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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Come, you who are
blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.”
- Mt 25:34

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 PM English

7:00 PM Vietnamese

Sunday

7:30 AM English

9:00 AM Spanish

11:00 AM English

1:00 PM Spanish

4:00 PM Vietnamese

6:00 PM Spanish

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 AM English (Mon-Fri)

8:30 AM English (Mon-Sat)

6:30 PM Spanish (Mon only)

6:30 PM Vietnamese (Fri only)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

9:00 AM - 10 AM (Friday)

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (Saturday)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

7:15 PM (Monday)

9:00 AM (Friday)

3:30 PM (Saturday)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Sunday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith-based Catholic community whose members are enriched by the celebration of the Sacraments and opportunities to deepen our prayer lives. Guided by the Word of God and family values, we strive always to be a beacon of light for the lost, the lonely, the marginalized, and all those seeking the truth as we walk in the footsteps of those first disciples of Jesus and our patron St. Polycarp.

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

**MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE MISA/
XIN Ý LỄ CẦU NGUYÊN**

Saturday, November 25, 2023

5:00 PM George Thomas Smith† & Frances Therese Esnault
7:00 PM John the Baptist† & Anthony†

Sunday, November 26, 2023

7:30 AM Anna†, Marcel, Bernard & All Souls†
9:00 AM Leonor Tovar Rodriguez† & Ana Maria Castillo Tovar
11:00 AM Leonard† & Manuela Muñoz†
1:00 PM Maria Eugenia Portillo (105th birthday) & Jose Sanchez†
4:00 PM Joseph† & 3 souls of Dominic†
6:00 PM Rodolfo Oncihuay† & Abundio Santos Perez†

Monday, November 27, 2023

6:30 AM Violet del Rosario† & All Souls†
8:30 AM Antonio Delgado† & Irene Cantrell†
6:30 PM Rudy Marquez family

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

6:30 AM 4 souls of Mary† & David Ramsey
8:30 AM Eugenie Hue Tran† & James Don Juge†

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

6:30 AM Peter†, Teresa† & Matt A. Bautista†
8:30 AM John the Baptist Nguyen Quang Trung†

Thursday, November 30, 2023

6:30 AM Ancestors of a Family & Peter†
8:30 AM All Souls† & Ancestors of a Family

Friday, December 1, 2023

6:30 AM Linda Kiesel† & All Benefactors
8:30 AM Peter Trap† & All Ancestors of Teresa Mai
6:30 PM Peter† & Magdalene†

Saturday, December 2, 2023

8:30 AM Thomas Lai Pham† & Special Family Intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/ Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/ Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/ Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/ Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37




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Nov 18/19 Masses	\$ 18,672.00
Nov 18/19 Online Giving	\$ 2,942.67
Total collection:	\$ 21,614.67
Budget:	\$ 18,750.00

Thank you for your support! ¡Gracias por su apoyo!
Cảm ơn tấm lòng quảng đại của mọi người



**Pope's Intention -
November**

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



**PSA 2023
REPORT**

PLEDGES AMOUNT: \$ 214,934.00
OF FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES: 471
PAID TO DATE: \$ 203,546.00

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**THANK
YOU**

Las lecturas de la semana del 26 de noviembre de 2023

Domingo: Ez 34, 11-12. 15-17/Sal 22, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6 (1)/
1 Co 15, 20-26. 28/Mt 25, 31-46

Lunes: Dn 1, 1-6. 8-20/Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56/Lc 21, 1-4

Martes: Dn 2, 31-45/Dn 3, 57. 58. 59. 60. 61/Lc 21, 5-11

Miércoles: Dn 5, 1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28/Dn 3, 62. 63. 64.
65. 66. 67/Lc 21, 12-19

Jueves: Rom 10, 9-18/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 11/Mt 4, 18-22

Viernes: Dn 7, 2-14/Dn 3, 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81/
Lc 21, 29-33

Sábado: Dn 7, 15-27/Dn 3, 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87/
Lc 21, 34-36

Domingo: Is 63, 16-17. 19; 64, 2-7/Sal 79, 2-3. 15-16.
18-19 (4)/1 Co 1, 3-9/Mc 13, 33-37

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 26 de noviembre de 2023

Domingo: Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo
Jueves: San Andrés, apóstol
Domingo: 1er Domingo de Adviento

(PRACTICANDO) CATÓLICA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

El Rey Viene Sosteniendo un Espejo

De todos los maravillosos y minuciosos exámenes de conciencia con los que me he encontrado, el que normalmente utilizo es muy simple y se adapta perfectamente a alguien como yo que no es capaz de pensar profundamente al final del día.

Es solo una pregunta muy breve: *¿Qué Cristos no reconocí hoy?*

El Rey siempre viene disfrazado, y sé que lo pierdo de muchas maneras todos los días. Lo pierdo en personas ignoradas o descartadas. Lo pierdo en las oportunidades evitadas y en los momentos que podrían haberse convertido en oración, pero en cambio se convirtieron en navegar la pantalla de mi celular. Lo pierdo cuando está justo frente a mí, sosteniendo un espejo y llamando mi nombre, rogando por la conversión de mi corazón.

La vida cristiana nos llama a un constante auto escrutinio. No es una vida cómoda, siempre pensando en lo que podrías hacer mejor, pero el Señor nos pastorea correctamente. Sus pastos no tienen nada que ofrecer a los que son perfectos y fuertes.

Ha ido en busca de los perdidos. Ha rescatado a los descarriados, sanado a los heridos, dado descanso a los cansados.

No podemos ser seguidores de Cristo si no estamos dispuestos a reconocer nuestros pecados. La misericordia de Dios no

descarta nuestros pecados, como si nunca hubieran existido y no fueran importantes.

No, hace algo mucho, mucho mejor: la misericordia de Dios absuelve nuestros pecados. Nos libera de ellos. Pero para ser verdaderamente libre, debes comprender la tiranía de lo que una vez te esclavizó.

“Y él apartará a los unos de los otros, como aparta el pastor a las ovejas de los cabritos.”

— Mateo 25:32

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO - ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

Este domingo, celebramos la Solemnidad de Jesucristo Rey del Universo. Hoy es el último domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, dentro de ocho días daremos comienzo al Tiempo de Adviento que nos prepara para la Navidad. Las lecturas nos hablan del Pastor supremo que es Jesucristo, que reunirá a las ovejas y a los cabritos para el juicio final. Todos, sin excepción, tendremos un examen. Seremos examinados en el amor y la caridad que hemos llevado a cabo en nuestra vida. Así que atentos, no dudemos en siempre hacer el bien.

El Papa Francisco lo explica de la siguiente manera: *“Seremos juzgados por el amor. El juicio será por el amor. No por el sentimiento, no: por las obras, por la compasión que se hace cercanía y ayuda solícita. ¿Yo me acerco a Jesús presente en la persona de los enfermos, de los pobres, de los que sufren, de los presos, de los que tienen hambre y sed de justicia? ¿Me acerco a Jesús presente allí? Esta es la pregunta de hoy (11-22-2020). Pero, ¿Cómo lograr hacer el bien ante la guerra y violencia de todo tipo? ¿Cómo hacerlo en la familia dividida entre las dificultades? Creo que, es no perdiendo la esperanza y cooperar siempre con nuestro granito de arena que, aunque pequeño, será grande si va lleno de caridad y amor. Recordemos que estamos en este mundo para hacer el bien. Hoy se nos dice que Cristo vendrá con gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos y su reino no tendrá fin. ¡Confiemos tengamos esperanza!*

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Thông Báo	✠ Thánh Lễ Thứ Sáu Hàng Tuần
<p>1. Văn Phòng Giáo Xứ sẽ đóng cửa sau 12PM thứ Tư ngày 22 tháng 11, và mở cửa lại như thường lệ vào Chúa Nhật ngày 26 tháng 11.</p> <p>2. Ban Bàn Thánh sẽ rao các ý lễ của Cộng Đoàn 10 phút trước Thánh Lễ. Xin Cộng Đoàn đến sớm hơn 10 phút để các ý lễ kịp rao cho Thánh Lễ ngày hôm đó. Những ý lễ đưa sau khi bắt đầu rao, sẽ được rao vào Thánh Lễ ngày hôm sau.</p> <p>3. Sổ Cầu Nguyện- Sổ Hằng Sống: Cộng Đoàn tiếp tục nhận ghi danh các linh hồn thân nhân hay quen biết đã qua đời vào Sổ Cầu Nguyện- Sổ Hằng Sống để cầu nguyện cho họ trong các Thánh Lễ suốt tháng 11. Xin gặp Ban Thường Vụ hoặc Ban Hướng Dẫn để ghi danh.</p> <p>4. Giải Tội Mùa Vọng cho 3 Sắc Dân: Thứ Tư ngày 6 tháng 12 lúc 7PM. Sẽ không có giải tội vào tối Thứ Hai ngày 4 tháng 12.</p> <p>5. Lễ Đức Mẹ Vô Nhiễm: Thứ Sáu ngày 8 tháng 12 (Lễ Trọng và Buộc). Có hai Thánh Lễ Tiếng Việt lúc 4:30PM và 6PM.</p> <p>6. Thánh Lễ Thứ Bảy ngày 9 tháng 12 lúc 8:30AM Cha Chánh Xứ mong muốn 3 Sắc Dân cùng đến tham dự do Đức Ông John Urell (nhân tài truyền giáo) giảng phòng. Có điểm tâm sau Thánh Lễ.</p> <p>7. Làm Dưa Món: Chúa Nhật ngày 10 tháng 12 lúc 8AM – 2PM. Xin các Hội Đoàn cùng đến phụ giúp.</p> <p>8. Tình Tâm Mùa Vọng: Thứ Năm ngày 14 tháng 12 năm 2023 lúc 6:30PM. Thứ Sáu ngày 15 tháng 12 năm 2023 lúc 6:30PM. Đề tài: Đề Chúa Đến Trong Cuộc Đời Cha Giảng Phòng Hạnh Phạm SJ (Dòng Tên).</p> <p>9. Dựng Hang Đá Giáng Sinh: Thứ Bảy ngày 16 tháng 12 lúc 8AM. Ca Đoàn Chúa Nhật phụ trách phần design. Xin các hội đoàn phụ giúp một tay.</p> <p>10 Giải Tội Mùa Vọng: Thứ Tư ngày 20 tháng 12, 2023 lúc 8PM. Sẽ không có giải tội vào tối Thứ Hai ngày 18 và Thứ Sáu ngày 22.</p> <p>11. Thánh Lễ Vọng Giáng Sinh 2023: Chúa Nhật ngày 24 tháng 12 lúc 8PM. Vẫn có Thánh Lễ Chúa Nhật lúc 4PM.</p> <p>Thánh Lễ Giáng Sinh 2023: Thứ Hai ngày 25 tháng 12 lúc 4PM.</p> <p>12. Lễ Đức Maria Mẹ Thiên Chúa, Bồn Mạng Cộng Đoàn: Thứ Hai ngày 1 tháng 1, 2024 sẽ có Thánh lễ lúc 4PM. Có rước kiệu, xin Cộng Đoàn có mặt lúc 3:15 PM.</p>	<p>Mỗi Thứ Sáu hàng tuần, lúc 6:00PM - 6:30PM, cộng đoàn có giờ cầu hoặc đọc Kinh Thần Vụ, sau đó là Thánh Lễ lúc 6:30PM. Ban Thường Vụ kêu gọi cộng đoàn dân Chúa cùng đến tham dự để tôn vinh Thánh Thể Chúa và tham dự Thánh Lễ thật đông đủ.</p>
	<p>Ý Cầu Nguyện Của Đức Giáo Hoàng</p> <p><i>Ý CẦU NGUYỆN THÁNG 11 CỦA ĐỨC GIÁO HOÀNG PHANXICÔ.</i></p> <p>CẦU CHO ĐỨC GIÁO HOÀNG</p> <p><i>Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện cho Đức Giáo Hoàng, để khi thi hành tốt sứ mạng của mình, Ngài tiếp tục đồng hành với đoàn chiên được giao phó, với sự trợ giúp của Chúa Thánh Thần.</i></p>
	<p>✠ Chúa Giê-su Thánh Thể</p> <p>Lạy Chúa Giê-su Thánh Thể, Chúa là ánh sáng trần gian. Chúa mang đến cho nhân loại ánh sáng của tin yêu và hy vọng. Chúa mang đến cho những người nghèo, người bị bỏ rơi, người bất hạnh ánh sáng của tình yêu thương. Chúa mang đến cho những người tội lỗi, những người thất vọng ánh sáng của tha thứ và bình an. Xin Chúa cũng ban cho chúng con ánh sáng của linh hồn biết tìm về chân thiện mỹ, biết sống theo đường ngay nẻo chính, biết nhận ra đâu là điều đẹp ý Chúa, và nhận ra mọi người là anh em. Xin cho chúng con luôn bước đi trong ánh sáng Chúa, để mai sau được chiêm ngưỡng Thánh Nhan Chúa đời đời.</p> <p>Lạy Chúa, Chúa đã đốt lên ngọn lửa nơi tâm hồn anh mù để anh nhận ra Chúa. Xin Chúa cũng nhóm lên ngọn lửa tình yêu nơi trái tim chúng con, để chúng con thấy Chúa đang hiện diện bên chúng con qua những ơn lành hồn xác, qua những người bên cạnh để chúng con biết sống một đời tạ ơn Chúa và yêu mến tha nhân. Xin tháo gỡ khỏi tâm trí chúng con những màn che của đam mê dục vọng, của ích kỷ tầm thường, của ghen tương gian ác để tâm hồn chúng con luôn thanh cao và trong sạch.</p> <p>Lạy Chúa Giê-su mến yêu, sự mù lòa tâm hồn còn khôn nạn hơn thể xác. Xin giải thoát chúng con khỏi sự mù lòa thiêng liêng, để chúng con luôn bước đi trong ánh sáng lời Chúa và trong đường ngay nẻo chính. Amen.</p> 



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Last Sunday, November 12, 2023, the youth from all 3 youth groups came and joined as a youth ministry to pray the rosary in front of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in the schoolyard to pray for World Peace.

It was an amazing experience for the kids to understand the importance of the rosary and how our Mother intercedes for us. We had over 50 youths and young adults with their families join us for an afternoon of prayer and meditation. We also had those who went to World Youth Day come together to talk and have fellowship.



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(714) 892-3158

Mondays 5 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday 5 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday 3 pm - 8:30 pm

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(714) 890-5200

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Fridays 11 am - 5 pm

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Vietnamese Religious Education

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BULLETIN DEADLINE REMINDER

For anyone submitting items for inclusion in the weekly bulletin, please ensure that that you submit content prior to 12:00PM on Tuesday for inclusion in the next weekend's bulletin. All submittals should be made by email to editor@stpolycarp.org. Thank you!



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, Dec 7, 2023 Vigil Mass

English Mass at 5 p.m.

Spanish Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec 8, 2023

English Mass at 6:30 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Mass at 4:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Spanish Mass at 7:30 p.m.

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Ready the Way

Advent Morning of Reflection



Saturday, December 9, 2023

8:30 AM Mass

9:00 AM Continental
Breakfast on the Patio

9:30 AM Msgr. John Urell
presents, "Ready the Way"



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Saint Anthony H.S. 50th Reunion

The classes of 1974 and 1975 are planning their 50th reunion on July 20, 2024, at the Old Ranch Country Club

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50threunion2024@gmail.com for information.

Retirement Fund for Religious

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8:30 AM-4:00 PM

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Advent Retreat for Adults

Saturday, December 9th Or

Sunday, December 10th

10am – 3pm

Mass and lunch are included.
Suggested donation \$35.00

Please RSVP by December 4th *Space is limited.*
to 714-557-4538 or RetreatCenter@joyfulapostolate.org



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DEC. 27-30, 2023

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FLAME OF LOVE MINI-RETREAT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023
8:30 AM TO 12 PM,
BEGINNING WITH MASS

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will be
available in
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GUEST SPEAKER
JOHN SULLIVAN
Assistant International Coordinator



**"...the Eucharist is the
source and summit of
the Christian life."**

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Our Lord Jesus Christ,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE



"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'" - Mt 25:34-36

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD,
I will judge between one sheep and another,
between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
(Ps 23)

Second Reading:

When everything is subjected to him,
then the Son himself will also be subjected
to the one who subjected everything to him,
so that God may be all in all. (1 Cor 15:28)

Gospel:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
he will sit upon his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.
And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."
(Mt 25:31-32)

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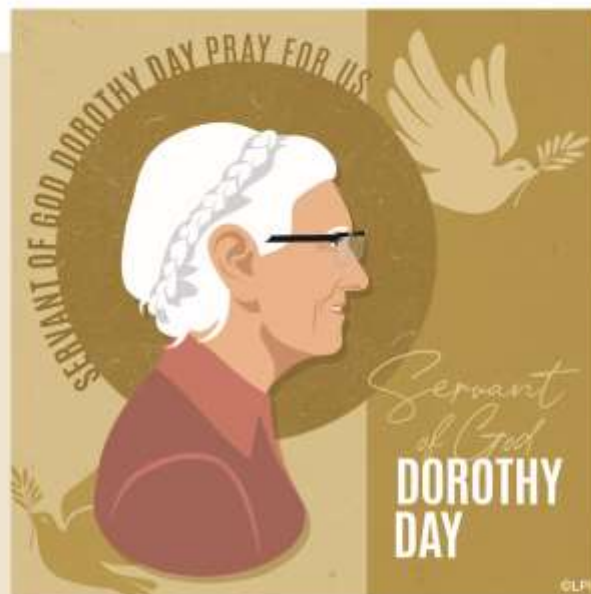
God is always closer to us than we suspect. He is in every need we encounter and every person we meet. Never stop seeking His face.

Observances for the week of November 26, 2023

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Thursday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

Servant of God Dorothy Day was an American journalist, social activist, and Catholic convert who co-founded the Catholic Worker Movement. Her work inspired countless others and earned her recognition as one of the most influential Catholic figures of the 20th century.

Prayer

Merciful God, You called your servant Dorothy Day to show us the face of Jesus in the poor and forsaken. By constant practice of the works of mercy, she embraced poverty and witnessed steadfastly to justice and peace. Count her among your saints and lead us all to become friends of the poor ones of the earth, and to recognize you in them.

We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, bringer of good news to the poor.
Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://catholicworker.org/prayers-for-the-canonicalization-of-dorothy-day/>)

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The King Comes Holding a Mirror

Of all the many wonderful, thorough examinations of conscience I have come across, the one I normally utilize is very simple, and perfectly suited to someone like me who is not capable of profound thought at the end of the day.

It's just one very short question: Which Christs did I not recognize today?

The King always comes in disguise, and I know I miss him in so many ways every single day. I miss him in people ignored or dismissed. I miss him in opportunities avoided and in moments that could have turned into prayer but instead turned into phone-scrolling. I miss him when he is right in front of me, holding up a mirror and calling my name, begging for my conversion of heart.

The Christian life calls us to constant self-scrutiny. It's not a comfortable life, always thinking about what you could do better, but the Lord shepherds us rightly. His pastures have nothing to offer those who are perfect and strong.

He has gone in search of the lost. He has reclaimed those who have strayed, healed those who were injured, given rest to those who were weary.

We can't be followers of Christ if we are not willing to own our sins. God's mercy does not dismiss our sins, as if they never existed and were not important.

No, it does something far, far better — God's mercy absolves our sins. It sets us free from them. But to be truly free, you have to understand the tyranny of what once enslaved you.

"And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."

— Matthew 25:32

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why are some saints honored as "patron saints"?

Answer:

Each person is unique and each of us has different gifts, interests, talents, and, yes, even struggles and areas where we need to grow. This is no less true of those holy women, men, and children who have been canonized or beatified.

Because we believe that the saints and blessed are both models of faith and intercessors, Christians have looked to certain holy people as role models and heavenly protectors for occupations, spiritual charisms, and even places. Although the Church sometimes names a person as a patron saint (e.g. Saint Philip Neri as the patron of Rome, Saint Clare of Assisi as the patroness of television, or Saint Aloysius Gonzaga as the patron of youth and young adults), more often it is popular devotion that inspires lay Christians to turn to a particular saint or blessed for heavenly help and support. This is how, for example, Saint Cecilia came to be honored as the patroness of musicians, Saint Toribio Romo as patron of migrants coming into the United States, and Saint Gertrude of Nivelles as patroness of cat lovers. Although there are official and unofficial lists of patron saints, we should always feel free to ask any and all the saints to give us their patronage and protection in whatever it is that we need.



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