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Weekday Mass: Tuesday-Friday 10:00 am

Church Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9-3 (Lunch 12-12:30)

Inclement weather delay/closing follows Suffolk Public Schools

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00pm or by appointment

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NOVEMBER 1, 2020

THE 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mon	11/2	All Souls' Day	Masses for the Dead #1011-1016
Tue	11/3	Weekday	Lk 14:15-24
Wed	11/4	St. Charles Borromeo	Lk 14:25-33
Thu	11/5	Weekday	Lk 16:1-8
Fri	11/6	Weekday	Lk 16:1-8
Sat	11/7	Weekday	Lk 16:9-15
Sun	11/8	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mt 25:1-13

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MASS INTENTIONS



- 11/02/2020 — OPEN
- 11/03/2020 — OPEN
- 11/04/2020 — OPEN
- 11/05/2020 — OPEN
- 11/06/2020 — Souls of Purgatory
- 11/07/2020 — Arthur Hengler
- 11/08/2020 — For the People

Mass Intentions – The Mass is the most powerful prayer on earth, Pray for your loved ones in a special way, united to The Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office @ 757-539-5732 for your Mass intention requests.

Mass Schedule: November 2-8, 2020

Tuesday—Friday : 10:00 am
Reconciliation: 4pm
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm
Sunday Mass: 10am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



- *First Friday* of the Month following the 10am Mass

<u>COLLECTION</u>	<u>10/24-25, 2020</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Regular Offertory	\$3,360.00	\$50,034.00
E-Giving	\$561.00	\$15,958.00
Capital Improvement	\$92.00	\$2,998.00
Haiti*		\$1,120.00
Religious Education		\$1,034.00
Liturgy Donations		\$210.00
Word Among Us	\$29.00	\$196.00
Bulletin Ads		\$520.00
Retired Religious		\$197.00
World Mission*		\$140.00
Kissell Family Collection *	\$1,200.00	\$1,565.00
Total Collection (*No Included)	\$4,042.00	\$69,555.00
Budget	\$5,250.00	\$84,000.00
Net Income/Loss	-\$1,222.00	-\$14,445.00

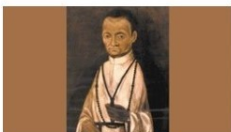
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Saint of the Week

November 3—St. Martin de Poress



Growing up in poverty

In 1579, Martín de Porres Velésquez was born in Lima, Peru into the kind of poverty familiar to many of the world's children. He was the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a black and possibly indigenous freed

slave, Ana Velásquez. The nobleman abandoned them – he acknowledged the dark-skinned boy as his son only eight years later – leaving Ana to scrape by a living for herself and her two children alone. At 12, Martín was apprenticed to a barber-surgeon.

The boy learned to cut hair and tend the sick. And increasingly, he prayed, until he was spending hours each night in conversation with God. The Lord was stirring his heart, calling him in love, but Martín was a poor, black boy with no father, in a country where the law prohibited descendants of the African slaves from becoming professed members of religious orders.

A mulatto Dominican

Love was stronger than societal custom, however. It made Martín humble, and he asked to be accepted by the Dominican priory in Lima as a lay helper. Eight years of the humblest service, cutting the friars' hair, scrubbing, sweeping and tending to the needs of the poor, showed the prior, Juan de Lorenzana, that this "servant boy" had an extraordinary heart. So when Martín was 24 and asked to be admitted as a professed brother, de Lorenzana decided to ignore the law and allow this young mulatto to take vows.

Not all of the friars agreed with their prior. Not all had allowed the light of the Gospel, which is given to all men, to penetrate their heart to an equal degree. "Mulatto dog," some called him. One of the priests mocked him for his illegitimate birth.

While Martín suffered these taunts, they did not disturb his peace. He was God's servant and the servant of his brothers, even if they were cruel. When the friary fell into debt and the prior set out to sell some of the friary's valuables, Martín begged his brothers, "I am only a poor mulatto, sell me." They did not sell him. While there may have been a few hard-hearted friars, others had eyes to see the depths of charity and prayer in this young mixed-race man who was their brother.

The precept of charity

When he was 34, Martín was put in charge of the priory's infirmary. There, all the love that had filled his heart through prayer could spill over in compassion for others. He cared for the sick friars, but also for others, noblemen and slaves. People felt the love in him. They began to say that he could cure the sick just by bringing them a glass of water. Once Martín carried a dirty beggar covered with sores to his room to tend to him. Another friar scolded him, for the sick man was filthy. Martín responded, "Compassion, my brother, is preferable to cleanliness."

Many of the friars began to go to this simple brother for spiritual direction. They sensed the wisdom in him just as clearly as the poor sensed his love. Or perhaps they sensed that his wisdom was love. His prior, who had allowed him to take vows, learned from him, too. During an epidemic, when Martín had been forbidden from transporting the sick for fear of contagion, he was found tending to a bleeding Indian in his room. The prior began a hefty reprimand, but Martín's answer disarmed him: "Forgive me and please instruct me, for I did not know that the precept of obe-

dience took precedence over the precept of charity." Now it was the prior's turn not to know: How could he hold back a heart so alive with compassion?

That heart followed the precept of charity – love of God and love of neighbor with a single, unified love – until Martín's death at the age of 59. At that point, his fellow friars and the city already knew: this "poor mulatto" who served the poor because he was one of them, this simple friar who humbled the proud, was their brother: St. Martín de Porres. In an almost superfluous sign, it was as if God smiled and agreed when Martín's body was found to be incorrupt 25 years after he died.

November 4—St. Charles Borromeo



Looking out over the shores of Lago Maggiore, one sees it immediately: the statue of St Charles Borromeo, which dominates the shoreline of Arona. The 35-meter-tall statue, cast in bronze and iron in the 17th century, portrays the Archbishop of Milan in the act of blessing.

But beyond that, there is a particularity about the monument: one can go inside it, climbing the staircase to the top of the statue. From that vantage point, one can look through the eyes of St Charles. The ability to see the world through his eyes, through the eyes of charity and humility is part of the lasting spiritual legacy of St Charles Borromeo.

From "boy bishop" to "giant of sanctity"

The life of St Charles Borromeo can be seen to run between the two poles of "boy bishop" and "giant of sanctity," in a period of time that corresponded to his pastoral action.

The young Charles progressed quickly, even as a child. He was born in Arona in 1538, the second son of Gilbert and Margaret. At the age of 12 he was given the title of "commendatory" of a nearby Benedictine Abbey. The honorific title came with a notable income, but the future Saint insisted on dedicating the revenue to charity, especially the care of the poor.

The Council of Trent

Charles studied canon and civil law in Pavia, and in 1559, at the age of 21, became a doctor in utroque jure, "of both laws." Several years later, his older brother, Federico, died. Many people counselled him to leave the ecclesiastical state, and take up his position as head of the family. Charles, however, decided to continue along the path to priesthood, and was ordained in 1563, at the age of 25. Shortly thereafter, he was consecrated Bishop, and he was able to participate in the final stages of the Council of Trent, becoming one of the principle promoters of the Catholic Reform (known historically as the "Counter-Reformation"). Later, he collaborated on the production of the Catechism of the Council of Trent.

Archbishop of Milan at age 27

Putting into practice the indications of the Council, which compelled Bishops to reside in their Dioceses, Charles took possession of the Archdiocese of Milan in 1565, when he was only 27. His dedication to the Ambrosian Church was total: he made a pastoral visitation of the whole of the Archdiocese three separate times, and organised the territory into ecclesiastical circumscriptions. He founded seminaries for the formation of priests; built churches, schools, colleges, and hospitals; instituted the Congregation of Oblates, composed of secular priests; and donated his own family's wealth to the poor.

“Souls are won on one’s knees”

At the same time, Charles was dedicated to a profound reformation of the Church’s interior life: in a particularly sensitive time in the life of the Church, the young Bishop was not afraid to defend the Church against the encroachments of the powerful; and he was not lacking in the courage necessary to renew ecclesial structures, correcting abuses wherever he found them. Understanding that the reform of the Church, in order to be credible, must begin with her Pastors, Borromeo encouraged priests, deacons, and religious to believe in the strength of prayer and penance, transforming their life into a true path of sanctity. “Souls,” he often repeated, “are won on one’s knees.”

“Pastors must be servants of God and fathers to their people”

His pastoral ministry, stimulated by his love of Christ, nonetheless met with hostility and resistance. One group, the so-called “Humiliati” – a doctrinally suspect religious order – organised an attempt on his life. While praying in his chapel, the future Saint was shot at with an arquebus; however, the bullet failed to penetrate his vestments, and his life was saved. This was considered a miracle, and Charles was able to continue his mission because, as Pope Francis said, “he wanted Pastors who would be servants of God and fathers to their people, especially the poor” (Address to the Community of the Pontifical Lombard Seminary in Rome, 25 Jan 2016).

The plague strikes Milan

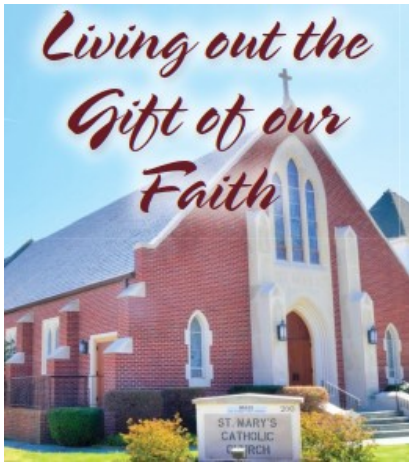
In the 1570’s Milan was struck by a plague; suffering from disease and famine, the Milanese people could rely only on their Archbishop. And Charles did not spare himself: faithful to his familial and episcopal motto *Humilitas* (“humility”), he visited and comforted the sick during the plague years of 1576 and 1577, spending all his wealth for their care. His presence among the people was so constant that this period would go down in history as “the plague of St Charles,” and in future ages, the great Italian novelist would speak of it in his masterpiece, *I Promessi Sposi* (“The Betrothed”).

Pilgrimage to the Shroud

The Archbishop of Milan also played an important role in bringing the Holy Shroud to Italy. It was in response to his intense desire to pray before the Shroud that the Duke of Savoy, in 1578, decided to bring the burial cloth of Christ from Chambéry, in France, to Turin, where it has remained ever since. St Charles made the pilgrimage to Turin on foot, praying and fasting over the course of four days.

Burial in the Duomo of Milan

However, after many years of labour, Charles Borromeo’s health began to fail; and in November 1584, the great Archbishop died, aged 46 years. He left a lasting moral and spiritual legacy. Charles was beatified in 1602 by Pope Clement VIII, and eight years later was canonized by Pope Paul V. Since that time, his relics have been venerated in the crypt of the Cathedral of Milan, in the so-called “Scuolo,” with scenes from his life portrayed in silver foil panels along the walls.



Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our “Living out the Gift of our Faith” Program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass, you may visit our parish website at www.stmarysuffolk.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card or you can mail your card to the church.

Electronic giving is the **preferred, easy, safe** and **secure** way to give to our parish. To schedule a recurring electronic gift directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website and follow the instructions. We appreciate all parishioners using this means to support our parish.

Stewardship Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I'm a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in.

It will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.

Amen



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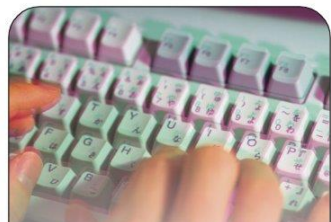


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