

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

You are welcomed and loved by St Anthony 's Community.

We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service and stewardship.

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DAILY LITURGIES **MON** (Arabic) / **TUE** (English) / **WED** (Arabic) / **THU** (English) **9 am**

WEEKEND LITURGIES :

SAT 4:00PM(Eng.) **SUN** 8:00AM (Ara) 9:00AM (Eng.) / 11:30AM (Eng.& Arabic)

Holy days of obligation: Vigil Liturgy @ 7:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS **M-TH** 9:00 AM-4:00 PM / **FRI** 9:00 AM-2:00 PM / **SAT** By Appointment

MEET OUR PRIEST: Fr. Elie Mikhael ...305-807-9087... pastor@stanthonylawrence.org

MEET OUR DEACONS:

Deacon Nadim B. Daou / Deacon Michael Charchaflian / Deacon David Leard
Sub-Deacon James T. Demers / Sub-Deacon Antoine Nammour



LITURGIES

Epiphany Season الأحد | الأسبوع الثالث من الدنح

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Saturday, January 22, 2022

4:00pm For: +Ida Thomas, *By Phyllis, Christine, John & their families.*

Sunday, January 23, 2022

8:00 am For: +All Souls in Purgatory, *By Kamil & Mouna Hbaiter & Family.*

9:00am For: +Marie Makhoulf, *By her Family.*

11:30am For: +40 Day Anniversary - Maurice Hatem, *By his wife, Maryann, daughter, Alyce, wife of Pierre Sader, & their Family.*

Monday, January 24

9:00am For: +Ivonne Sayah & Adele Najar, *By Nada & Eliane Kazzi & Family.*

Tuesday, January 25

9:00am For: Private Intentions *By Fr. Elie*

Wednesday, January 26

9:00am For: +Angele Daou, *By Mr. & Mrs. Samir Daou.*

Thursday, January 27

9:00am For: All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 28 NO LITURGY

LITURGIES INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 29, 2022

4:00pm For:+Chukri, Nadia & Salma Awil, Elias & Mariam Khoder, *By their grandchildren.*

Sunday, January 30, 2022

8:00 am For: +Elias Owaida, *By Robert Owaida & Family.*

9:00 am For: Private Intentions.

11:30 am For: +40 Day Anniversary - Rosine Ramey, *By her sons: Gaby & Robert, their spouses & her grandchildren.*



Sanctuary Lamps

*In Memory of Ida Thomas
by her family.*

SECOND COLLECTION

*U.S. Catholic Bishops' Worldwide Charities
January 22 & 23*

ONLINE OFFERING

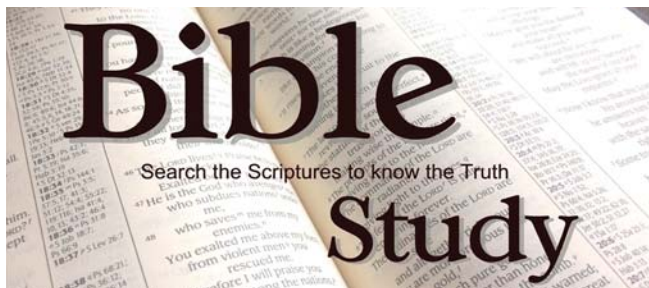
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Stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/



In Person or Thru Zoom
Arabic & English Session-Tuesday at 6PM
First Session Tuesday, January 25, 2022

**TITHES & OFFERINGS STEP UP YOUR
WEEKLY / MONTHLY /
ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT**

REGISTER FOR ONLINE DONATION:

Apply Online:

stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/

Donate a Stock

If you'd like to gift shares or securities from your Fidelity account to another Fidelity account, or if you want to send a gift outside of Fidelity, there are a few ways to make this happen.

What do I need to know?

Receiving shares: If a sender wants to give you shares (stocks, mutual funds, or other securities) from an outside firm, he or she needs to contact that firm to verify delivery instructions. In addition to following the firm's specific instructions, the sender may need to provide the firm with these details:

St Anthony Maronite Catholic Church, INC

Fidelity account number: Z40-262821

Type of Ownership: Corporation

Fidelity's Depository Trust Company

(DTC) number, which is 0226

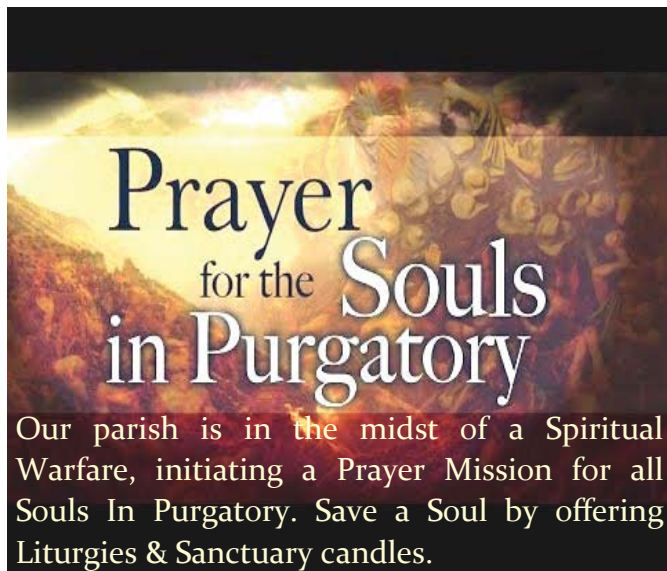
Our name and address:

Fidelity Investments

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PO Box 770001

Cincinnati, OH 45277-0036



Have you lost a loved one who passed away, or know someone who has? Prayers for souls in purgatory can help them! While we can derive great comfort from the hope that our loved ones are enjoying Eternal Life with God, it never hurts to pray for their souls in any case.

In purgatory, the souls of many of those who have died in God's grace undergo purification so that they may enter heaven.

The Prayer of St. Gertrude, below, is one of the most famous of the prayers for souls in purgatory. St. Gertrude the Great was a Benedictine nun and mystic who lived in the 13th century. According to tradition, our Lord promised her that 1000 souls would be released from purgatory each time it is said devoutly. Whether or not this is actually the case, this is a great prayer for focusing on helping the Holy Souls in Purgatory nonetheless:

*Eternal Father,
I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.*

The Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation were administered to:

Daphne Violette Maroon
Child of Stephen & Erika Maroon

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God, through faith, for all you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ”

Galatians 3:26-27

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I would like to remind you that we are in a masks mandate at the church. Please make sure your child comes to class with a mask. If they do not have one, we will provide one. We are trying to continue our program in the safest way possible.

Susan and the Religious Ed Team
Lawrencereligious@gmail.com

Maronite Youth Organization-MYO

Full Calendar of Events:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-3/

Next Session- February 6, 5-7 PM

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Knights Meeting will be held

Saturday, February 5 - 11AM - 12:30 PM

For the full Server Schedule visit:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/calendar/

St. Monica School - Open House

St. Monica School in Methuen is holding an Open House on

Sunday, January 30th from 10:30AM-Noon

Call 978-686-1801 or email

smsoffice@methuencatholic.org for more information or to schedule a tour.

Now enrolling Preschool 3 to Grade 8 for the 2022-2023 school year.

Calling all Musicians!!!

Join Patrick Tabet for a meet and greet:

**Friday, February 4th at 6:30pm
at St Anthony’s Church Hall.**

Bring your instruments
and let’s jam and talk about music!

Please bring any necessary accessories to sound your instruments

Patrick is a Music Therapy graduate from Berklee College of Music and is looking to start a group with intermediate to advanced level musicians.

The following link is the google form to collect general information of the attendees. Please fill out prior to the meeting.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHxjRo4Ul-2RvLeIMhb5E6qe199BF7w4v5hjDvOhn1My5Pw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Knights of Mary

Full Calendar of Events:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/events-2/

Next Session- February 5, 5-7 PM



LECTORS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 22 - 4PM
Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, January 23 -
8 AM Hitaf Nammour
9AM Michael Faris
11:30AM Eng: Nadine Sader
Ar: Joelle Sader

Saturday, January 29 - 4PM
Carla Khoder

Sunday, January 30 -
8 AM Huguette Sfeir
9AM Angela Dahbour
11:30AM Eng: Paul Ramey
Ar: Raghida Ramey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Jan. 21:** Rachelle Abou Ezzi, Luke Avedisian, Joseph Maksou, Maroun Nassar
Jan. 22: Therese Bou Sanayeh, Paulette Issa, Aubrey Jefferson, Michael Saad, Robert Safi
Jan. 23: Mark Faris, Gisele Georges, Janette Nadira
Jan. 24: Eliane Bouraphael, Andrea Dahbour, Lauren Deschene, James Hajj, Dean Levy
Jan. 25: Gabrielle Abdelnour, Mariana Ata, Noah Dunbar, Matthew Getchell, Breanne Maroon, Charlotte Samaan, Therese Zaarour
Jan. 26: Roger Feghali, Elizabeth Frias, Logan Reed, Derek Samia
Jan. 27: Ryan Abraham, Margo Checrallah, George Harb, Andrew Khoury, Karen Pappalardo
Jan. 28: Fred Annoud, Amanda Benoit, Michael Deschene, Elias Karam

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Jan. 21:** David & Tammy Mallen
Jan. 22: George & Celestie Jobeily

UMass Lowell Lebanese Student Association X Medonations

Medication Drive for Lebanon



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There is a Medication shortage in Lebanon. All Money Donations will be forwarded to fund Surgeries and Medical Treatment. Thank you!

List of OTC Medications In Need:

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| Zyrtec | Betadine |
| Claritin | Vitamin D |
| Flonase allergy relief | Folic acid |
| Nasacort allergy 24hr | Calcium |
| Maalox | Iron for kids (chewable) for kids who have problems of immunity |
| Nexium 24hr (big need) | Chewable vitamins for kids |
| Lansoprazole (big need) | Vitamins for babies |
| Omperazole (big need) | Vitamin B6 (if u also have magnesium) |
| Ranitidine | Sodium chloride nasal spray |
| Imodium | Insulin |
| Hydrocortisone gel 0.5% & 1% | All type of creams |
| Blood glucose monitoring (if you have accu check perform, accu check guide or onetouch anything will have bcz non is available here) | Hygiene products (pads, soaps, kids essentials, toothbrush, toothpaste) |
| BIG NEED | Baby formula |
| Artificial tears | Diapers (if we have space) |
| Dulcolax | Any prescription medicine (not expired) |
| Aspirine 81mg - 100mg | Decadron syrup |
| | Diovan 160mg |
| | Fluconazole 150 |
| | Furosemide 20 |
| | Ondansetron |
| | Prednisone |
| | Tylenol rapid release |
| | Tylenol |



DAILY SAINTS

- Saturday, Jan. 22:** St. Timothy, AP
Sunday, Jan. 23: Pope St. Sergius, St. Marianne Cope
Monday, Jan. 24: St. Francis de sales
Tuesday, Jan. 25: Conversion of St. Paul, AP
Wednesday, Jan. 26: St. Agnes, M
Thursday, Jan. 27: St. Paula, C
Friday, Jan. 28: St. Ephrem, Dr. of the Church, C

TREE OF LIFE

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES BY
PUTTING THEIR NAMES ON TREE OF
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1.5" X 3" = \$75 / 3"X 6"= \$150 /
4"X8"= \$250

Please submit your request either by

Phone: 978.685.7233 or by E-mail:

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

DONATE A TREE

IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Enhancing the beauty of Historic Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Cemetery.

Plant-A-Tree A—

For a donation of \$400.00 : memorial plaque will be displayed by the tree for a period of ten years.

Plant-A-Tree B—

For a donation of \$250.00: memorial plaque will be displayed by the tree for the period of five years.

Your Donation is Tax-Deductible

Your contribution is tax deductible. You will receive a written acknowledgement of your donation from the Saint Anthony Maronite Catholic Cemetery.

If you like to donate a tree, please call the office at **978.685.7233** or email us at:

rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

Tree to be planted : Kousa Dogwood

CEMETERY LOT SALES AND AVAILABILITY

Saint Anthony Cemetery offers affordable payment plans to fit any family's budget. For more information:

By Phone (During Office Hours) 978-685-7233

or email rectory@stanthonylawrence.org

By visiting:

www.stanthonylawrence.org/lots-sales/

Looking for a Loved one buried at St Anthony's Cemetery?

1. Go to www.stanthonylawrence.org
2. Scroll to the bottom and click on BURIAL ONLINE SEARCH.
3. Type in the last/first name or in some cases just last name and click search.

Grave Purchase and Burial at St Anthony

Grave Purchase—*For Active Parishioners

- Grave Purchase–Double Depth: \$1900 (*one time fee*)
 - Perpetual Care: \$200 (*one time fee*)
- Total of Grave (Double Depth) Purchase: \$2100
- Memorial Stone Permit: \$75 (*one time fee paid upon installation*)

Burial Costs (Itemized)

- Opening and Closing (Summer Fees): \$1000
- Opening and Closing (Winter Burial): \$1,200
- Church Stipend: \$250
- Church Stipend (Wake in Church): \$450
- Soloist: \$150
- Organist: \$150
- Clergy Stipend: \$200 or left to the Family Discretion

Total of Burial Costs:

- Burial (Summer Fees): \$1,750
- Burial (Summer Fees-Wake in Church): \$1,950
- Burial (Winter Fees): \$1,950
- Burial (Winter Fees-Wake in Church): \$2,150

Prices are subject to change.

**Active Parishioners are considered those who have participated: Socially, spiritually and have contributed regularly in our database.*

Please take the time to review the complete cemetery guidelines by visiting our website www.stanthonylawrence.org/cemetery/

WHAT DOES IT MEAN “TO BE BORN AGAIN”?

by *Ronald Rolheiser*

What does it mean to “be born again, to “be born from above”? If you’re an Evangelical or Baptist, you’ve probably already answered that for yourself. However, if you’re a Roman Catholic or a mainline Protestant then the phrase probably isn’t a normal part of your spiritual vocabulary and, indeed, might connote for you a biblical fundamentalism which confuses you.

What does it mean to “be born again”? The expression appears in John’s Gospel in a conversation Jesus has with a man named, Nicodemus. Jesus tells him that he “must be born again from above”. Nicodemus takes this literally and protests that it’s impossible for a grown man to re-enter his mother’s womb so as to be born a second time. So Jesus recasts the phrase metaphorically, telling Nicodemus that one’s second birth, unlike the first, is not from the flesh, but “from water and the Spirit”. Well ... that doesn’t clarify things much for Nicodemus, or for us. What does it mean to be born again from above?

Perhaps there are as many answers to that as there are people in the world. Spiritual birth, unlike physical birth, doesn’t mean the same thing for everyone. I have Evangelical friends who share that for them this refers to a particularly powerful affective moment within their lives when, like Mary Magdala in the Garden with Jesus on Easter Sunday, they had a deep personal encounter with Jesus that indelibly affirmed his intimate love for them. In that moment, in their words, “they met Jesus Christ” and “were born again”, even though from their very childhood they had always known about Jesus Christ and been Christians.

Most Roman Catholics and mainline Protestants do not identify “knowing Jesus Christ” with one such personal affective experience. But then they’re left wondering what Jesus meant exactly when he challenges us “to be born again, from above”.

A priest that I know shares this story regarding his understanding of this. His mother, widowed sometime before his ordination, lived in the same parish where he had been assigned to minister. It was a mixed blessing, nice to see her every day in church but she, widowed and alone, began to lean pretty heavily upon him in terms of wanting his time and he, the dutiful son, now had to spend all his free time with his mother, taking her for meals, taking her for drives, and being her one vital contact with the world outside the narrow confines of the seniors’ home within which she lived. During their time together she reminisced a lot and not infrequently complained about being alone and lonely. But one day, on a drive with her, after a period of silence, she said something that surprised him and caught his deeper attention: “I’ve given up on fear!” she said, “I’m no longer afraid of anything. I’ve spent my whole life living in fear. But now, I’ve given up on it because I’ve nothing to lose! I’ve already lost everything, my husband, my youthful body, my health, my place in the world, and much of my pride and dignity. Now I’m free! I’m no longer afraid!”

Her son, who had only been half-listening to her for a long time, now began to listen. He began to spend longer hours with her, recognizing that she had something important to teach him. After a couple of more years, she died. But, by then, she had been able to impart to her son some things that helped him understand his life more deeply. “My mother gave me birth twice; once from below, and once from above,” he says. He now understands something that Nicodemus couldn’t quite grasp.

We all, no doubt, have our own stories.

And what do the biblical scholars teach about this? The Synoptic Gospels, scholars say, tell us that we can only enter the kingdom of God if we become like little children, meaning that we must, in our very way of living, acknowledge our dependence upon God and others. We are not self-sufficient and that means truly recognizing and living out our human dependence upon the gratuitous providence of God. To do that, is to be born from above.

John’s Gospel adds something to this. Raymond E Brown, commenting on John’s Gospel, puts it this way: To be born again from above means we must, at some point in our lives, come to understand that our life comes from beyond this world, from a place and source beyond our mother’s womb, and that deeper life and deeper meaning lie there. And so we must have two births, one that gives us biological life (births us into this world) and another that gives us eschatological life (births us into the world of faith, soul, love, and spirit). And sometimes, as was the case with my friend, it can be your own birthmother who does the major midwifing in that second birth. Nicodemus couldn’t quite get past his instinctual empiricism. In the end, he didn’t get it. Do we?

الأحد الثالث بعد الدنح: إعلان سرّ المسيح لنيقوديمس وللشعب اليهودي

غلاطية 29-23:3

يا إخواني، قَبْلَ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ الْإِيمَانَ، كُنَّا مُحْتَاجِينَ مَحْبُوسِينَ تَحْتَ الشَّرِيعَةِ، إِلَى أَنْ يُعْلَنَ الْإِيمَانُ الْمُنْتَظَرُ. إِذَا فَالْشَّرِيعَةُ كَانَتْ لَنَا مُؤَدَّبًا يَفُودُنَا إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ، لِكَيْ نُبَرَّرَ بِالْإِيمَانِ. فَلَمَّا أَتَى الْإِيمَانَ، لَمْ نَعُدْ تَحْتَ مُؤَدَّبٍ؛ لِأَنَّكُمْ جَمِيعًا أَبْنَاءَ اللَّهِ بِالْإِيمَانِ، فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَأَنْتُمْ جَمِيعَ الَّذِينَ اعْتَمَدْتُمْ فِي الْمَسِيحِ قَدْ لَبِسْتُمْ الْمَسِيحَ. فَلَا يَهُودِيٌّ بَعْدُ وَلَا يُونَانِيٌّ، لَا عَبْدٌ وَلَا حُرٌّ، لَا ذَكَرٌ وَلَا أُنْثَى، فَإِنَّكُمْ جَمِيعًا وَاحِدٌ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ لِلْمَسِيحِ، فَأَنْتُمْ إِذَا نَسَلُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، وَوَارِثُونَ بِحَسَبِ الْوَعْدِ.

يوحنا 16-1:3

كَانَ إِنْسَانٌ مِنَ الْفَرِيسِيِّينَ اسْمُهُ نَيْفُودِيمُوسَ، رَئِيسٌ لِلْيَهُودِ. هَذَا جَاءَ لَيْلًا إِلَى يَسُوعَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «رَبِّي، نَحْنُ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ جِئْتَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مُعَلِّمًا، لِأَنَّهُ لَا أَحَدَ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَصْنَعَ الْآيَاتِ الَّتِي أَنْتَ تَصْنَعُهَا مَا لَمْ يَكُنِ اللَّهُ مَعَهُ.» أَجَابَ يَسُوعَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: لَا أَحَدَ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَرَى مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدْ مِنْ جَدِيدٍ.» قَالَ لَهُ نَيْفُودِيمُوسَ: «كَيْفَ يَقْدِرُ إِنْسَانٌ أَنْ يُولَدَ وَهُوَ كَبِيرٌ فِي السِّنِّ؟ هَلْ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ ثَانِيَةً حَسًا أُمِّهِ، وَيُولَدَ؟» أَجَابَ يَسُوعَ: «الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ، لَا أَحَدَ يَقْدِرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُولَدَ مِنَ الْمَاءِ وَالرُّوحِ. مَوْلُودُ الْجَسَدِ جَسَدٌ، وَمَوْلُودُ الرُّوحِ رُوحٌ. لَا تَعْجَبْ إِنْ قُلْتُ لَكَ: عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ تُوَلَدُوا مِنْ جَدِيدٍ. أَلرِّيحُ تَهْبُ حَيْثُ تَشَاءُ، وَأَنْتَ تَسْمَعُ صَوْتَهَا، لَكِنَّكَ لَا تَعْلَمُ مِنْ أَيْنَ تَأْتِي وَلَا إِلَى أَيْنَ مَضَى: هَكَذَا كُلُّ مَوْلُودٍ مِنَ الرُّوحِ.» أَجَابَ نَيْفُودِيمُوسَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «كَيْفَ يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ يَصِيرَ هَذَا؟» أَجَابَ يَسُوعَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «أَنْتَ مُعَلِّمٌ إِسْرَائِيلَ وَتَجْهَلُ هَذَا؟ الْحَقُّ الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكَ: نَحْنُ نَنْطِقُ بِمَا نَعْلَمُ، وَنَشْهَدُ بِمَا رَأَيْنَا، وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَقْبَلُونَ شَهَادَتَنَا. كَلَّمْتُمْ فِي شُؤُونِ الْأَرْضِ وَلَا تُؤْمِنُونَ، فَكَيْفَ تُؤْمِنُونَ إِذَا كَلَّمْتُمْ فِي شُؤُونِ السَّمَاءِ؟ مَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ صَعَدَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ، إِلَّا الَّذِي نَزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، أَيِ ابْنِ الْإِنْسَانِ. وَكَمَا رَفَعَ مُوسَى الْحَيَّةَ فِي الْبَرِّيَّةِ، كَذَلِكَ يَجِبُ أَنْ يُرْفَعَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ، لِكَيْ تَكُونَ لِكُلِّ مُؤْمِنٍ بِهِ حَيَاةً أَبَدِيَّةً.



من اجل كنيسة سينودسية
مركزة، مشاركية، رسالية

Synod
2021
2023

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Let us pray,

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Epistle & Gospel: Third Sunday After Epiphany

Galatians 3:23-29.

Brothers and sisters, Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

John 3:1-16

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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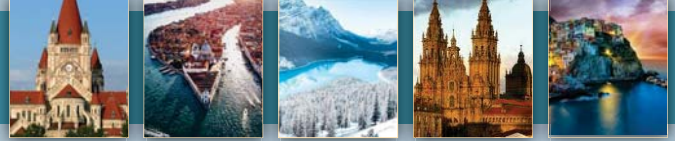


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