

What do the Saints Say?

St. John Chrysostom: 1 Cor. 1:1–3

[1.] SEE how immediately, from the very beginning, he casts down their pride, and dashes to the ground all their fond imagination, in that he speaks of himself as “called.” For what I have learned, Paul says, I discovered not myself, nor acquired by my own wisdom, but while I was persecuting and laying waste the Church I was called. Now here of Him that call is everything: of him that is called, nothing, (so to speak,) but only to obey.

“Of Jesus Christ.” Your teacher is Christ; and do you register the names of men, as patrons of your doctrine?

“Through the will of God.” For it was God who willed that you should be saved in this way. We ourselves have wrought no good thing, but by the will of God we have attained to this salvation; and because it seemed good to him, we were called, not because we were worthy.

“And Sosthenes our brother.” Another instance of his modesty; he puts in the same rank with himself one inferior to Apollos; for great was the interval between Paul and Sosthenes. Now if where the interval was so wide he stations with himself one far beneath him, what can they have to say who despise their equals?

“Unto the Church of God.” Not “of this or of that man,” but of God.

“Which is at Corinth.” Seest thou how at each word he puts down their swelling pride; training their thoughts in every way for heaven? He calls it, too, the Church “of God;” showing that it ought to be united. For if it be “of God,” it is united, and it is one, not in Corinth only, but also in all the world: for the Church’s name (ἐκκλησία: properly *an assembly*) is not a name of separation, but of unity and concord.

“To the sanctified in Christ Jesus.” Again the name of Jesus; the names of men he finds no place for. But what is Sanctification? The Laver, the Purification. For he reminds them of their own uncleanness, from which he had freed them; and so persuades them to lowliness of mind; for not by their own good deeds, but by the loving-kindness of God, had they been sanctified.

“Called to be Saints.” For even this, to be saved by faith, is not of yourselves; for ye did not first draw near, but were called; so that not even this small matter is yours altogether. However, though you had drawn near, accountable as you are for innumerable wickedness, not even so would the grace be yours, but God’s. Hence also, writing to the Ephesians, he said, (Eph. 2:8) “By grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves;” not even the faith is yours altogether; for ye were not first with your belief, but obeyed a call.

“With all who call upon the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Not “of this or that man,” but “the Name of the Lord.”

[2.] “In every place, both theirs and ours.” For although the letter be written to the Corinthians only, yet he makes mention of all the faithful that are in all the earth; showing that the Church throughout the world must be one, however separate in divers places; and much more, that in Corinth. And though the place separate, the Lord binds them together, being common to all. Wherefore also uniting them he adds, “both theirs and ours.” And this is far more powerful [to unite], than the other [to separate]. For as men in one place, having many and contrary masters, become distracted, and their one place helps them not to be of one mind, their masters giving orders at variance with each other, and drawing each their own way, according to what Christ says, (St. Matt. 6:24) “You cannot serve God and Mammon;” so those in different places, if they have not different lords but one only, are not by the places injured in respect of unanimity, the One Lord binding them together. “I say not then, (so he speaks,) that with Corinthians only, you being Corinthians ought to be of one mind, but with all that are in the whole world, inasmuch as you have a common Master.” This is also why he hath a second time added “our;” for since he had said, “the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord,” lest he should appear to the inconsiderate to be making a distinction, he subjoins again, “both our Lord and theirs.”

[3.] That my meaning may be clearer, I will read it according to its sense thus: “Paul and Sosthenes to the Church of God which is in Corinth and to all who call upon the Name of Him who is both our Lord and theirs in every place, whether in Rome or wheresoever else they may be: grace unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Or again thus; which I also believe to be rather more correct: “Paul and Sosthenes to those that are at Corinth, who have been sanctified, called to be Saints, together with all who call upon the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ in place, both theirs and ours;” that is to say, “grace unto you, and peace unto you, who are at Corinth, who have been sanctified and called;” not to you alone, but “with all who in every place call upon the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and theirs.”

Now if our peace be of grace, why hast thou high thoughts? Why art Thou so puffed up, being saved by grace? And if thou hast peace with God, why wish to assign thyself to others? since this is what separation comes to. For what if you be at “peace” with this man, and with the other even find “grace?” My prayer is that both these may be yours from God; both from Him I say, and towards Him. For neither do they abide secure except they enjoy the influence from above; nor unless God be their object will they aught avail you: for it profits us nothing, though we be peaceful towards all men, if we be at war with God; even as it is no harm to us, although by all men we are held as enemies, if with God we are at peace. And again it is no gain to us, if all men approve, and the Lord be offended; neither is there any danger, though all shun and hate us, if with God we have acceptance and love. For that which is verily grace, and verily peace, cometh of God, since he who finds grace in God’s sight, though he suffer ten thousand horrors, fears no one; I say not only, no man, but not even the devil himself; but he that hath offended God suspects all men, though he seem to be in security. For human nature is unstable, and not friends only and brethren, but fathers also, before now, have been altogether changed and often for a little thing he whom they begat, the branch of their planting, hath been to them, more than all foes, an object of persecution. Children, too, have cast off their fathers. Thus, if ye will mark it, David was in favor with God, Absalom was in favor with men. What was the end of each, and which of them gained most honor, ye know. Abraham was in favor with God, Pharaoh with men; for to gratify him they gave up the just man’s wife. Which then of the two were the more illustrious, and the happy man? Everyone knows. And why speak I of righteous men; The Israelites were in favor with God, but they were hated by men, the Egyptians; but nevertheless they prevailed against their haters and vanquished them, with how great triumph, is well known to you all.

For this, therefore, let all of us labor earnestly; whether one be a slave, let him pray for this, that he may find grace with God rather than with his master; or a wife, let her seek grace from God her Savior rather than from her husband; or a soldier, in preference to his king and commander let him seek that favor which cometh from above. For thus among men also wilt thou be an object of love.

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Please contact us anytime! We look forward to hearing from you!
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Schedule of Events:

Monday, November 30th

6:30 a.m. Confessions
7:00 a.m. Daily Mass
7 p.m. Family Formation night

Tuesday, December 1st

6:30 a.m. Confessions
7:00 a.m. Daily Mass
6:30 p.m. Family formation night

Wednesday, December 2nd

6:30 a.m. Confessions
7:00 a.m. Daily Mass
7:00 p.m. KC Meeting

Thursday, December 3rd

6:30 a.m. Confessions
7:00 a.m. Daily Mass

Friday, December 4th

1st Friday Mass

7:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 5th

7 a.m. 1st Saturday Mass

3:00 p.m. Confessions
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 6th

7:30 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Mass



MASS INTENTIONS



For the Week of November 30th-December 6th

7:00 A.M.-Monday, November 30th

*All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:
Parishioners of St. Ann, Carroll Hebert*

7:00 A.M.-Tuesday, December 1st

*All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:
Parishioners of St. Ann*

7:00 A.M.-Wednesday, December 2nd

*All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:
Parishioners of St. Ann, Kevin Ward, Merlin, Ruby, & Michael Bascle, L.E. & Gussie Fletcher*

7:00 A.M.-Thursday, December 3rd

*All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:
Parishioners of St. Ann*

4:00 P.M.- Saturday, December 5th

*All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:
Parishioners of St. Ann, Jerry & Mathew Arceneaux, Jeanne Crochet
Carroll Hebert, Sam Olivier, Patrick McGaw, Dolores Viteaux
Jean Foret family, Eric, Joel, & Frank Rogers, Wilbert Dupre Sr., Dolores Viteaux
Faith LeBoeuf, Neva Morris, Mia Bourg
Wilbert & Elsie Hebert, Linda Ann Hebert, Salome H. Matherne, Matthew S. Matherne,
Peter W. Hebert, Samuel Dominic Hebert, Wayne G. Cancienne, Michael McGee,
Bertha & Edward Boudreaux, Keri Lynn Niette
Cecile Fabre, Walter & Anna Belle Duplantis, Herman & Ellen Walker, Leslie & Carley Walker,
Herman Walker Jr., Lawrence Dugas, Wallace & Dolly Callahan, Muriel Fabre*

8:00 A.M.-Sunday, December 6th

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Brad M. Falgout, Rhea P. Voisin & Eddie Voisin Jr
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Kerry & Lee Lapeyrouse, Bobby & Clarice LeBlanc, Thelma, Alvin, Wade, Dennis & Melvin Ledet,
Benjamin & Josephine LeBlanc & family, Cy Ledet, Faye & Tommy Rogers, Roy & Dean Hunter, Dean & Shara Ramsier,
F.W., Odette, Jody Schouest & family, Geneva Marcel, Mollie Boudreaux, E.J. Savoie,*

10:00 A.M.- Sunday, December 6th

*All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:
Parishioners of St. Ann, Herbert, Herbert, Celina, Joyce, Deborah & Ronald Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont,
Living & Deceased Members of the Naquin, LaJaunie, LeBoeuf & Lapeyrouse Families
Geraldine Dupre, Wallace Ellender, Steven, Bertha Mae & Timothy Pellegrin,*

6:30 P.M. Sunday, December 6th

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Parishioners of St. Ann, Clinton & Wilma Picou
Norris & Diana Bourg*

Memorials for the week of November 30, 2020

The Sanctuary Light burns this week in memory of Muriel Fabre requested by Kirby Fabre.
The Altar Candles are in memory of Jody Schouest & family requested by Stacey, Heidi, Louis & Tyler.
The Altar Bread is in memory of Carroll & Margaret Hebert.
The Altar Wine is in memory of Erous & Eric Eschete requested by Linda McMath.
The missals are in memory of Jean Foret requested by the Bourg Lioness Club.

Stewardship of Treasure

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To fulfill the State of Louisiana and Bishop Fabre's guidelines: All attending Mass are required to wear a face mask while in the Church.

Upcoming Advent events:

December 7, 2020 - 4 p.m. - Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
December 8, 2020 - 7 a.m. & 6 p.m. - Immaculate Conception Mass
December 15, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. - Advent Mission presented by Fr. Cody
December 16, 2020 - 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. - “The Light is on for you”(confession)

CHRISTMAS 2020 MASS TIMES:

****Christmas Eve -December 24, 2020****
4 p.m., 6 p.m., 10 p.m.
****Christmas Day - December 25, 2020 – 9 a.m.****
(All Masses will have the over-flow option in the parish hall)