

# Trinity News

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## ALL SAINTS' DAY NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2009

The Book of Revelation, apart from the first three chapters, is an “open door” into heaven. It may have been at first a series of revelations to John the divine on the island of Patmos in the Mediterranean. This island has a beautiful grotto and spaces to let the Spirit of God radiate around and within someone who is open to God. “Someone who is open to God” may be a starting point in trying to understand what a “saint” means to a Christian. There are no saints in the singular in the New Testament. “The Gospel according to Saint Matthew” is simply *kata Matthaion*”, “according to Matthew”. “The saints” are the “*hoi hagioi*”, all of those who believe in the Lord. We may not always be very “saintly”, but we are the “set apart ones” who belong to Christ.

“After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and

peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!’” (Revelation 7:9-10).

What happens in heaven has connections with what has happened on earth; and with what continues to happen! The mention of “tribes and peoples and languages” recalls culture and history and human reason. The colour white is not as symbolic as Red for the “Spirit of holiness”. But it is the colour for the great festivals in the Church that celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. The “palm branches” recall great festivals for the Jews and Palm Sunday for the Christians. The lamb recalls Jesus as the Lamb of God. His sacrifice at Calvary is written on the heart of God. “Salvation belongs to our God” is linked the faith in

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God on earth. Salvation is found on earth and confirmed in heaven.

I met a wonderful lady on a parish visit in the city of Colon in Panama one day long ago. She was descended from slaves, but she had the demeanour of a queen. She was Lillith de Pas. She had come from the Cayman Islands. I stood at the front door and looked past her into a house that had just a few pieces of furniture. She stood before me and said: "Padre, I have nothing to give you, I only have love". When she prayed in the nearby Christ Church by the Sea, I am sure that the angels sang!

Passionate about God, loving and gently shrewd before people, filled with a sense of God's Spirit, having weaknesses to match strengths, with strengths prevailing; joyful and yet sad when loss is real, compassionate in imitation of

Christ; drinking up Scripture, bending the knee to God alone, bread and wine received with gratitude at the highest table of all; and humbly thankful. Now that might be a singular saint amongst "All the Saints"! Perhaps that's why there are so few of them! But it is a wonderful inspiration in our own endeavours to serve the Lord with gratitude and joy. We are a resurrection people in a Good Friday world!

**Martin Luther's emblem has at first golden ring** is to signify the endless joy of heaven. Then it has a **blue circle to denote eternity**: the eternal Father-Creator; then **white rose blooms** to denote the Spirit enclosed between the blue border and the inner circumference of the rose; and then a **black Cross** at the centre inscribed on **the heart of Christ**. Wonderful theology! The saints live that theology and call it "vocation".

-Bishop Arthur Jones

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 1, 2009 WE ARE THANKFUL TO THOSE WHO ARE MINISTERING IN THE CHURCH THIS MORNING

*Celebrant/Preacher:* The Rt. Rev. Arthur L. Jones

*Eucharistic Ministers:* [7:30] Bernice Elaine Ong

[9:30] Sara Medina/Robin Whale

*Lectors:* [7:30] Mary Tan [9:30] Eizadia Washington

*Ministers of Music:* Ferdinand Bautista /Domino Marcos

*Ushers:* [7:30] Sherry and Matthew Gue

[9:30] Elvie Noppers / Hydie Ursua

*Acolytes:* Patrick Dagas/Alexis Dalmas/Dexter Fanged/Eric Gatulla  
David Joaquin/Loren Ursua

*Offering of the Bread and Wine & Hospitality:* Patrick & Rita Dagas

### Collect:

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### Scripture Readings:

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10,13-14

Second Reading: Revelation 7:2-4,9-17. page 1383

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

### Hymns for this Sunday:

[7:30] Gradual No. 656, Blest are the pure in heart  
Recessional Be still my soul

[9:30] Processional No. 287, For all the saints  
Gradual No. 656, Blest are the pure in heart  
Communion No. 658, As longs the deer for cooling streams  
Be still my soul (insert)  
Recessional No. 437, Tell out, my soul

	Last Sunday	Year-to-Date	2009 Budget
<b>Pledge</b>	P57,058.00	P2,997,025.50	P3,900,000.00
<b>Loose Plate</b>	P18,033.70	P901,263.55	P940,000.00
<b>Pasasalamat/UTO</b>	P4,500.00	P9,615.00	

## **Your prayers are asked for:**

Those who are celebrating their birthdays this week especially

Clarence Baguingan (Nov. 1)

Christopher David Yu (Nov. 4)

Wayland Hutchison (Nov. 2)

Bertie Ezra (Nov. 5)

Catherine Smith (Nov. 2)

Edson Rommel Cabanban (Nov.6)

Patrick James Martin (Nov. 3)

Nikki Demate (Nov. 6)

Vivian Yu (Nov. 3)

Connie Quiapos (Nov. 6)

Christine Eustaquio (Nov. 4)

Nico Martin (Nov. 7)

Those celebrating their wedding anniversary especially

Ricardo & Dolores Sotelo.

Those who travel especially Sara Medina.

Those who are in need of healing especially Allan Waterfield, Beryl Tanner, Ron Jacob, Agosto Macli Sr, Carlyn-Fern Manning, Johnny Manning Jr, Rom Vildzius, Audrey Lacson, Loy Solasco, Benjie Conzaes, Jovel Llagas, Richard Kendall, Aris Paraman, JPeter, Isabel Yu, Ted Whale, Merly Quiapos, Susan Dalmas, Helen Irvine, Carrie Angus, Diana Croyston, Nori Ongsiako, Emerinciana Gatela, Valerie Jones, J-Anne Bartolome, Suzanne Jacobson.

Rudolfo Kawi, Kenneth George Murray, Lydia Bradley, Oakland Angelo Baguingan on the occasion of their death anniversaries.

## **This week:**

Nov 2 Monday

- **Non-working holiday (office closed)**
- **All Souls' Day Eucharist, 10am, Chapel**

Nov 3 Tuesday

- Bible Study, 10am, Parish Hall

Nov 5 Thursday

- Midweek Eucharist, 10am, Chapel
- Bible Study, 7pm, Rectory

Nov 8 Sunday

- Regular Eucharist, 7:30am
- Sunday School, 9:15am, Parish Hall
- **Remembrance Day Special Service, 9:30am**