

October 14, 2022

Good Morning All,

May all our golfers have a wonderful outing today in support of the 16th Annual Men's Club and Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament today. Many thanks to all of our generous supporters and a special thank you to the Golf Committee headed by Tom Morris for another great, successful event!



Appointments still available for the Parish Directory this Saturday, October 15, 2022. Sign up now! Online appointment scheduler (instant-scheduling.com)

If you have not been able to make any of the office appointments and would still like your picture included in the directory, send a single selfie to kate.edwards@sjccs.net - Subject Line - Parish Photo. Include name, address, phone number and names of all included in the picture. This information will be included in the directory. Fee is \$10 and a directory will be included for this fee. This is the only way to receive a directory. Due October 21st for inclusion.

Greek Pastries available this weekend on Hwy 81.

RCIA begins this weekend on Sunday Morning between the Masses.

This first class will be discussing the Mass at 9:45am in the Church. Parishioners are invited. Plan on staying a little longer or coming to church a bit earlier to hear a class presentation on the Mass.

1. Today's Readings: [Friday of the Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time | USCCB](#)
2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: Today we celebrate on the universal calendar our 12th pope, St. Callistus. (We will go back to look at those 3 popes that we skipped in sequence). This pope caused a schism that lasted for 2 decades. His biography was written by the other saint who he contended with during his life, St. Hippolytus. Imagine having your opponent write your biography! And yet, even more amazing, they were both saints!

3. Quote of the Day:

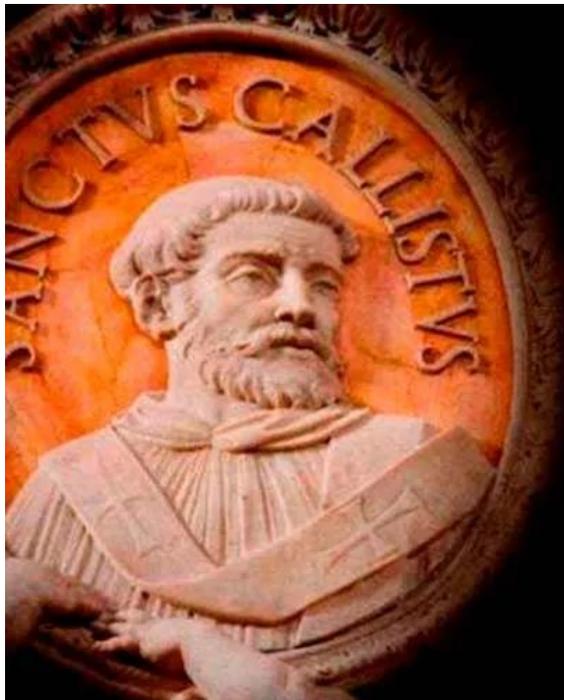
~“God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us.” St. Augustine

***Pope St. Callistus, Pray for Us!
St. Joseph, Pray for Us!***

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ST. CALLISTUS I

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Pope Callistus I is celebrated in churches throughout the world as a saint and martyr on October 14. The saint caused a major controversy, including a schism that lasted almost two decades, by choosing to emphasize God's mercy in his ministry. However, the early Pope's model of leadership has endured, and his martyrdom in the year 222 confirmed his example of holiness.

Because no completely trustworthy biography of Pope Callistus I exists, historians have been forced to rely on an account by his contemporary Hippolytus of Rome. Although Hippolytus himself was eventually reconciled to the Church and canonized as a martyr, he vocally opposed the pontificate of Callistus and three of his successors, to the point of usurping papal prerogatives for himself (as the first “antipope”). Nevertheless, his account of Callistus' life and papacy provides important details.

According to Hippolytus' account, Callistus – whose year of birth is not known - began his career as a highly-placed domestic servant, eventually taking responsibility for his master's banking business. When the bank failed, Callistus received the blame, and attempted to flee from his master. Being discovered, he was demoted to serve as a manual laborer in Rome. Thus, under inauspicious circumstances, Callistus came as a slave to the city where he would later serve as Pope.

Matters went from bad to worse when he was sent to work in the mines, possibly for causing a public disturbance, if Hippolytus' account is to be trusted. However, Callistus may also simply have been sentenced due to a persecution of Christians, as he was among the many believers eventually freed on the initiative of Pope St. Victor I.

During the subsequent reign of Pope Zephyrinus, Callistus became a deacon and the caretaker of a major Roman Christian cemetery (which still bears his name as the "Cemetery of St. Callistus"), in addition to advising the Pope on theological controversies of the day. He was a natural candidate to follow Zephyrinus, when the latter died in 219.

Hippolytus, an erudite Roman theologian, accused Pope Callistus of sympathizing with heretics, and resented the new Pope's clarification that even the most serious sins could be absolved after sincere confession. The Pope's assertion of divine mercy also scandalized the North African Christian polemicist Tertullian, already in schism from the Church in Carthage, who also erroneously held that certain sins were too serious to be forgiven through confession.

Considered in light of this error, Hippolytus' catalogue of sins allegedly "permitted" by Callistus – including extramarital sex and early forms of contraception - may in fact represent offenses which the Pope never allowed, but which he was willing to absolve in the case of penitents seeking reconciliation with the Church.

Even so, Callistus could not persuade Hippolytus' followers of his rightful authority as Pope during his own lifetime. The Catholic Church, however, has always acknowledged the orthodoxy and holiness of Pope St. Callistus I, particularly since the time of his martyrdom – traditionally ascribed to an anti-Christian mob - in 222.

St. Callistus' own intercession after death may also have made possible the historic reconciliation between his opponent Hippolytus, and the later Pope Pontian. The Pope and former antipope were martyred together in 236, and both subsequently canonized.

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