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The Mass

“Do This in Remembrance of Me” **A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass**

Fr. Luke Spannagel



Part 21: The Four Gospels



Have you ever wondered why there are four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John? Why not just one? For nearly 2000 years, theologians, scholars, and saints have been wondering about this “problem.” For some people, differences in the four Gospels regarding details and the order of events can feel like a challenge. Even more, the Gospel according to St. John is very different from the other three. So, what is the deal?

First, the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are all very similar. They are called the synoptic Gospels, coming from the word “synopsis,” which means, “at one view.” For the most part, these three Gospels are similar in content, although each contains a few events, miracles, and teachings which are not in the others. In addition, in each of these Gospels, some of the events are related in a different order. Secondly, the Gospel of John is very different in style; one doesn’t need to read more than a few verses to realize it gives us a quite different account of the life of Jesus.

Why Are There Four Gospels?

One of the main reasons for there being four Gospels relates to how they developed. First, Jesus Christ, present on the earth, taught, preached, and worked miracles. After his Death, the Apostles orally proclaimed the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, faithfully recounting his life and words. This oral stage of preaching, as well as catechesis, hymns, and doxologies, became the background for the Gospel writers, called Evangelists. After several years of preaching and meditation, the Gospel writers took the oral sources and earliest body of instruction and wrote it all down in what we know today as the four Gospels.

When the Gospel writers wrote these accounts (under the guidance of the Holy Spirit), they had different audiences and different contexts in mind. This accounts for some of the differences we find in their Gospels. For example, scholars suggest that St. Matthew was writing for a Jewish audience who would know, for example, the Jewish background for rituals and other things Jesus did. Therefore, the Gospel of Matthew doesn't explain the meaning of these things because he is assuming that his readers would already know them. More importantly, because he was writing for a Jewish audience, it was important to St. Matthew that he show that Jesus was the true Messiah they had been waiting for. St. Luke, on the other hand, was a former Gentile who had converted, and he was writing for a Hellenistic (Greek) audience who would not have understood Jewish rituals and traditions. That is why we find in his Gospel more detailed explanations of ceremonial actions. The Gospel of Mark, the first Gospel to be written, presents a powerful narrative of Jesus' life and often includes more vivid detail than the others. St. John, writing a little later than the other three, emphasized specific events to inspire and confirm his readers' faith in Jesus, since he could assume that they would already be familiar with the story of Jesus and his miracles and teachings.

The True Purpose of the Gospels

So, we can see, in writing the Gospels, the writers were not simply recalling the deeds and words of Jesus; they were preaching Jesus, the true Messiah, so that people would really get to know him. The Gospels, in this sense, are kind of like homilies, which are a way to try and help people relate to Jesus and his message of salvation. They are a careful presentation of what Jesus said and did—both an instruction and an invitation to deeper faith.

That we have these four Gospels after 2000 years is really an argument for their Divine Inspiration. Had these documents simply been authored by men, the differences in words, events, and ordering would have been too much to overcome. People would have quickly dismissed Christianity as a religion that could not get its story straight! For us, we can see that God has allowed various accounts with differing details to stand together in the same book of books (the Bible) because they were accepted as inspired by God, even if somewhat different. The early Fathers of the Church let them stand as handed down because they respected the Tradition as received. They respected the received Gospels as sacred and realized that if they tried to "fix them" by rolling them into one narrative, we would be missing out on some special aspect of the life and ministry of Jesus as it was recounted by one or the other of the Gospel writers. They saw the wisdom of God that having four Gospels with four different presentations of Jesus would ensure that all people, no matter what their background or experiences, could listen to or read an account about Jesus Christ that they could understand, that would speak to their hearts, and that would draw them into a life of union with Jesus the Son of God, the true Savior of the world!

For Reflection

1. Set aside time to expose yourself to the distinctive characteristics of each Gospel. Start by reading just the first chapter of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. What do you notice? What does each Gospel have in common with the others? What distinct contribution(s) does each Gospel offer? Give thanks to God for our four Evangelists!
2. Spend time in prayer with Jn 20:30-31, where the author of the Gospel according to John explains why this text was written. Contemplate the "signs" of Jesus' presence in your own life. Ask for greater faith through knowledge of the Gospels.

Source: www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog





All Souls Day
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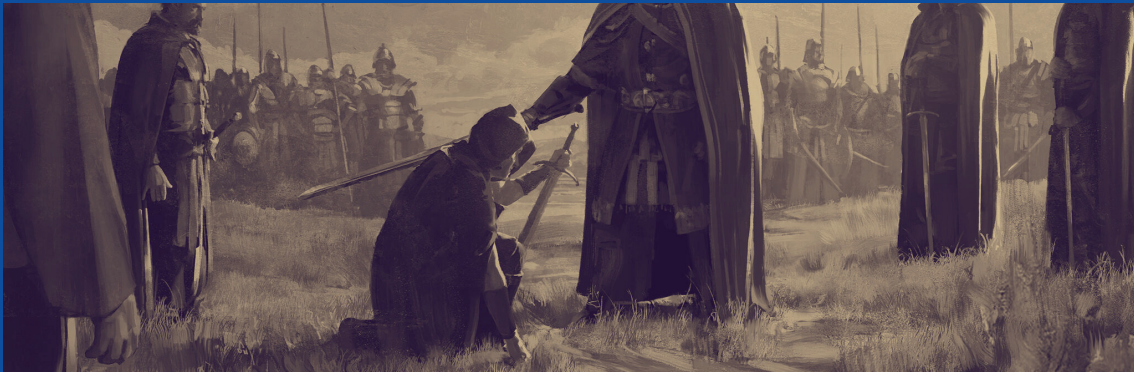
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7:00pm

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2ND
NOVEMBER

THURSDAY
5:30PM-7:00PM
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7:30

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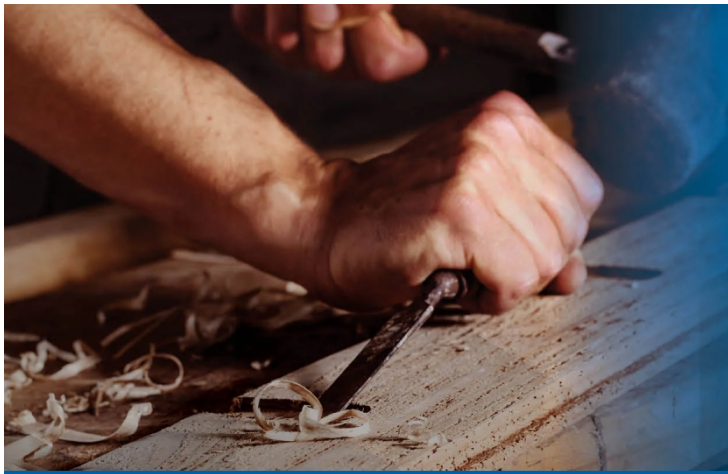
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Little Saints
@ 9:30

November 9
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7-8pm

November 16
Story Time with Jesus
@9:30

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Questions? Email Toni (toni@stcatharine.com)
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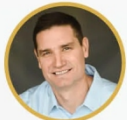
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8:30 Program Ends – Optional Mass

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**Saturday, November 4th
9:00am**

St. Catharine School students will be trained during the school day, but will still need to register by Thursday, November 2nd

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-Pope Francis

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Questions? Sue Denz • sue@stcatharine.com



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FEASTING

All Saints | All Souls | St. Martin de Porres | St. Martin of Tours | Thanksgiving

What is FEASTING?

The day a Saint or sacred mystery of our Faith is celebrated is called a Feast Day or Holy Day. Besides solemnities (usually celebrating an important event in the life of Jesus), the Catholic Church recognizes more than ten thousand Saints! There are many wonderful feasts and fasts on the calendar: Advent, Christmas, Lent, the Sacred Triduum, Easter, Pentecost and everything in between. There is a treasure chest of traditions to help families share the stories of our Faith and guide us all closer to Jesus. This issue of FEASTING might offer some ideas to do that. Choose a few days this November to make our Faith a part of your family's everyday life.

In your family, you could also celebrate name days (feast days in the Church calendar of the Saints who share your name) and the anniversary of your baptism with a special dessert, prayers, or stories related to the day.



II/I Solemnity of All Saints

This is the day to celebrate holiness! Did you know that *everyone* in Heaven is a Saint? All Saints Day is a holy day of opportunity - the Church reminds us to slow down, go to Mass, and celebrate all the Saints in Heaven. Let your children dress up as their favorite Saint for dinner, using things you already have around your house. Read a few stories from a book about the Saints or do a quick online search for information about patron Saints who may connect with your family.

II/2 All Souls Day

Today we pray for the faithful souls in purgatory, those being prepared to enter the Holy Presence of God. If you have little ones, consider taking them to Little Saints at St. Catharine at 9:30am in the undercroft today. Take time to pray for the holy souls, especially those of your loved ones. At church or at home light a candle offer a prayer for them. Share stories of loved ones who have passed away with your children.



11/3 St. Martin de Porres

St. Martin was a Dominican brother from Peru who lived a life of humble service and became the first black Saint of the Americas. Today is a good day to care for pets - he is often pictured with cats, dogs, and mice. Read one of the miraculous stories about him - obedient mice and cooperative bulls? - to celebrate the day.

11/11 St. Martin of Tours

St. Martin of Tours was a soldier and bishop. Today, pray with your family for everyone who has served in the military, especially men and women from St. Catharine. Read the story of St. Martin and the beggar who received his cloak. It might be fun to clean out your coat closet and donate what you don't need to honor St. Martin today.

11/23 Thanksgiving

Did you know that the word Eucharist means thanksgiving? The Body and Blood of Christ is the true thanksgiving meal! Let God be part of your holiday. At St. Catharine, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am today.

Month of the Holy Souls

One of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is to pray for the living and the dead. November is a great time to teach your children to pray for those who cannot pray for themselves because the entire month is dedicated to the Holy Souls in purgatory. Visit a local Catholic cemetery (Resurrection in Lewis Center, St. Joseph in Lockbourne, Mt. Calvary in Columbus, and Holy Cross in Pataskala) and pray for the dead by name. One prayer to learn is the prayer for eternal rest:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

St. Gertrude (feast day: November 16) has given us another beautiful prayer for the Holy Souls.

Eternal Father, I offer You 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, for those in my own home and in my family. Amen.



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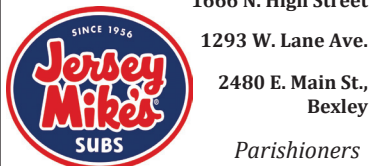
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Week of October 29th The Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 29th

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
11:00am Holy Mass (Marge & Jim Gatterdam)
5:00pm Holy Mass (John Nurt)
6:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, October 30th

8:00am Holy Mass (Barbara Drugan)
6:30pm Scouts

Tuesday, October 31st

7:00pm Holy Mass (Dennis McCarthy)
7:30pm Confessions

Wednesday, November 1st

Solemnity of All Saints: Holy Day of Obligation

9:00am Holy Mass (Bill Diehl Sr. and Jr.)
7:00pm Holy Mass (Emma Petrosky)

Thursday, November 2nd

All Souls Day: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

8:00am Holy Mass (Deceased Members of the Gallen Family)
9:30am Little Saints
3:15pm Courageous Daughters of the Eucharist
5:30pm Squires of St. Catharine
7:00pm Holy Mass (Faithful Departed of St. Catharine)

Friday, November 3rd

Memorial of St. Martin de Porres, Religious

8:00am Holy Mass (Carla Plageman)
5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, November 4th

Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

6:30am That Man Is You!
6:30am Women at the Well
8:30am Holy Mass (Jim Gillilan Jr.)
9:00am Confessions
9:00am Altar Server Training
3:00pm Wedding of Hannah Murphy and Andrew Berger

Week of November 5th The Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 5th

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
11:00am Holy Mass (Thomas Fredrick Beck)
5:00pm Holy Mass (Lola Brunetto)
6:00pm High School & Middle School Youth Group

Monday, November 6th

8:00am Holy Mass (Richard Lumpe)
6:30pm Scouts
7:00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 7th

7:00pm Holy Mass (Steve Beck)
7:30pm Confessions

Wednesday, November 8th

9:00am Holy Mass (Tom Easley)

Thursday, November 9th

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

8:00am Holy Mass (William Manierre Sr.)
3:15pm Society of St. Clare
7:00pm ADORE Revival Night (Confession & Adoration)
7:30pm Knights of Columbus

Friday, November 10th

Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:00am Holy Mass (James Klunk)

Saturday, November 11th

Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

6:30am That Man Is You!
8:30am Holy Mass (Bonnie Klunk)
9:00am Confessions

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ABOUT ISSUE 1



What is Issue 1?

Issue 1 is a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that would endanger the health and safety of women, threaten parental rights, and allow for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. Ohioans will vote on November 7, 2023, whether to make this change to the Ohio Constitution.

What would Issue 1 do?

Put women at risk:

- **Health and safety standards in Ohio could be eliminated.** Doctors could no longer need to examine a woman or explain the risks of the abortion procedure ahead of time.

Threaten parental rights:

- **A fifteen-year-old could have an abortion without her parents knowing.** Current Ohio law requires parental notification and consent before a child under 18 can obtain an abortion. These parental right protections could be removed as they directly conflict with the amendment which would allow all individuals, including minors, to make their own reproductive decisions.

Allow for abortions of fully formed babies:

- **Abortion would be legal through all 9 months of pregnancy.** Physicians at an abortion clinic could use a woman's age or emotional well-being as a reason to perform an abortion in the 3rd trimester.

See ["Where Does it Say That?"](#) for specific information.

Would abortion be illegal in Ohio if Issue 1 does not pass?

If Issue 1 does not pass, abortion would still be legal in Ohio until a baby's heartbeat can be detected. This standard was challenged in court and placed on hold, allowing for abortions up to 22 weeks as of September 15, 2023. Current laws that protect the safety of women and parental rights would stay in effect.

Doesn't Issue 1 simply restore Ohio back to when Roe v. Wade was in effect?

Issue 1 goes dangerously beyond what was legalized in the Roe v. Wade ruling. It opens the door to remove important health and safety measures that protect women, threatens parental consent and notification of any minor seeking an abortion, and allows for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy.

Will miscarriage care or ectopic pregnancy treatment be denied if Issue 1 fails?

The passing or failure of Issue 1 will have no effect on the care a pregnant woman receives when her life is in danger, even if the treatment results in the loss of life of her unborn child. There is a fundamental difference between an elective abortion and the care provided after a miscarriage. In the case of an ectopic pregnancy, the life-affirming option is to surgically remove the mother's fallopian tube in which the embryo has implanted. No law restricts this care in Ohio or any other state in the country.

How is the Church helping pregnant women in need?

For decades, numerous Catholic social service agencies, in collaboration with faith-based and secular organizations, have assisted pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment during pregnancy and after their child is born. Project Rachel helps those struggling post-abortion. Every woman should be able to depend upon a community for support and the Catholic Church remains committed to woman in need.

[Learn more: *ohiocathconf.org*](#)

What is the Church doing to protect life and defeat Issue 1?

Each diocese in Ohio is working together, through the Catholic Conference of Ohio, to help Catholics understand the dangers of Issue 1 to women, parents, and life. We are also part of the Protect Women Ohio coalition to let all voters know Issue 1 is harmful for Ohioans.

What can I do to help defeat Issue 1?

1. PRAY & Fast
2. EDUCATE Yourself and TELL OTHERS about the dangers of Issue 1
3. Register & VOTE NO on Issue 1

Where can I learn more?

Read the full text of the proposed change to the Ohio Constitution and learn about the concerning language that puts women at risk, threatens parental rights, and allows for abortions through all nine months of pregnancy:



Click to View
["Where Does It Say That?"](#)

Or visit
www.ohiocathconf.org/protect

An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of pre-born babies up to 9 months.

Vote **NO**

Issue 1

Nov. 7

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