservations. If the lines are busy, keep trying. You must speak to a representative in order to make a reservation. Antioch residency is required.

Gas stations, garage sales and God

Oct 23, 2020

by Hannah Vanorny

Spirituality



I love wandering around gas station convenience stores. That may sound strange, but I really enjoy seeing what interesting or oddball items I can find in them. A fun convenience store experience can be the highlight of a road trip.

I have found all kinds of intriguing things in these stores, from candy bars 2 feet long to s'more cappuccinos to jalapeño brats — and that is just the food! Many convenience

stores also sell all kinds of non-food items, such as clothing, toys, tools and alcohol.

The fun part is you never know what you will find, especially when you are traveling in a new place. The stores often reflect their local surroundings. I live in North Dakota and at one of our convenience stores you can find chokecherry-flavored popcorn; a shirt featuring Salem Sue, the world's largest cow; and buffalo "droppings," pieces of chocolate made to look like ... well, you know.

Because I can get mesmerized by the sheer variety of choices in convenience stores, a quick stop during a road trip can turn into a break that is far too long, if I am not careful. I love checking out myriad choices, and being surprised when I encounter new or different items. I am also slow while poring over the shelves at the public library where I work. So many books look intriguing that I sometimes leave the library with 10 new books to read.

But the place to find the most wonderfully odd collection of diverse items is definitely a garage sale (sometimes called a rummage or yard sale). There are a lot of summer garage sales in the town of Bismarck where I live, and the many signs beckon me. Sometimes I suddenly forget my original destination and careen off on a side street to follow a series of garage sale signs until they lead me to the grand prize: a driveway filled with someone else's junk and my potential treasure!

A few years ago, I found a box of books about Catholic saints at a garage sale. As I paged through the books, I was struck by the variety and diversity of the saints.

As a cradle Catholic, I have heard about saints all of my life, but it was not until I

was an adult that I could appreciate their distinct human sides. They were prayerful people whose great love for God often showed through in their enjoyments and pleasures in life, things I could relate to.

For example, [St. Gianna](#), a medical doctor who gave up her own life for her child, was an energetic woman who clearly loved having fun; she enjoyed fashion, theater, opera, mountain climbing and skiing.

[St. Philip Neri](#), a priest and missionary, had a great sense of humor and liked to spice life up a bit with jokes and [unexpected antics](#). During a sermon, he once pronounced most of the words wrong to shock a stoic bishop who was attending the Mass. Other times, he arrived at events with half his beard shaved off, or wore heavy coats in the middle of summer.

These two saints, along with many others, lived full and interesting lives, balancing fun and humor with service and the pursuit of prayerful study.

Choices, diversity and variety are not bad things, even in religion. I am Catholic, but I know that God is bigger than one particular Christian religion. Jesus did not go around in the Gospels claiming to be one religion or another; he was about compassion and kindness and tolerance — as we all should be.

I am inspired by the saints and by teachings from the Catholic Church, but over the years I have also been stirred by various aspects of other Christian and non-Christian traditions. Like my delight at finding some new treasure at a convenience store or garage sale, I am often surprised by the beauty of what I discover when I keep my mind and heart open as I encounter the belief systems of others.

During this pandemic, I have found myself frequently encouraged and inspired by the preaching of some of my pastor friends as they broadcast live on Zoom from their respective Lutheran, United Church of Christ, or Unitarian traditions.

Similarly, while attending a local Baha'i celebration a few years ago, I came across a statement of their beliefs on a half-sheet of paper. I was so touched by them that I taped the paper to the wall behind my desk so that I would see it regularly. The statement included ideas like the entire human population as one united family, the equality of women and men, the harmony of science and religion, and justice and equality as the foundations of peace.

Recently, I was attending an online book study when a participant mentioned the Jewish prayer *Hashkiveinu*, and provided a [YouTube link](#) to a version sung by members of Central Synagogue in New York City. I clicked the link to the video without really expecting much and found myself nearly weeping at the beauty of the ballad and the voices singing it.

I looked on Google for the meaning behind the prayer and found out that it is a kind of night prayer or lullaby sung before going to bed. Rabbi Hara Person of the Central Conference of American Rabbis [describes](#) it in a sentence: "We ask for God to watch over us and guard us as we sleep, enabling us to rest peacefully and wake up again in the morning restored to life."

The *Hashkiveinu* prayer reminds me of the comforting Catholic compline prayer that monastics and many others recite or sing before retiring each evening.

Continuing to explore the internet, I came across a deeply meaningful *Hashkiveinu* prayer done by members of the Jewish community for the [Standing Rock Tribe](#) during the 2016 Dakota Access Pipeline protests. What a beautiful blending of religions and cultures and goodwill toward other members of the human race!

Our lives can be so much richer if we are willing to look beyond our own surroundings, our own beliefs and our own expectations. Embracing the diversity and variety we encounter in the world may be a little scary, but ultimately it is very fulfilling.

Today, many people seem closed off to ideas and people that seem different or "other" to them. Instead of becoming more polarized, let us try to find and celebrate the beautiful diversity in each of us. Like the saints, we are not just one thing or another; all of us are made up of a variety of distinct strands of personality and character.

The time we spend looking at product choices at gas station stores and garage sales should also be spent looking at the people and ideas in our lives to see what makes them most unique and special. I love finding a great deal while shopping, but the joy I feel when finding the right item at a knockout price is just a microcosm of the kind of joy we experience when discovering that inspirational God-spark in other cultures, religions and peoples.

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***Justice Corner by Carolyn Krantz,
Pastoral Associate***

“What we shall be?...We shall be like Him!” St. John's Epistle captures the desires of our hearts, to be like Jesus. In this time of COVID, we have more time to look inside and see our own strengths and weaknesses. While we ask forgiveness for the latter, we often do not own our own strengths. Yet, they are the gifts we are given to help bring Jesus' kingdom into the present and on into the future, to imagine a world as Jesus lays out for us in the Beatitudes.

The way forward was no clearer in Jesus' time than it is now. Yet the Gospel helps us imagine a world where the poor, the meek and the merciful are lifted up. What Jesus did was lift up those who serve others and see all people as brothers and sisters. The poetic passage that we call the Beatitudes lays before us a different world than the one in which we currently find ourselves where the rich are lauded and the meek and merciful are seen as weak.

These feasts of All Saints and All Souls remind us of the unity we have with those gone before. Their presence is still with us. In Pope Francis' new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, he says that the inspiration for his words come from the spirit of Saint Francis, still present in the communion of saints inspiring us in the ways to move forward. He claims that Francis walked him through its pages.

Tuesday is election day, taunted to be the most important election ever. Most of us have voted, or decided how to vote, and tried to bring peace and righteousness into our decisions. One of the hardest issues about these times is how to hold a

conversation that is a dialogue and not a diatribe. It is one thing to research the issues and prayerfully decide how to vote. It is another to create a space where issues can be discussed in a friendly manner, a space where we make “I” statements rather than “you” statements. The problem is that when we try to convince the other, our egos get involved and the temperature rises. Wouldn't it be nice if we took turns speaking and listening to one another? Remember Jesus said, “Blessed are you when they insult you...and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven.”

Jesus' truth is very simple. It leads to a life that values humility and care of the poor and downtrodden. Just as a painting bears the style of the painter, we must bear the life style of Jesus. We bring His kingdom to fruition. Diatribes don't do it. I can firmly believe something without ramming it down someone's throat. In humility I try to work out the answers to life's problems, but my answer guided by the Spirit is not universal, for each of us has a different mission, a different life style, a different inspiration. The problem comes when I try to convince others to do it MY way. There is ego in that. In the Asian Indian culture there is a tradition of putting your hand together and bowing to the “other” saying “Namaste.” A word that means “I honor the God in you.” If only we did that at the beginning and end of each conversation, we might have less strife!

Today we honor the saints who walk this journey with us. We look to their wisdom to help us find our way. Most of us have a few favorites in that crowd of witnesses. We remember them when we need their example to face particular challenges. We remember St. Francis who traveled the world during

the Crusades to meet the Sultan and tried to bring peace and respect to differences while others chose to fight. We think of the martyrs when we feel persecuted and the mystics when learning how to pray. Who is your “go to” saint?

When St. Paul traveled the Mediterranean world, he encountered many different ways of living. Yet when he spoke the message of Christ, people were overcome with joy. That is our part to play, to stand before the unknown with courage and joy because He (not us) “has overcome the world.”

*Parish Perspective by Peter
Degl'Innocenti, Pastoral Associate
Baptized to Eternal Life*

Looking around my home office/den for inspiration for an article, I usually bounce off various items that aren't quite up to inspiring a whole article by themselves. I also toyed with the idea of writing about the Baptism class I taught last night on Zoom. Then two little things hit at an intersection of idea and object of inspiration. One was the aforementioned Baptism class and the other was the T-shirt I'm wearing.

The T-shirt pictures a statue of an angel, its hands hiding its face as if weeping and it bears the caption, “Don't Blink.” It is a reference to the BBC television show *Doctor Who* and particularly to the Steve Moffat written episode *Blink*. The touch of an unseen angel will send you 60 some odd years into the past to live-out the rest of your life normally while the angel lives off of the potential energy you would have used. To look at an angel freezes them in a “quantum locked” state resembling stone as indeed subatomic particles do behave. There is one scene where young Sally meets a young Billy on a rainy day. Sally leaves the building and Billy gets touched as he blinks. Sally's phone rings and it's Billy telling her to meet

him at a hospital. There she meets an 80 plus year old Billy who is dying. Billy says, “It was raining on the day we first met.” Sally replies, “It’s the same rain.”

The point to this little story is that we all have a certain amount of time to live upon this earth and it’s not dependent on how many times the earth travels around the sun or the numbers we assign to those years. It depends on our perspective of what we do with the time we have and what life really is. Life for the Christian is a duality in time and outside of time. We live, in essence, two lives concurrently. One is corporeal and the other is spiritual. We are most familiar with our corporeal lives, bound to this earth and time by our physical bodies; our physical eye that can only see what is around us. There is a spiritual life that is given to us, the life of the Holy Spirit of God living in us ever since our Baptism. We see goodness, holiness, compassion, and forgiveness with eyes that our physical eyes just can’t see. Guided by the Spirit we are called into action to relieve the plight of our fellow human beings who are in distress. We don’t freeze in inaction or become quantum locked because society says we shouldn’t act. Our lives don’t mean as much to us as do the lives of others because we know there is life after death. In fact, our spiritual life never dies because the Holy Spirit is eternal. Our earthly bodies may die-out from under us, but our spiritual life can never die.

The more we live in the Spirit the less we are afraid of death. The life we lead on earth is our practice for life in heaven. Like the rain in our story, it’s the same life. It will never end.



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obligations for 2020. THANK YOU for your support!



The Peace of Christmas



Join us for St. Ignatius of Antioch Church's
15th Annual St. Nicholas Dinner

**Due to the COVID Pandemic, we will be
offering our dinner as Drive Up/Take Home.*

Saturday December 5, 2020. 6:15-7:00 p.m. Pickup

Dinner will be catered by Zandonella's Catering

*Menu is: Champagne Chicken, Roasted Baby Creamer Potatoes with Herbs, Fresh Italian
Roasted Vegetables, Spring Mix Salad with Balsamic Dressing, Roll & Butter, Delicious
Chocolate Brownie.*

Dinner is \$30.00

Prepayment is required. Deadline is 11/29/20

There will also be St. Nicholas Raffle Baskets

(Please make checks payable to St. Ignatius of Antioch Church)

Name _____ Phone: _____

Number of Dinners: _____ X \$30.00 each = _____

Number of Raffle Tickets: 10 for \$10.00 = _____

(There are 10 raffle baskets-one ticket per basket).

TOTAL: _____

*SEND TO: 209 TANGANYIKA COURT ANTIOCH, CA 94509 or
DROP IN COLLECTION BASKET after Mass or Communion*



Antioch YLI #101

Sharing Sisterly Love Since 1922!

Our Annual YLI Holiday Boutique is happening by way of a virtual auction this year! It will begin on November 17, and the lucky winners will be announced on November 25, 2020.

We will be auctioning beautiful themed baskets to raise funds for YLI. We have received donations from vendors who previously participated in our Holiday Boutique, including a quilt and some beautiful craft items. We are excited to offer a game night basket including delectable snacks, dinner for four (4) made at your home by your YLI Sisters includes wine, place setting and two platters; beautiful basket full of wonderful Amway products; Christmas Wrap package that includes gift wrapping services by your YLI Sisters! We are also offering two (2) baskets full of Avon products and a his and her basket includes "The Art of Shaving" grooming kit for him and spa items for her.

We are in immediate need of items and especially cash donations to help finish up our baskets! If you, a friend, or a local business can make a donation, we are happy to accept crafts, handmade items, gifts, candles, wine, accessories, jewelry, homewares, kitchen accessories, pampering products, store or restaurant gift cards, board games or puzzles, children's items, religious items, arts and crafts, lottery tickets, or monetary donations so we can buy items for the baskets. If you have a special talent, hobby, or skill that you could donate, like gardening, organizing, cleaning, hanging Christmas lights, yard clean up, or anything else, we're happy to auction your time or services, too! Only new, in-package or handmade items will be accepted for these baskets. As a benefit to donors, their business contact information will be included in the description for all baskets containing items they have donated.

Each item will have a minimum starting bid as well as minimum increments to raise the bids. For the week the auction is running it will be updated frequently. More details will be available at the next meeting. We will also send a separate set of instructional emails once the auction begins. For questions or donations, please contact Shelli Daviess 925.584.0843 or Teresa Glenn 925.286.8221.



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

- **LEARN** about those living in poverty.
- **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier.
- **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection.
- **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

Pregnant women and struggling families with young children require assistance with their material and spiritual needs, regardless of their background. For low-income Hispanic women, this is especially true, because linguistic and cultural differences pose unique challenges for pregnancy volunteers and pastoral ministers.

In the Dioceses of Yakima and Spokane in central and eastern Washington, for example, your generosity to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development helps a group called PREPARES en español to minister to large and vibrant Hispanic communities. By training Spanish-speaking and bilingual volunteers and coordinators, and through developing Spanish-language materials, PREPARES en español offers support groups, family companions, and parent/child learning and playgroups that

not only assist vulnerable families but do so in a context of respect for the unique cultural needs of Hispanic families. With your contributions, Spanish-speaking families are strengthened and nourished at the parish level in these dioceses.

To learn more about the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) allocates funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church. Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd to view funding criteria and see a detailed list of our most recent grants and annual report.

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CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA PARA EL DESARROLLO HUMANO TRABAJANDO DESDE LA PERIFERIA

- **APRENDAN** acerca de aquellos que viven en la pobreza.
- **ACTÚEN** y diseminen información sobre la pobreza compartiendo este folleto.
- **CONÉCTENSE** con la labor de CCHD brindando su apoyo a la colecta.
- **OREN** por los beneficiarios de esta colecta.

Las mujeres embarazadas y las familias con niños pequeños que luchan por salir adelante requieren asistencia para sus necesidades materiales y espirituales, independientemente de su procedencia. Esto es muy real para las mujeres hispanas de bajos recursos ya que las diferencias lingüísticas y culturales les plantean dificultades singulares a los voluntarios y ministros pastorales que trabajan con embarazadas.

En las Diócesis de Yakima y de Spokane en la zona centro y este de Washington, por ejemplo, su generosidad hacia la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano ayuda a un grupo llamado PREPARES en español, que realiza su ministerio en esas grandes y entusiastas comunidades hispanas. Al capacitar a voluntarios y a coordinadores que hablan español o son bilingües, y a través de la creación de materiales en español, PREPARES en español ofrece grupos de apoyo, acompañantes para las familias y aprendizaje y grupos de juegos para padres e hijos que no

solo ayudan a las familias vulnerables sino que lo hacen dentro de un contexto de respeto por las singulares necesidades culturales de las familias hispanas. Con sus contribuciones, las familias hispanas se fortalecen y se nutren a nivel parroquial en esas diócesis.

Para informarse más acerca de esta colecta para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano, visiten www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

La Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD) asigna fondos a proyectos comunitarios que promueven la misión y la visión de CCHD a la vez que se adhiere a las enseñanzas morales y sociales de la Iglesia Católica. Por favor, visiten www.usccb.org/cchd para ver los criterios para la adjudicación de fondos y ver una lista detallada de nuestras más recientes donaciones y nuestro informe anual.

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