

Sacred Heart Parish

South Mountain District

Sunday Masses **Saturday** 6.00 pm Vigil **The Feast of All Saints** 1/11/2020: A
Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am **Sunday** 7.30 am & 9.00am **Feast of All Souls**
Weekday Masses **Monday** 6.00am, 9.00am, 7.30pm **Tuesday** No Mass today. New lights mandated by law inst'l'd
Wednesday 7.30 pm **St. Charles Borromeo (+1588)**
Thursday 9.00 am **Week 31 in Ordinary Time**
Friday 9.00 am & **7.00pm** **Votive: Sacred Heart**
First Saturday 9.00 am **Votive: Mary, Mother of God**

Confessions Saturday 10.30 am, **12.00-1.00pm**, 5.00pm-5.30pm
 Father C. Ashton (Confessions after Mass: see Fr)

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Presbytery/Church By arrangement - Godparents must be Catholics.

Baptisms

1st Reading: A vision of encouragement for early Christians under persecution. The ones sealed are "Baptised". They have been gathered at end of time with all the Angels!
2nd Reading: St. John focuses our attention on what the life to come is going to be like. We shall become like God because we shall be absorbed into Him along with the Angels

Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
November 8	S. FERNANDEZ	A. WIGGINS	A. WONG
32 nd Sunday of the Year	E. GEMZON	N. MCKENZIE	M. ZORE
November 15	W. FARQUHARSON	E. MERJUDIO	M. WONG
33 rd Sunday of the Year	J. SALAZAR	T. MERJUDIO	H. CRUZ

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady will be at the home of the Salazar family 15 Sharon Pl. 96753021 this week. You are welcome for a Rosary for the Parish each night at 8.00pm

The 2021 DAILY MASS BOOKS begin 1st Sunday of Advent, 29 Nov. They are the same as the soft-cover Mass books on the seats of the Church. The readings each day are not included; All other prayers of the Mass are! If you want a copy of your own, there is a list on the table beside the Pamphlet Rack in front of Our Lady's statue. They are \$15-ea. (if at least 25 ordered)

A COMMUNAL ANOINTING will be conferred tomorrow on the very-sick and the aged after the 9.00am Mass. Confessions will be available. ---Rosary after the Anointing

GIVE LORD ETERNAL REST to the souls of all the faithful departed especially Mate DZAJA, David DAS, Stephania ZORE, Harry McLEOD, Apolena & Frantisek PAVLICEK, Ivan NOVAK, Jeffrey McRAE, Agapito BUGAYONG, Aniceto ABAT, Estaphania CHUA, Anatolio PLAN, Anatalia & Marcos BURDEOS, Shamme MANSOUR, Patricia STRUTT, Dragan CUKAR, Joso & Perka PETESIC, Mary AH KAU, KiongLoc TENG, Marciana UY, Colin & Steven FITZGERALD, Malcomb FARQUHARSON, Jean KNIGHT, Rose & Godfrey GUILLAUMIER, Jelka KOSTA, Vicenta PENALES, Lourdes DERAY, Ante PIPLICA, Stanislaw WRZOSEK, Goffryd & Janina KELLER, Mario NARDONE, Diana O'CONNOR, Gavin CUSHNY, Craig MONTANO, Brian CUMMINGS, Henry KOSTRZEWA, Matej KOZUMPLIK, Mira SMOKROVIC, Jack STASZEK, Francisco & Francisca LEONG, Philippa TEULAN, Jim & Joan CRIDLAND. Let us be united in the Kingdom of Your Glory!

TAYLOR MARSHALL

This man is an American Catholic apologist (one who defends the Faith publicly) who appears frequently on many websites on the Internet. He is also the author of many books about Catholicism and the battles it must fight in the world against all the forces of evil that seek to obliterate it from this Earth.

He began his life as an Episcopalian (same as an American Anglican), studied in their Theological College was ordained a minister. He had married in 2001, and he and his wife entered the Catholic Church in 2006. He now lives in Dallas, Texas, with a family of eight children. He is a professor of philosophy and has worked in a number of agencies of the Church in America. He now runs a media company that publishes books. He upholds very ardently Catholic principles and teachings. He interviews many guests on YouTube and other sites.

You might like to see him in action on your computer. You can google his name or go to his website: taylormarshall.com

He is a forceful and entertaining speaker. He became famous when he funded a trip by two men to Rome during the Amazon Synod to take some pagan idol statues from the Church of Santa Maria in Traspontina in Rome and throw them in the Tiber river. He filmed the whole event and uploaded it onto the internet.

ALL SOULS DAY will fall tomorrow (Monday). There will be three Masses in the Church. You have these opportunities to offer your Mass for your relations and friends who have died and perhaps gain a Plenary Indulgence for one of them. To gain the Indulgence it is necessary to visit a Church and pray the Our Father and Apostles Creed with souls free from any attachment to sin. Which means you have no desire to deliberately commit a sin. Also Communion must be received in the state of Grace, some prayers must be offered for the Pope's intentions (like 3 Hail Marys), and Confession within a week before or after.

Normally this applies to only the day of the Feast of the Holy Souls itself, but the Apostolic Penitentiary on 23 Oct. announced that this year because of the pandemic this benefit would be extended to every day of the whole month of November.

A **"Young Adult Formation"** program is on TONIGHT at **"The Hustle"** which is a large upstairs hall in **Unit 4, 4 Purdy St. Minchinbury**.

The presenter will be Mathew DIMIAN on the Theological Virtues. All young people from **18 years to mid thirties** are encouraged to come and experience some Faith & Virtue formation and afterwards some companionship when they can speak to Father informally over tea/ coffee/ pizza from **7.00pm till 8.30pm**!
 There are some posters on the Church doors (the \$5- donation is for the pizza)!

EILEEN O'CONNOR is the subject of a talk by Dr. Jocelyn HEDLEY, at Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Marys, **next Sunday, 8 Nov**, from 2.00-4.00pm. See the posters in the Church. BUT only 130 people will be allowed. Ring the office to book: 9623-1962

St. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL will celebrate **All Souls Day** on Monday 2 Nov. at 3 Masses. Times of the Masses are: **6.30am, 12.30pm, 7.00pm**. Cathedral: 8839-8400

The CAPSULE WARDROBE is an online workshop for women. There are cards on the Poor-Box at the side door of the Church. It is to be held next Saturday at 3.00pm.

We Respond

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 23)

ANTIPHON: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

RESPONSE: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

LECTOR: The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

LECTOR: Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R.**

LECTOR: He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

GOSEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

TODAY'S READINGS Rev 7: 2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3: 1-3; Mt 5: 1-12

NEXT WEEK (32nd Sunday Year B) Wis 6: 12-16; 1 Thes 4: 13-18; Mt 25: 1-13

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*Saints are the
winners*

Imagine you're a participant on a Catholic game show. The host flashes a smile.

"This is for the win—no pressure. The final question is ..." The host pauses for dramatic effect and says, "Are ... you ... ready?"

You swallow nervously, hardly believing that you have reached this point because of all those Sunday homilies and years of Catholic schooling. You are one question away from winning. You clench your teeth and nod.

The host says, "The question ... what is a saint?"

You have two minutes to answer. The answer appears simple. "A saint is a holy person and holiness is what God has by nature and what the creature has by participation, by grace."

That's a good start. Extra points for the clarifying distinction between nature and grace. But there's still 1:51 left on the clock.

The word saint derives from the Latin *sanctus*, which means 'holy'. The verb form is *sanctire*, meaning 'to consecrate' or 'to sanctify'. The English of the verb could be 'to saint-ify'. The bread and wine is 'saint-ified'—set apart for a holy use, for administering, becoming a vessel for the divine presence.

A saint is someone who, manifest in their words and actions, has become a vessel of the divine presence in the world. This is going very well but there's something missing in your answer: you better turn to

the bible. Vatican II said somewhere that scripture is "the soul of theology..."

God is called "holy, holy, holy" by the flying seraphim in Isaiah 6 and "the Holy One of Israel" in lots of places (Psalms 71, 78, 89, for example). Not only God, though: Psalm 89 is one place where heavenly beings are called "the assembly of the holy ones ... the council of the holy ones." And in Deuteronomy 33, Moses, blessing Israel before his death, gave them the same title, God's "holy ones." So God, the heavenly beings privy to his inner council, and God's chosen people are all "holy ones." Throughout the New Testament, Jesus's people are called *hagioi*, "holy ones" or "saints," as it is usually translated in our bibles. That means the baptised, all of us.

A few seconds left! With a flash of insight, you speak up again: "We call 'saint' someone who has realised what is deepest in their humanity, their 'likeness' to God; like angels they have been granted privileged place in God's ruling council. That's why we can pray to them. Saints have been set apart to become a vessel of God's presence, to administer his rule over all things. That makes sense of the miracles! And we are all called saints because that is our calling and destiny in Jesus."

The host clears his throat and smiles.

W. Chris Hackett
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