

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We remember in our prayers Edmond Bresh, Walter Isaacs, Tom Milos, Annette Krietler, Wendell Barry, Helen Reynolds, Helen Popp, Irene Smith, Florence Rasmussen, and Judy DiLorenzo.

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of all those affected by the Coronavirus.

A SURVEY OF THE BIBLE – GALATIANS

Paul writes this forceful epistle to do away with the false gospel of works of the law planted in the minds of the Galatians by Judaizers, a group of Christian converts from Judaism who insist on circumcision and the observance of the law as the requisites for salvation. In propagating their doctrine, they attacked the authority of Paul by denying him equal status with the apostles.

Paul's letter to the Galatians is a strong defense of the authenticity of his apostolate, a vigorous attack on the belief in justification by works of the law, and a defense of justification through faith in Jesus Christ.

The Pauline authorship of this epistle is virtually unchallenged. In verse 6:11 we see that Paul actually wrote Galatians, instead of his usual practice of dictation to a secretary. Scholars contend that there are two possible dates for the writing of this epistle, A.D. 53-56 or A.D. 49. If the latter date is to be believed it would make this epistle the oldest work written in the New Testament.

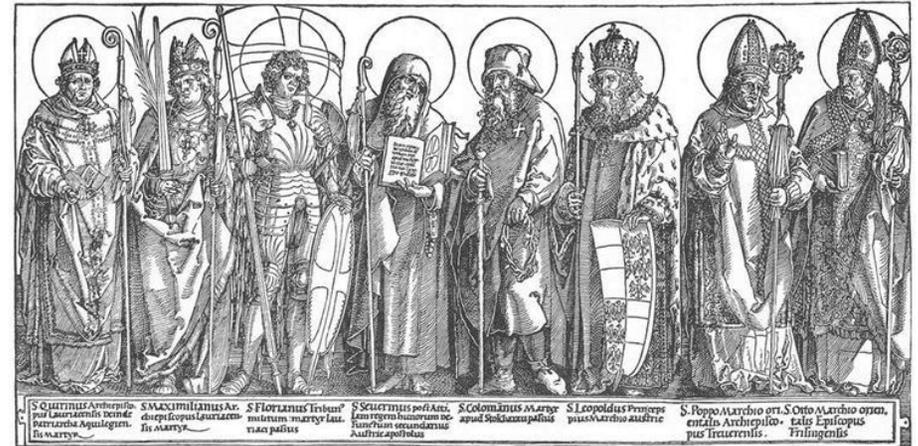
The epistle may be divided as follows: the gospel of grace defended (chs. 1 and 2); the gospel of grace explained (chs. 3 and 4); and the gospel of grace applied (chs. 5 and 6).

NOTEABLE SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St. Jerome Emiliani, Patron Saint of orphans and abandoned children, February 8

St. Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of Sudan and human trafficking survivors, February 8

St. Scholastica, Patron Saint of nuns, convulsive children, education, and books, February 10





St. Joseph of Stratford National Catholic Church



February 7, 2021 – Sexagesima Sunday

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In today's second reading (2 Corinthians 1:18-22), St. Paul speaks of God as being faithful. We are not accustomed to thinking of God as faithful, instead thinking that we are the ones called to have faith. If you consider the narrative arc of Scripture, it is evident that God indeed is the faithful One. After breaking every covenant that God has extended to us, beginning with a man (Adam), then a family (Noah), a tribe (Abraham), a nation (Moses), and a kingdom (David), God continues to reach out to us entering into covenant with us, culminating in the new covenant for everyone through Christ. God is the faithful One.

Grace and peace,
Fr. Tom

Mass Times

Mass celebrations are Saturday Vigil at 4:00pm & Sunday Morning at 10:00am

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