



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Catholic Church

OCTOBER 25, 2020



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” - Mt 22:37

Sacraments

Masses

A mask is required and must be worn at all times. Please sign in for contact tracing purposes.

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	7:00 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
	6:00 pm

Daily Mass Times

Mon. - Fri.	6:30 am
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Reconciliation / Confession

Saturday 3 - 4:30 pm
& by appointment

All Other Sacraments

Please call the office for information.

Clergy

Fr. Renier Siva
Pastor

Fr. Cleetus Karakkat
Parochial Vicar

William Goeke
Jim McFadden

Deacons

Fr. Ignatius Haran
Pastor Emeritus

Parish Office

The office is closed until further notice. Please call and leave a message.

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FolsomCatholic.org

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Bulletin

FolsomCatholic.org/bulletin

Bulletin Date	Ads Due by 5pm
Nov 1	Oct 22
Nov 8	Oct 29
Nov 15	Nov 5

Welcome to

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

We are a community where we welcome all as members of the Body of Christ.

We are welcoming, faithful, passionate, joyful, authentic,
sacramental, loving and charitable.

Today's Readings

Ex 22:20-26 / Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51[2] / 1 Thes 1:5c-10 / Mt 22:34-40

"This is the greatest and the first commandment. "

(Mt 22:38)

Gospel Meditation

For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation.

God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit.

Scripture Reflections

First Reading

Today's reading is an excerpt from the many laws Moses received at Mount Sinai. We learn that God expects empathy and compassion for the most vulnerable in society. How do you show care for those in need?

Second Reading

Paul saw the believers in the city of Thessalonica as models for the faith in the surrounding regions of Macedonia and Achaia. Who would you hold up today as a model Christian?

Gospel

Jesus teaches the religious leaders in Jerusalem that love of God and love of neighbor and self are the greatest commandments. Which of these two commandments do you find more challenging?

The Gospel of Matthew
An Online 15-Segment Zoom Series
Presented by Deacon Jim McFadden
November 3, Tuesday, 7 pm
Contact: Theresa Grant
tgrant203@aol.com

Session 9:

Jesus and the Church

Matthew is very interested in the foundational role Peter played in the early Church community, as well as to speak of the fledging community which will become the Church at Pentecost. Point of fact: Matthew's Gospel is the only one to explicitly talk about the Church per se. So, he's interested in the mechanics of Church life: organization, discipline, prayer, worship, moral teaching with the emphasis on mercy and forgiveness.

To register for the series, please email Theresa Grant. You will receive an email prior to the scheduled session with the Zoom online link & instructions. Please check your spam/junk mail in case you do not receive the email in your inbox.

Inspiration for the Week

we really understand how important our relationships with our brothers and sisters throughout the world truly are? Many give God's commandment to love your neighbor and yourself a congenial glance of approval and agreement without really thinking about the implications. Sometimes it is easier to kneel in reverence before the tabernacle in a church than to kneel in reverence before the tabernacle of another person's soul. Witnessing and being consumed by the Divine Power alive in the heart of every living being transforms not only how we see our brothers and sisters but how we see God Himself. The cries of the poor and those who are hurting must echo in our hearts. We can no longer be deaf to the world's pain. It is no longer acceptable to judge others, unduly criticize, or marginalize, neglect, abuse, manipulate, or participate in the exploitation of anyone! We are asked to become hypersensitive to not only what we are doing, but why we are doing it. This holds true not only with regard to the daily conduct of our lives but our economic and corporate relationships and policies as well.

"But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in the love of God and wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life."



St. Jude is the Patron Saint of Hope and impossible causes and one of Jesus' original twelve Apostles. He preached the Gospel with great passion, often in the most difficult circumstances. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, he made profound differences in people's lives as he offered them the Word of God. The Gospel tells us that St. Jude was a brother of St. James the Less, also one of the Apostles. They are described in the Gospel of Matthew as the "brethren" of Jesus, probably cousins. St. Jude is often confused with Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus.

St. Jude is traditionally depicted carrying the image of Jesus in his hand. This recalls one of his miracles during his work spreading the Word of God. King Abagar of Edessa asked Jesus to cure him of leprosy and sent an artist to bring him a drawing of Jesus. Impressed with Abagar's great faith, Jesus pressed His face on a cloth, leaving the image of His face on it. He gave the cloth to St. Jude, who took the image to Abagar and cured him. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, St. Jude traveled throughout Mesopotamia, Libya, and Persia with St. Simon preaching and building up the foundations of the early Church. St. Jude died a martyr's death for his unwavering faith. His body was later brought to Rome and placed in a crypt under St. Peter's Basilica.

<https://shrineofstjude.org/>



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we welcome all
as members of
the Body of Christ.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 25th

James & Jasmine (*wedding anniv*)
Crispina Pelagio
Mercy Knight
Abigail Alcordo†

Monday, October 26th

Rolando Garcia†

Tuesday, October 27th

Lorenza Mejia (*birthday*)

Wednesday, October 28th

Ryan Pamatian

Thursday, October 29th

Manuel Ferreira†

Friday, October 30th

Renato David (*healing*)

Saturday, October 31st

Fabricio & Nestor†
People of the Parish

Observances

We Celebrate This Week

Wed: Sts. Simon and Jude

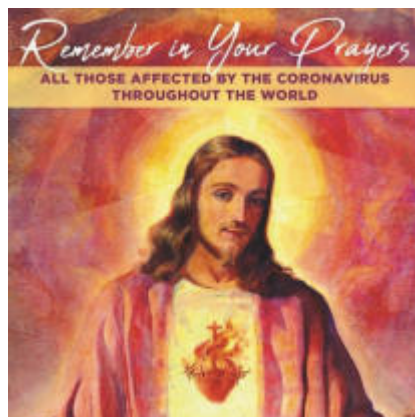
Sat: All Hallow's Eve

October is Dedicated to: The Rosary

Pope Francis'

Monthly Intention for October The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



Intercessory Prayers

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick parishioners, family and friends, and those in need of healing of the body and soul.

Christopher Kovarik	Kimanh Davis
Danny Taffola	Mark Penman
Jen Fancher	Phyllis Dexter
Jesse Diaz	Robert Coughlin
Joanne Harden	Sarah Norberg
Kainoa Wood	

Prayers for Our Troops

We pray for our military personnel abroad and at home, and for their families.

Michael Dalupan

Prayers for the Recently Deceased

We pray for the souls of all who have died, our family members, friends, and parishioners. May they rest in peace.

Anne Acosta	Lamberto Bachiller
Bernie Powers	Lillian Robert
Brian Trevisan Maxey	Lorraine Roche
Bud Powers	Maria Gill
Cal Dexter	Maria Perez
Chris McDowell	Maurico Padilla
Daniel Kelly	Nasri Michael
Doug Jackson	Ofelia Bagabaldo
Francisco Bejarano	Pete Sidhu
Gilbert Mendivil	Rose Imbriani-Ajalat
Herbert Kohagura	Tommy Nunez
Jean Mellberg	Valenzuela
Jean Walsh	Sunta de Rivera
Joyce Margaret Elliott	Susan Wong
Kay Warren	



Prayer Requests

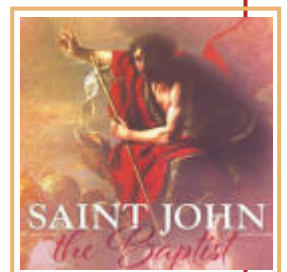
Prayer requests for the sick, military or recently deceased may be made by calling our Parish Office. Names will appear for four months.

O God,

You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ.

Fill Your people with the joy of possessing His grace, and direct the minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation.

Grant that as St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may energetically profess our Faith in You, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and Eternal Life.
Amen.



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The Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is closed until further notice
Adoration has been moved to the Church

A link to an Adoration Video (50mins) is located our website.

Scroll down to midpage and click on "Spend Time..."

A YouTube video will pop up to play the video.

Another Adoration Video (30mins) is also posted and pinned on our Facebook page.

A Facebook account is not necessary to view.

Once on our Facebook page click on the Monstrance picture to start the video.

www.facebook.com/FolsomCatholic

Live Stream Mass

scd.org/coronavirus/livestream-mass

Please visit the Diocesan page. It lists Parishes which are currently live streaming Sunday and Daily Masses.



Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- Vigil location: FPA Abortion Clinic, 2322 Butano Drive, Sacramento
- Vigil hours: 8:00 to 6:00pm on Mon, Tues, Fri, Sat. 11:00-6:00 Wed Closed Thurs
- Local Contact: Susan: 530-320-1614
Email: susanalive@gmail.com
- Learn more: Get involved! Sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign: [40 daysforlife.com/sacramento](http://40daysforlife.com/sacramento)

Church Hours

Monday - Friday

The church will remain open for those who would like to pray before the Blessed Sacrament from 8am-4:30pm.

Saturday - Sunday

On the weekends, the church will be open from 7am-6pm.

Please keep in mind your minimum 6ft "social distancing"

Confession

**Saturdays: 3 - 4:30 pm
and by appointment**

Please note confessions at this time will still be offered but not in the confessional. We will be doing a face to face format in a larger setting in order to maintain the recommended minimum 6ft "social distancing."



This weekend and last weekend 79 children will have received their First Communion here at St. John.

Please keep them in your prayers as they receive for the first time the Body of Our Lord. May they realize the true spiritual beauty of this occasion. May they always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within them. Let us pray to the Lord.



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2020 Election Novena

*"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern."
~Pope Francis, 9/16/13*

www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship



The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. (www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf).

This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. We urge our pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people of good will to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching. The statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order.

Bearing in mind our nation's challenges and the need for wise, moral, civic leadership, the USCCB is offering an electronic Election Novena to help Catholics prepare for the upcoming election. For nine consecutive days, Monday, October 26 through Tuesday, November 3, participants will be encouraged to pray one *Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be* for the day's intention. A closing prayer for elected leaders will be offered on day 10, Wednesday, November 4.

Daily Intentions

Day 1, October 26: As we prepare for the national & local elections, in the midst of a global pandemic, may our political engagement be guided by our Catholic Faith.

Day 2, October 27: In this month of the Holy Rosary, may Our Blessed Mother guide us in confronting racial inequalities and restoring peace in our communities.

Day 3, October 28: May all Americans recall the necessity of dialogue, civility, and humility in this election season.

Day 4, October 29: May all people understand the moral and ethical dimensions of political decisions and decide accordingly.

Day 5, October 30: May voters & elected leaders uphold the dignity of every human life in their political engagement.

Day 6, October 31: May Catholics recall all aspects of Catholic Social Teaching as they consider their votes.

Day 7, November 1: May there be a transformation of politics to focus on the dignity of the human person and the common good.

Day 8, November 2: May we keep in mind the gift of religious freedom and our duty to defend and exercise it as faithful citizens.

Day 9, November 3: Today, as we approach the polls, may we understand & embrace the principles of our Faith that should guide our political engagement.

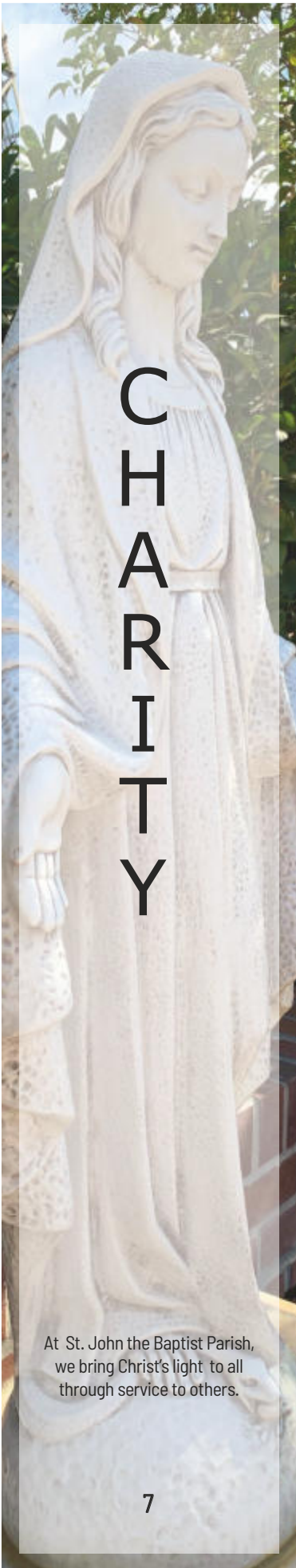
Closing: Wednesday, November 4

May the leaders elected this week be guided by the Holy Spirit as they fulfill their positions.

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At St. John the Baptist Parish,
we foster a
commitment to lifelong
spiritual growth.



At St. John the Baptist Parish, we bring Christ's light to all through service to others.

2nd Collection

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the activities of the Holy See through which Pope Francis governs the Church and exercises his charitable works. When used for charitable outreach, funds from this collection help those most in need. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy. Please be generous today. For more information, visit <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.



Last weekend our 2nd collection was for World Mission Sunday. THANK YOU for your generous response to this collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith Our parish raised \$2130. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org.

Next weekend our 2nd collection will be for our Religious Education Program and St John Notre Dame.

Loaves and Fishes

Contact: Cathy Kovarik
916-353-0688

The homeless being served at Loaves and Fishes were filled with gratitude for the sharing from our parish in September. Our collection is ongoing. You will find the designated cart in the church vestibule ready for your donations daily during open church hours (7:30am-4:30pm). Most requested items are cup-of-soups, peanut butter and cheese crackers, drink boxes and bottled water, oatmeal packets, breakfast and ntri-bars,, raisins and fruit cups. Peanut butter and jelly jars also appreciated for volunteers making sandwiches. All donations will be taken down October 28. Would you like to help drive?

Please call Cathy for details. Our Divine Mercy Ministry thanks you for your donations!

Stewardship of Treasure the Lord Has Entrusted to Us

Weekly goal: \$25,529.00
Weekly Offerings:
October 17/ 18 \$7772.55

Calculating Love

Have you ever Googled the word "love"? If you did you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife's. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn't read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: "Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever." Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Sharing the Gospel

When you have a choice to make, think about what God wants. Make sure your choices are good and that they help other people. When you follow God's example, you will be ready to love other people. With God's help you can be gentle, forgiving and kind.

Mission for the Week

As a family, help an elderly person in your neighborhood. Help them clean up their home or their yard.

Prayer

God, help me to love you and other people more and more every day.

Read the Gospel and Color

Mt 22:34-40



Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel

GREATEST
LAW
LOVE

LORD
HEART
SOUL

MIND
NEIGHBOR
YOURSELF

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"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Our parish is enriched with many ministries, please consider learning about and engaging in one or more of our ministries. Call the contact listed or see a Minister of Hospitality after Mass.

Welcoming Ministries

Communications Ministry

Loreen McMahon, 916-933-1330

Ministers of Hospitality

Shannon Bleeker, 916-200-8059

New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry

Lori Hopper, 916-337-0139

Ushers

Stanley Posis, 916-705-9192

Prayer Ministries

Companioned Prayer

Bill Stobbe, 916-505-3800

Divine Mercy Devotion/Cenacle

Zoanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

-*Chaplet/Rosary/Morning Prayer*

-*Divine Mercy Chaplet/Mass*

-*Cenacle* - Zoanne Tafolla, 707-333-7359

-*Cenacle-Spanish* - Ana Haid, 916-956-1177

Eucharistic Adoration

Veronica Thomas, thomas_vera@yahoo.com

Perpetual Adoration—1st Fri 9am - Sat 4pm

Marian Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle)

-*English* – 1st Saturday of the month

Sally Gomez, 916-693-2411

-*Spanish* – 2nd Wednesday of the month

Ana Haid, 916-956-1177

Our Lady of Fatima

Henry Altamirano, 925 - 899-7769

Spiritual Growth Ministries

Adult Scripture Study

Lee & Teresa Weider, 916-983-8065

Couples for Christ

Myrah Empleo, 661-993-4721

Praise & Worship

Sheila Fitzpatrick, 925-437-0798

Religious Education

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Debbie Duncan, 916-798-0201

Theology on Tap

Aaron Santos, 916-985-2065

WINGS (Women in Growth Spiritually)

Sue Collins, 916-337-6237

Youth/Young Adults Ministries

Aaron Santos, asantos@folsomcatholic.org

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Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

Grupo Pastoral Hispano

Anna Haid, 916-956-1177

Knights of Columbus

Dick Phelan, 916-221-0596

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Candice Ralston, 916-806-8090; Tuesday

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Catherine Scott, 831-402-4681

Prison/Restorative Justice Ministry

-Folsom Prison - Fr. H. Gomez, 916-985-2561 x 4206

-CSP Sacramento - Greg Mellor,

Catholic Chaplain, 916-985-8610 x6425

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Keith Martin, Principal, 916-985-4129

Senior Visitation

Charlene Agles, 916-984-9602

St. Vincent de Paul (Helping Hands)

John Knight, 916-985-4630

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers

Hugo Schmidt, 916-817-4541

Children's Liturgy during Mass

Shannon Langer, 916-985-7338

Extraord. Ministers of Holy Communion

Steve & Maryanne Ashley, 916-479-2214

Lectors

Patti Midtlyng, 916-837-8322

Liturgical Environment

Arlette Peterson, 916-220-5968

Music - See choir director after Mass.

Additional Ministries

Children's Babysitting at Mass

Georgia Oatmeyer, 916-201-3193

Family Fellowship

Carol Stephenson, 916-952-6744

Gift Shop

Connie Aley, 916-984-9284

Women's Game Day

Roberta Puzio, 916-933-2561

Please send ministry updates and corrections to
Loreen McMahon, mcmahon510@comcast.net.

MINISTRIES

"Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will."



Is Halloween a Pagan Holiday or a Catholic One?

The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallows' Day or Halloween. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first!



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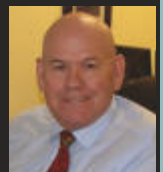
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