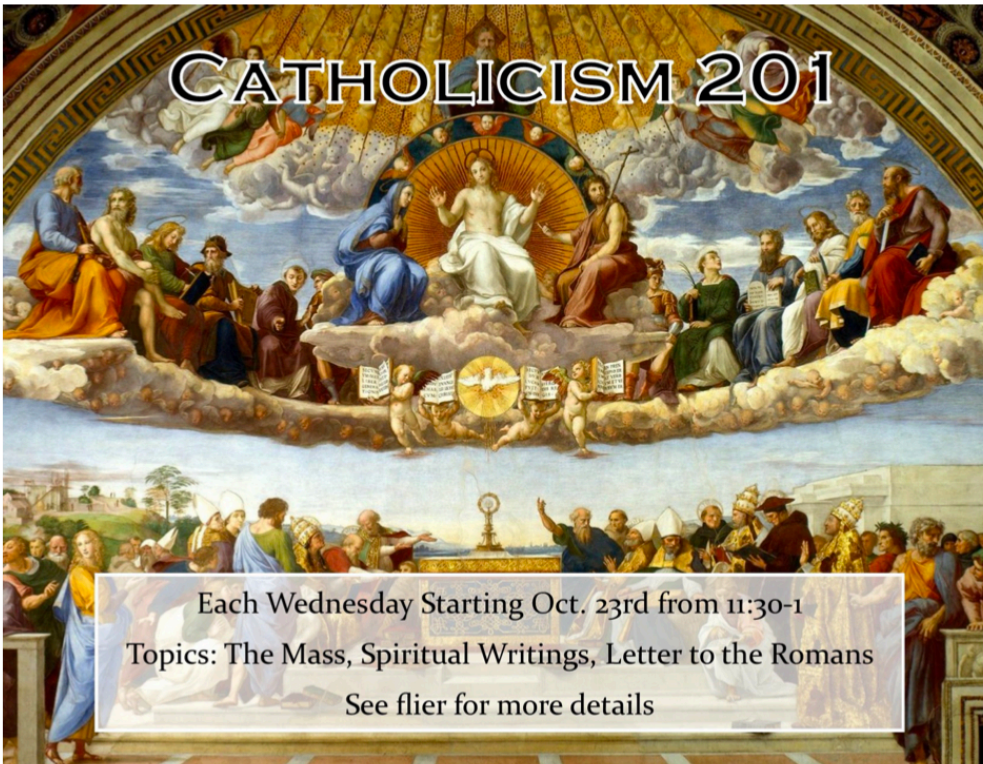


ST. BARTHOLOMEW
OCTOBER 27, 2024
30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME





Each Wednesday Starting Oct. 23rd from 11:30-1
Topics: The Mass, Spiritual Writings, Letter to the Romans
See flier for more details

MASS SCHEDULE

Confessions on Sunday
from 8:30—8:50 am
or by
appointment

Sunday Rosary: 8:30 am

Sunday Mass: 9 am

Wednesday Mass: 11 am

Scripture Readings

Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Oct 27th, 2024

Reading 1: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm: 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Reading 2: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

The
CHOSEN
Movie Night

1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
6:30-8 PM
STARTING OCTOBER 2ND
FREE MOVIE, PIZZA, DRINKS, AND POPCORN.
ALL ARE WELCOME!
AT THE STAGELINE THEATER
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VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.

Seminarians

Dcn. Dillon Armstrong, John Cooney, Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, and Jake Smith.

St. Bartholomew Calendar	
Sun. 10/27/24	Confession: 8:30—8:50 am Mass: 9:00 am Lector training after Mass
Mon. 10/28/24	
Tues. 10/29/24	
Wed. 10/30/24	Mass: 11:00 am RE: 4:00 pm Youth Group: 6:30 pm
Thurs. 10/31/24	
Fri. 11/1/24	Solemnity of All Saint's Mass: 12pm
Sat. 11/2/24	
Sun. 11/3/24	Confession: 8:30—8:50 am Mass: 9:00 am

Basics of Catholicism part 63—The Spirituality of the Eucharist

Until this point, I have focused on the most common understandings and expressions of the Eucharist. We often learn the theology and practicality of the Eucharist as we prepare for 1st Communion. As 7-year olds we often don't have the mental ability to go deeper into the theology and spirituality of the Eucharist nor do we continue to explore these concepts as adults. As the last part of my discussion on the spirituality of the Eucharist, I want to challenge you to broaden your sights as we examine the Mass and the Eucharist. Throughout the Mass, the parts of the Mass explain and deepen our understanding of the Eucharist and our relationship to it.

You are what you eat. The most common way of describing the spirituality of the Eucharist is that we become the Body and Blood of Jesus. Odd as this might sound, as we consume the Body and Blood of Jesus his flesh and blood transforms our bodies to be more like his. Throughout the Mass, these words describing our integrating into the Body and Blood of Jesus repeat themselves constantly. At the Offertory, the people respond “may the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name for our good and for the good of all his holy Church.” What is this? This is singular and can refer to only one thing. The obvious answer is Jesus. Yet, in this way, we are the Body of Jesus, we are his bride, we are transforming our bodies to be like his through receiving Communion, and the bread and wine constitute a singular gift. The word “this” greatly expands our thinking as it brings together many of the elements of the Mass and the gifts placed on the altar. The priest says “take this...” Again, why did the priest not say “take this bread” or “take the Body of Jesus?” Again, the “this” means more than the simple bread or wine on the altar. We are also supposed to take our bodies and offer them with the bread and wine that we may be transformed into the Body of Jesus.

Participation in the life of God. It should surprise us that one of the key actions in Heaven is eating and drinking. Why would we need to eat and drink in Heaven? Wouldn't we have everything we could want and need? The answer is simple: the action of eating and drinking is more about God's providence and action in our lives than the necessity of consuming food and drink. In the life of God, each person of the Trinity gives themselves entirely to the others. These gifts of self are total and complete gifts. The total and complete gift of Jesus to us is his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. What is left? Nothing. He gave everything to us. Therefore, in our consuming of the Eucharist we receive the complete gift of God into our lives. Why does this matter? Because we now need to return the gift so that the cycle is complete. Everything in the spiritual life centers on the idea of gift and return. God gives, we return the gift, God gives more, we return more of the gift. The Eucharist is the prime example of this gift giving. We are given a gift. As the end of the Mass tells us, we are then sent to use that gift as a return on the gift that God has given us. Therefore participation in the life of God is symbolized by the Eucharist as a gift received and a gift returned.

Fr. Cody

Did you know?

Cologne Cathedral in Cologne Germany is managed by 12 canon priests, priests who live in community and take care of the church. Since the 8th century, these canon priests are allowed to select their own bishop. The pope sends them three candidates of his approval and then they select one of those candidates as the next bishop. This is one of the few places in the world where the authority to select a bishop is outside the Vatican. This authority was given during the time of the Holy Roman Emperor who was crowned in Cologne and the city was given special prestige due to this status.



FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Solemnity of All Saint's Mass—Nov. 1 @ 12pm
- Catholicism 201 has started! You can join us on Wednesdays from 11:30-1 pm or online on Thursday evenings by sending an email to frcwilliams@holycrossmt.org. Notes for the series are available on our website and for pick-up on request.
- The next Chosen Movie night is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30 pm at the theater. Please invite your friends and family to come. We have post-cards that you can take and hand out to people.
- Each Sunday we will have a different ministry training after Mass. Please stay tuned for more information. This Sunday will be for lectors.

If you have anything to add to the announcements or bulletin please reach out to Father Cody.

PARISH INFORMATION

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at least 6 month advance notice is needed to complete marriage preparation.

For information regarding preparation for the Sacraments please contact Fr. Cody at:

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This year we approved a budget that requires a much higher amount of income than we have budgeted for many years. This increase in income was due largely to the increasing costs of basic needs like insurance premiums and the costs of running a parish. Each week I will include in the bulletin the amount of money we brought in through the offertory as well as the amount we are above or below our goal for that point in the year. The annual goal is \$51,000 with a weekly average need of \$1000.

Weekly collections

Collection totals:

9/29/24—\$664.00

10/6/24—\$1791.00

10/13/24—\$673.00

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