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The Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday October 24, 2021

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THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 24, 2021

MUSIC PLANNER

SAINT DOMINIC CHURCH
EAGLE ROCK, CALIFORNIA

30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
LIVE STREAM MASS

FOCUS: Your faith has saved you. (Blind man given sight.)
October 24, 2021, at 9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE:	“Be Thou My Vision” - arr. Christopher
Gathering Song:	“Amazing Grace”
Penitential Rite:	spoken
Gloria: sung	“Glory To God” - Janco [Mass Of Wisdom]
Responsorial Psalm:	“Psalm 126 [Respond And Acclaim]
Gospel Acclamation:	sung [Respond And Acclaim]
Presentation Of The Gifts:	“Amazing Grace /Pachelbel’s Canon” - arr. Shafferman
Holy, Holy, Holy:	“Holy” - Chepponis [Jubilation Mass]
Memorial Acclamation:	“We Proclaim Your Death” - Chepponis [JM]
Great Amen:	“Amen” - Chepponis [JM]
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Lamb Of God:	“Lamb Of God “ - Janco [Mass Of Wisdom]
Communion:	“I Have Loved You” - Joncas “As The Deer” - Nystrom (choir)
Closing:	“Take The Word Of God With You” - Walker

AMAZING GRACE



1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound That saved *a
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing



1. wretch like me! I once was lost, but
2. fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
3. hope se - cures; He will my shield and
4. read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
5. as the sun, We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind but now I see.
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
3. por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

*Alternate Text: "and set me free!"

Text: CM; verses 1-4, John Newton, 1725-1807; verse 5, anon., fr. *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790.
 Music: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829.

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Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (149)

Response: (Organ/SATB)

Optional Descant

The Lord we are filled with joy.

Am [Em] Am G C Cmaj7 F G Am G C

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Verses: (Cantor or SATB)

Em F

1. When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

2. Then they said among the nations,
The LORD has done great things for us;

3. Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
Those that sow in tears

4. Although they go forth weeping,
They shall come back rejoicing,

G C

1. We were like men dreaming.
And our tongue with re joicing.

2. The LORD has done great things for them."
We are glad in deed.

3. Like the torrents in the south-ern desert.
Shall reap re joicing.

4. Carrying the seed to be sown,
Carrying their sheaves.

JUBILATION MASS - J. Chepponis

Holy, Holy, Holy

Assembly f

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, - Ho - ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. —
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high est.

When We Eat This Bread

Assembly f

The mys - ter - y of faith. When we eat this Bread and
drink this Cup, we pro - claim your Death, O Lord, un -
til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

JUBILEE MASS - Chepponis (cont.)

GREAT AMEN

Assembly f

A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

LAMB OF GOD

mp Cantor, *mf*

*Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Last time to Coda \oplus

CODA

rit.

WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH

Assembly

The mys - ter - y of faith. We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

Lamb of God - MS

Richard Proulx, 1937-2010
Adapted by Michael O'Connor, O.P.

Cantor/Choir/Assembly

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

D Em7 D/F# D G D/F# Bm A

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Bm A/C# D D/F# G D/F# Bm A

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us — peace. —

D/F# Em7 D G/D C D Em7 Em/D C D

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Refrain

I have loved you with an ev-er-last-ing love, I have called you

and you are mine; I have loved you with an ev-er-last-ing love,

Verses

I have called you and you are mine. 1-3. Seek the face of the Lord and

to Refrain

1. long for him: he will bring you his light and his peace.
2. long for him: he will bring you his joy and his hope.
3. long for him: he will bring you his care and his love.

TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU

Christopher Walker

Verses



1. Take the word of God with you as you go.
2. Take the peace of God with you as you go.
3. Take the joy of God with you as you go.
4. Take the *love of God with you as you go.



1. Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow.
2. Take the seeds of God's peace and make them grow.
3. Take the seeds of God's joy and make them grow.
4. Take the seeds of God's love and make them grow.

Refrain



Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve the world.



Take the love of God, the love of God with you as you go.

*Add other words if needed, such as "faith," "hope," etc.

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EAGLE ROCK, CALIFORNIA

30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
LIVE STREAM MASS

FOCUS: Your faith has saved you. (Blind man given sight.)
October 24, 2021, at 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: "Servant King" - Kendrick

Gathering Song: "Rain Down" - Cortez
Penitential Rite: spoken
Gloria: sung "Glory To God" - Alonso [Mass Of Joy And Peace]

Responsorial Psalm: "Psalm 33: Lord, Let Your Mercy" - Haugen
Gospel Acclamation: sung, Fill us With Your Word" (verse 1)

Presentation Of The Gifts: "Shelter Me, O God" - Hurd
Holy, Holy, Holy: "Holy" - Chepponis [Jubilation Mass]
Memorial Acclamation: "We Proclaim Your Death" - Chepponis [JM]
Great Amen: "Amen" - Chepponis [JM]

Lamb Of God: "Lamb Of God " - Alonso [Mass Of Joy And Peace]

Communion: "Aria" - Handel (INSTRUMENTAL)
"Bread Of Life" - Fisher
"As The Deer" - Nystrom (choir)

Closing: "I Want To Praise Your Name" - Hurd

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RAIN DOWN

Acc #441 / CP3 #435

Jaime Cortez

Refrain

Rain down, rain down, rain down your

love on your peo - ple. love, God of life.

Verses

1. Faith-ful and true is the word of our God. All of God's
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our God live in the
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the

1. works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the
2. kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from
3. wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your

to Refrain

1. just and the right; full of God's love is the earth.
2. dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
3. peace touch our hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

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Psalm 33

Marty Haugen

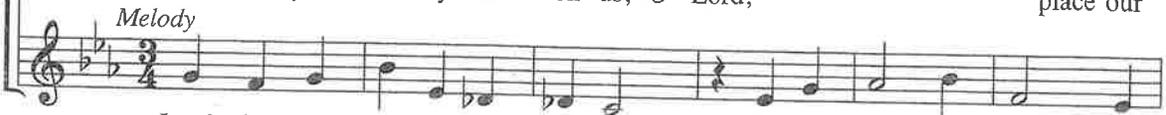
Refrain ♩ = 102

Descant



Let your mer-cy be on us, O Lord, place our

Melody



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in



trust_ in you, place our trust_ in you._____ (♩ Last time)



you,_____ as we place_ our trust in you._____ (♩ Last time)

The English translation of the Psalm Response from the *Lectionary for Mass*
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SHELTER ME, O GOD

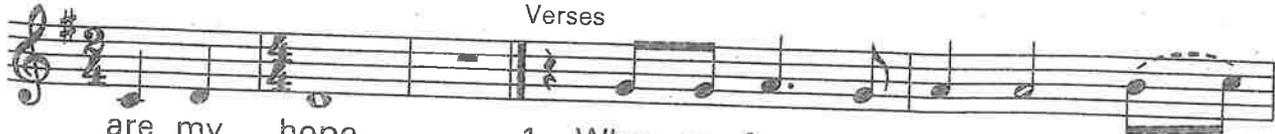
Bob Hurd

Refrain



Shel-ter me, O God; hide me in the shad-ow of your wings. You a-lone

Verses



are my hope.

1. When my foes sur-round me, set me
2. As a moth - er gath - ers her _____
3. Though I walk in dark - ness, through the



1. high a - bove their reach. Hear me when I call your name.
2. young be-neath her care, gath-er me in - to your arms.
3. 'nee-dle's eye of death, you will nev-er leave my side.

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COMFORT

BREAD OF LIFE

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Bobby Fisher

Acc #108 / CP3 #545



1. Bread of life and cup of hope, we come as gift to
2. Lov-ing Lord, Cre - a - tor God, o - pen our eyes to
3. Liv - ing Word, O Son of God, your love shows us the



1. you. γ Change our hearts; fill us with peace. Trans-form our
2. see the good that lives in each of us, that called the
3. way that we may live in har - mo - ny, and from you



1. lives a - new. O - pen our eyes so that we might see
2. world to be. And when we fail to — see the good,
3. nev - er stray. Wipe all op - pres - sion — from our midst;



1. your pres - ence in one an - oth - er. Your life, poured out in
2. when friend - ships fal - ter and crum - ble, give us the cour - age
3. give us a love for all peo - ple. Your song of jus - tice



1. love to - day, u - nites us all in you.
2. to for - give that we may live in peace.
3. sing in us, to live for peace to - day.

2 I WANT TO PRAISE YOUR NAME Hurd

1. Praise with the trumpet, Praise with the harp, Praise with the timbrel, the dance and the lyre; Let everything that has breath give praise to God. (refrain)

Refrain: I want to praise Your name. I want to sing Your goodness. Glory, O God; Glory.

2. Mountains and valleys, Rivers and seas, Stars in the heavens and fish in the deep; Let all creation give praise to God on high. (refrain)

3. God's people, the old and the young; Let all who hunger to do God's will give praise. (refrain)

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
OCTOBER 24, 2021**

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song – please refer to the music pages above in your packet

Priest:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria – please refer to the music pages above in your packet

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect

Priest:

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I Jer 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

Shout with joy for Jacob,
exult at the head of the nations;
proclaim your praise and say:
The LORD has delivered his people,
the remnant of Israel.
Behold, I will bring them back
from the land of the north;
I will gather them from the ends of the world,
with the blind and the lame in their midst,
the mothers and those with child;
they shall return as an immense throng.
They departed in tears,
but I will console them and guide them;
I will lead them to brooks of water,
on a level road, so that none shall stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
Ephraim is my first-born.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm will be sung – please refer to the music pages above in your packet

Reading II Heb 5, 1-6

Brothers and sisters:
Every high priest is taken from among men
and made their representative before God,
to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring,

for he himself is beset by weakness
and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself
as well as for the people.
No one takes this honor upon himself
but only when called by God,
just as Aaron was.
In the same way,
it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest,
but rather the one who said to him:

*You are my son:
this day I have begotten you;*
just as he says in another place:
*You are a priest forever
according to the order of Melchizedek.*

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia is sung – please refer to the music pages above in your packet

Gospel: Mk 10:46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd,
Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus,
sat by the roadside begging.
On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth,
he began to cry out and say,
"Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."
And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent.
But he kept calling out all the more,
"Son of David, have pity on me."
Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."
So they called the blind man, saying to him,
"Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you."
He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.
Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"
The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."
Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."
Immediately he received his sight
and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[at the words that follow, up to and including “and became man,” all bow.]

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest:

Our God has done great things for us and will continue to do so. Therefore, with humble and confident hearts, we bring to him our needs this day.

Lector:

1. For the leaders of the world, especially in our country, that they might not lead in the blindness of sin but with the eyes of Jesus Christ and, seeing clearly, that they might do what is right and turn aside from selfish gains.

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For the leaders of the Church, that they might be true imitators of Christ and overcome any weaknesses that beset them so that they might uphold their responsibilities with integrity and justice.

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For those who have been blinded by sin and gone astray from the faith. That they might return to the level road that is Jesus Christ's Church, following the way of the Kingdom of God.

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For those who are afflicted with ailments both physical and spiritual, that they might receive consolation and healing.

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

5. As we celebrate Respect Life Month during October, we pray for the grace to see and respect the dignity of people of all races, colors, religions, and social and economic backgrounds...

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

6. For those who have passed, that they might hasten in their final journey to the heavenly Jerusalem, where they shall find rest in God.

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

7. For _____, whom we remember in a special way at this Mass...

5:00 P.M. Vigil Mass: John Woolley, for the repose of his soul

7:30 AM Mass: Estanislao Valmorida, for the repose of his soul

9:00 AM Francisco & Eva Sanchez, for the eternal repose of their souls

11:00 AM Mass: Rogelio C. Tecson, for the repose of his soul

1:00 PM Mass the eternal repose of Juanita Pineda de Huerta & Victor Huerta

5:00 PM Mass: the people of St. Dominic's Parish

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

8. For all the intentions in our Book of Intentions and those we hold in the silence of our hearts (PAUSE)...

We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest:

Lord God, we thank you for hearing these prayers and for the light of faith that helps us to see you more clearly. Remove the darkness from our hearts so that we may come to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord forever and ever. Amen.

During this time of Offertory, we invite those of you viewing Mass from home to prepare your donation to the parish which you may send later at your convenience. Thank you for your continued generosity.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song – please refer to the music pages above in your packet

Priest:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

People: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest:

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Priest:

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Preface and Eucharistic Prayer follow...

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil...

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the

blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Sign of Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Lamb of God is sung.

Priest:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People:

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Priest:

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Concluding Rites

Announcements

1. We are once again participating in Operation Christmas Child, a program where you pick up a shoebox at the parish office and fill it with Christmas gifts for children throughout the world. Please drop the filled shoebox off at the parish office next weekend.
2. Fr. Roberto's message in today's bulletin has information about whether it is okay for Catholics to celebrate Halloween.
3. Please see the bulletin for information on the following items:
 - Student's Centennial ART CONTEST from kindergarten to 8th grade. \$50 first place prize, \$20 second prize and \$10 third prize.
 - We will remember all of our loved ones who have died during the pandemic at our weekend Masses of November 6-7. Please help us to remember them by giving us a copy of a picture of them that we can hang in the church. Turn in your photos no later than Monday, November 1.
 - School Fund Raiser at Chipotle on Tuesday, October 26. Help support our school.
 - The deadline for purchasing an ad in the Centennial Commemorative Booklet has been extended to November 1.

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you forever.

People: Amen.

Priest: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing song – please refer to the music pages above in your packet

A Message from Fr. Roberto

Is It Okay to Celebrate Halloween?

This is a question I am asked now and then, and the answer is “it depends.” If one celebrates Halloween to glorify evil, the devil or witchcraft or to emphasize excessive goriness, I would say that is not good. But, if it is simply an opportunity for kids or adults to get dressed up in costumes, have some fun and even a little scare, I think that is fine. Knowing the history of Halloween can also help put our minds at ease about celebrating it as a Catholic Christian. The holiday and many – but not all – of its customs are actually very Christian. The information below is based on an article written for *Catholic*



Parent magazine in 2000 by Fr. Augustine Thompson, OP, a Church historian and one of our professors at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley. To access the entire article go to this link:

<http://www.beliefnet.com/Faiths/Christianity/Catholic/2000/10/Surprise-Halloweens-Not-A-Pagan-Festivalafter-All.aspx?p=1>

Its Relationship to All Saints Day

From the beginning of Christianity, the followers of Jesus honored those who went before them, especially the martyrs, the apostles and those whose holy lives had inspired them; these special people came to be called “saints.” Most often, the saints were remembered on the anniversary of the day they died, but eventually, the Church designated a special day to honor all the saints together, especially the ones who did not have their own special feast day. For this feast, Pope Gregory III (died in 741) chose November 1, the dedication day of All Saints Chapel in St. Peter’s Basilica at Rome. The day before, October 31st, was the feast’s evening vigil, and came to be called “All Hallows Even” in early English and then was shortened to “Hallows E’en” and later to “Halloween.”

Its Relationship to Praying for the Dead

Another Catholic Christian custom which developed through the centuries was the practice of praying for the dead. In the year 998, St. Odilo, the abbot of the influential monastery of Cluny in southern France, designated a day of prayer for the souls of all the faithful departed on November 2, and this feast, called All Souls Day, spread to the rest of Europe. Thus, both of these feasts for the dead – those already in heaven and those not quite there – reached the farthest corners of the Church’s dominions.

Eventually, some years after these celebrations made their way to Ireland, the Catholic peasants there wondered about the unfortunate souls in hell. Their concern was a mixture of Catholic devotion in praying for the dead as well as superstition and fear of evil spirits – perhaps a leftover of the ancient pagan Celtic beliefs in that part of the world. So it became customary for the Irish to bang pots and pans on All Hallows Even to let the damned know they were not forgotten.

The Wearing of Costumes

Another strand of the history of Halloween comes from France during the 14th and 15th centuries. Late medieval Europe was decimated by repeated outbreaks of the bubonic plague – known as the Black Death – during which time almost half the population perished. Understandably, those who survived became preoccupied about the afterlife. More and more masses came to be celebrated on All Souls Day, and artistic representations were devised to remind everyone of their mortality. We know these representations as the “*danse macabre*,” or “dance of death,” which was commonly painted on the walls of cemeteries and shows the devil leading a line of people – popes, kings, ladies, knights, monks, peasants, lepers, etc. – into the tomb. Sometimes the dance was presented on All Souls Day itself as a living tableau with people dressed up in the garb of various states of life. These two strands of belief and practice – the Irish concern for those in hell and the French custom of dressing in costumes – probably first became mingled in the British colonies of North America during the 1700s, when Irish and French Catholic immigrants began to intermarry.



The Mixture of the Preceding Elements in the United States

Eventually, these different elements came together in the United States and were relatively common by the early 1800s. Then, in the late 1800s, the greeting card industry added **witches** to the mixture. Also around that time ill-informed folklorists introduced **jack-o'-lanterns (carved pumpkins)** into the celebrations as a supposed tie-in to ancient pagan practices.

Summary

As you can see, Halloween has quite a colorful and complicated history. In short, as I said at the beginning of this message, it is okay to celebrate Halloween as long as it is done in good taste and for the right reasons. And, knowing a little of its history can help us appreciate and celebrate the two much more important and great Catholic Christian feasts of All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2).