



*CCB Parent Connector*  
*St. Andrew, St. Mary & St. Theresa*



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*Fall Greetings,*

I realize that All Saints Day is not until November 1, but the Eve of All Saints is October 31 (Halloween) and so I would like to say a few words with regards to this upcoming holy day.

When I was young I thought that a saint was born that way. And I remember wishing that I could have been born a saint because it would have made it so much easier to be a good Christian. I especially loved reading the story of St. Bernadette. The pictures had a halo over her head throughout the book. I just assumed it meant that she was born a saint. I have since learned the truth.

Actually, we are ALL called to be saints. Pope Francis says that "it is by living with love and offering Christian witness in our daily tasks that we are called to become saints." This knowledge is an invitation as well a challenge. We have free will to choose to follow Jesus closely, and to do His will.

So, I suppose St. Bernadette *was* born to be a saint. And so were *you* and *I*.

Have a happy and safe Halloween,

*Adrienne*

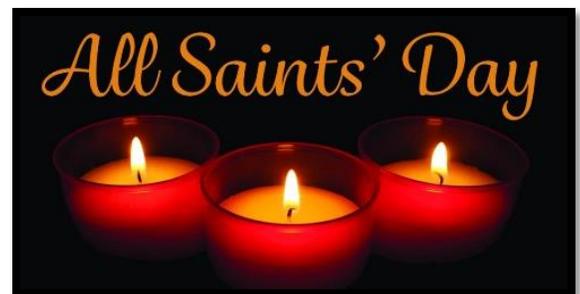
**Mass Times for All Saints Day are as follows:**

**Tuesday, October 31:** 4 PM @ St. Theresa Church

**Wednesday, November 1:** 9 AM @ St. Mary Church

Noon @ St. Andrew Church

7 PM @ St. Theresa Church



## **Family Prayer Experience: Jack-O-Lantern Blessing**

*When you have finished carving your pumpkin gather the family for a short blessing and to light the candle.*

**Leader:** May this jack-o-lantern be a sign that we ask God's help in driving away all evil spirits of selfishness, anger, jealousy and pride.

**All:** Bless us, O God.

**Leader:** May this jack-o-lantern be a sign that as a family we all work together for good.

**All:** Bless us, O God.

**Leader:** May this jack-o-lantern be a sign of our gratitude for all the gifts of the earth.

**All:** Bless us, O God.

### **Light Candle**

**Leader:** May this flame be a sign of Christ's light in the world, more powerful than any darkness.

**All:** Amen

***Or, you may wish to ask God to bless the candy after your children are home safe from trick-or-treating:***

*Thank you, God, for these treats. May they be a reminder of all the gifts we have received, and may they inspire us to be grateful and generous.*

*Amen.*



**Join us for Family Mass!**

**Our next collaborative Family Mass will be on Sunday, October 15 at 9 AM at St. Mary Church. Refreshments and fellowship will follow downstairs. Bring your children!!! All are welcome!!!**

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**Looking to connect with other moms?**

If you are interested in getting together with other moms and introducing your baby/toddler to some new friends, consider joining the collaborative Mom's Group. They meet on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM at St. Mary Rectory. If you would like to connect with the group, please email Katy Oslin at [Katym.wood@gmail.com](mailto:Katym.wood@gmail.com) and you will be sent the Facebook link to join the online conversation and get the up-to-date meeting times and other happenings of interest.