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## Holy Trinity Parish

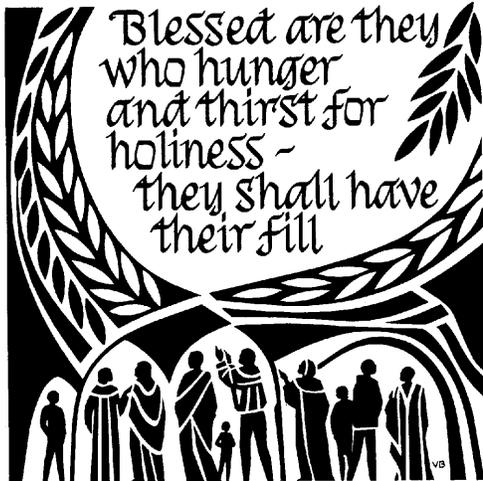
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## Twelve Apostles Parish

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### All Saints Day—November 1, 2015



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Listening to Jesus preach the Beatitudes is strong indeed for All Saints Day. The present state of affairs for believers may include poverty, broken spirit, persecution and mourning. Blessed are they, Jesus says, but clearly not because of their circumstances. Their blessing lies in being a part of the kingdom of God that exists both in the present and in the future. The verbs “are” and “will” indicate that God is at work in the present world, bringing the kingdom to completion. Those within the present kingdom of God who “are” in difficult circumstances “will be” blessed when God brings about the new creation. Their hope, however, is not merely a future one. It occurs in the present because such people are found living according to the values of God’s kingdom. These are good stewards of their faith who are humble and poor in spirit, merciful, peacemakers, pure in heart, and who endure mockery or harm for Jesus’ sake. The kingdom of heaven is for all good stewards not only in the future, but in the here and now.

International Catholic Stewardship Council November 2015

#### Mass Times:

Saturday 5:00 PM – Twelve Apostles Church  
Sunday 7:30 AM – Holy Trinity Church  
9:00 AM – Twelve Apostles Church  
10:45AM – Holy Trinity Church

**Weekday Mass times** are listed inside the bulletin.

**Confessions** heard: Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 PM at Holy Trinity; 4:15-4:45 PM at XII Apostles; First Fridays after 8am Mass & anytime by appt.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please contact the pastor, preferably before going to the hospital, to receive this Sacrament.

#### **Parish Staff:**

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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
  2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
  3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or [JeniferValenti@att.net](mailto:JeniferValenti@att.net), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.
- The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain at 816.392.0011 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsi.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsi.org) for more information.

**Office Hours: M, W, Th, F – 9AM-Noon, 1-4PM** (closed Tuesdays); PSR Office Hours: M & W–10AM-Noon, 1-4PM

Bulletin deadline: 8am Wednesday. Please notify us of change of address, phone, email, etc.

**New Parishioners: Welcome!** Holy Trinity and Twelve Apostles have been serving the northern Platte County area since 1842 and 2008, respectively. **We welcome all guests and newcomers to our parish families!** Newcomers are asked to register at the earliest opportunity. Forms are available in the back of church, on our websites, or from the parish office. We look forward to knowing you!

**Is A Wedding or Baptism in Your Plans?** Congratulations! Remember: sacramental preparation is required prior to these events. You must be a registered parishioner for the past year or have a letter from your previous pastor before dates are scheduled.

**Weddings:** Parishioners wanting to be married should contact Fr. Rogers nine months in advance.

**Baptism:** Expectant parents should contact Fr. Rogers comfortably prior to the baby’s birth for baptism preparation.

**First Penance/Eucharist, Confirmation:** Children preparing for these sacraments must have completed the prior year of religious education.

**All Saints Day - 1 Nov 2015**  
**Readings: p. 224 in *Breaking Bread***

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday, October 31</b>	
<b>5:00pm--XII</b>	Parishioners of XII Apostles
<b>Sunday, November 1</b>	
<b>7:30am-HT</b>	Parishioners of Holy Trinity
<b>9:00am--XII</b>	For our departed relatives & friends
<b>10:45am-HT</b>	+Chanta Vrbas Brown
<b>Mon, Nov 2, 8am-HT</b>	For our departed relatives & friends
<b>Wed, Nov 4, 8am-HT</b>	Intentions of our Holy Father
<b>Thu, Nov 5, 6pm--XII</b>	+Special Intention
<b>Fri, Nov 6, 8am-HT</b>	Intentions of Bishop James Johnston
<b>Saturday, November 7</b>	
<b>5:00pm--XII</b>	Parishioners of XII Apostles
<b>Sunday, November 8</b>	
<b>7:30am-HT</b>	Parishioners of Holy Trinity
<b>9:00am--XII</b>	Private Intention
<b>10:45am-HT</b>	Private Intention

**HOW DOES A PERSON BECOME A CATHOLIC?**

**Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith?** Have you been coming to church for years with your family and just never made it official? Are you a baptized Catholic seeking to complete your Baptism through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Whether unbaptized, or baptized Catholic or Christian, if you are interested in finding out more about this process, **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) continues this Wednesday, October 28, at 7pm, at Holy Trinity. Join us!**

**INSTALLATION OF NEW BISHOP THIS WEEK**

With great anticipation, we have awaited the announcement and arrival of our new bishop, Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr. Due to limited seating at our two Cathedrals, admission to the Vespers and Mass of Installation will require tickets which have already been distributed. Those without tickets are invited to watch the events as noted below:

**Vespers — Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 5:00 p.m.** For streaming video, visit [catholickey.org/vespers](http://catholickey.org/vespers)  
**Mass of Installation — Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 2:00 p.m.**  
 Televised & live-streamed on EWTN.  
 Visit [www.ewtn.com/channelfinder/](http://www.ewtn.com/channelfinder/) for listings.  
 For streaming video of the Installation visit [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com) and click "Watch Live" or visit [catholickey.org/installation](http://catholickey.org/installation) for other options.

**PARISH QUILT GUILD FORMING:**



A new group is being formed whose purpose will be to meet both for socializing and making quilts/sewing items for ministry outreach (to the homeless, ill, etc.) The group plans to meet monthly at Holy Trinity. Members of both parishes are invited. Come to a **"Meet and Greet"**

at 11am on Monday, November 16, at Holy Trinity. We will have a **short planning meeting and lunch** to discuss meeting dates, etc. -- lunch will be provided.

During the upcoming Year of Mercy, which begins December 8, we will be looking at projects to show God's mercy to others.

All levels and anyone interested are invited. Even if you don't sew, we will need people for cutting, pressing, etc.

If you are coming to the "Meet and Greet" or if you have any questions, call Lori Mathews: 816-807-3220 or [lori.mathews4@gmail.com](mailto:lori.mathews4@gmail.com)

If you can't join us during the day, but would be interested in being involved, donating material, or have other questions, also contact Lori.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

All Adult Parishioners ~ please join us for coffee, fellowship and Adult Faith Formation on Sunday mornings at Holy Trinity Parish Hall —9 AM each week. Come and go as you are able; newcomers are always welcome.

**WHY WE CATHOLICS BELIEVE CATHOLIC STUFF  
 POPES AND BISHOPS—*What we believe about them, and why!*  
 WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

**What we believe about Salvation, and why!**

**Thursday, November 5 - 6:45 – 8:15 p.m. @ 12 Apostles Catholic Church**  
 Learn *reasons for our faith* from Scripture, history, tradition and logic to better experience in the Mysteries of Christ  
 Taught by Chris Patterson – 816-807-1411  
 Sign up via email – [cpatterson@pattersonlaw.net](mailto:cpatterson@pattersonlaw.net)



Learn more about your faith in the convenience of your home or car! Pick up a CD at the Lighthouse stand in the vestibule of each church. Suggested donation: \$3. This week's feature: ***Our Beautiful End—Exploring the Timeless Mystery of Heaven.*** In this presentation, Matthew Leonard discusses the nature and role of beauty in life, particularly how it sheds light on the nature of God and assists us in achieving our glorious end, which is heaven itself.

**Praying the Liturgy of the Hours: A How to and Why Workshop at Conception Abbey**

Friday evening-Sunday noon, November 13-15  
 This informative weekend will help you navigate the breviary with its cycles and weeks. Learn why this prayer of the entire church is so important in your daily life. Conferences and discussions will alternate with quiet times for prayer and relaxation. (Suggested offering for lodging, meals, conferences and reception: \$160 for single accommodations, \$130 per person for double accommodations). For reservations contact the Abbey Guest Center: 660-944-2809 or [guests@conception.edu](mailto:guests@conception.edu).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS for all....**

All eligible practicing Catholic men (18 & over) are invited to become Members of the Knights of Columbus, the largest Catholic, fraternal, service, lay organization in the world. There are several upcoming opportunities to join the Knights Councils at Holy Trinity or XII Apostles:

- Monday, Nov 9, 7:00PM, St. Therese, Parkville, MO;
- Tuesday, November 10, 7:00PM, Lee's Summit, MO;
- Wednesday, November 18, 7:00PM, Belton, MO;
- Tuesday, December 1, 7:00PM, Gladstone, MO
- Thursday, December 10, 6:30PM, Holy Family, KCMO
- Sunday, December 13, 6:00PM, Tonganoxie, KS
- Monday, December 14, 7:00PM, O'Hara Council 4387, KC, MO.

Contact either Grand Knight Jim Rooney of Holy Trinity Council No. 12288 at (816) 674-4268 or Grand Knight Steve Steiger of XII Apostles Council No. 16189 at (816 ) 431-6506 for general information or if you wish to attend one of the ceremonials listed above.

ALL 1st Degree Members of the Knights of Columbus are invited to participate in the **2ND (Principle of Unity) and 3RD (Knighthood) Degree (Principle of Fraternity) Ceremonials** on: (1) Sunday, Nov. 1, Blue Springs, MO (2) Sunday, Nov. 8, Topeka, KS; (3) Sunday, Nov. 22, Overland Park, KS. Contact either Steve Steiger or Jim Rooney if you are interested in attending.

**Knights of Columbus Scholarships**, fellowships and grants are available from the Missouri State Council and the National Office. Applications will be due to the Missouri State Council on February 15, 2016, and to the National Office on March 1, 2016. More information will be available at a later date.

**MEETING NOTICE**--Twelve Apostles Council No. 16189 will hold its next rosary, meeting and social period on Wednesday, November 11 (Veterans' Day) beginning at 6:45PM in the lower level (basement) of Twelve Apostles Church. Members of other councils are invited to attend.

## HOLY TRINITY NEWS

Women's Guild will meet **this SUNDAY, November 1,** at 5:30pm in the parish hall. All women of the parish are welcome.



**Welcome Dinner for Newcomers—next Sunday, November 8, 5:00pm,** at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. **Everyone is invited** to welcome new Holy Trinity parishioners, to have fellowship and to get to know each other. Newcomers from 2014 & 2015—just bring yourselves—children welcome. “Established” parishioners are encouraged and needed to help host our new members—please bring a covered dish to share. (Meat & beverages provided.) Please RSVP by this Thursday, Nov. 5, to secyht-xii@kc.rr.com or 640-2206.

**A WARM WELCOME** to those households who have registered with us in recent months: Michael & Tracy Castillo, Christopher & Linda Gutierrez, Frank & Anna Machniak, Casey & Ashley Spencer, Jake & Jennifer Swanson, and Stephen & Lori Wilson. We are blessed to have you here and look forward to getting to know you!

A remembrance book for the Month of All Souls will be displayed on St. Joseph's altar beginning today. You may inscribe the names of your beloved dead for remembrance in prayer throughout the month of November.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**— this Friday, November 6, 8:30-9:30am. Confessions will be available during this time.

### ARE YOU REGISTERED IN A PARISH?

All Catholic adults should be registered in a parish. Catholics who wish to receive sacraments for themselves or their children should be registered members of a parish and known to the pastor for the past year or, if new members of this community, should have been registered in a previous parish before sacraments like Baptism or Marriage are scheduled.

If you are an adult who regularly attends Mass at Holy Trinity or Twelve Apostles, but have not yet registered, you may do so by going to our websites and clicking on the registration button on the Home page, or by filling out the form found in the vestibule of the churches and returning it to the parish office (via the collection basket or by mail or dropping off.)

We look forward to knowing you!

## KATIE'S CORNER-- YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



### YOUTH GROUP Grades 7-12:

**This Sunday—November 1 — Note: DIFFERENT TIME for this week -- 1:00-3:00pm** at XII Apostles. Join us for one of the best movies of all time! "Little Boy" is a powerful and moving film about a little boy who is willing to do whatever it takes to bring his dad home from World War II alive. You'll laugh. You'll cry. You'll ask where you can buy this amazing movie!

Next week: November 8, 1:30-3pm at Holy Trinity.  
***Mysterious Love.***

**Confirmation:** Next Session: ***I Believe*** — Sunday, Nov. 1: Holy Trinity, 9am; XII Apostles, 3pm. YouCat Challenge: Find the drawing of four people walking: a rabbi, a whistling priest, and a dude pulling a bed of spikes. Tell Katie the page # for a special prize!

## TWELVE APOSTLES NEWS

A remembrance book for the Month of All Souls will be displayed on a small table just to the side of our Divine Mercy altar at XII Apostles beginning today. Feel free to write the names of your beloved dead in it for remembrance in prayer throughout the month of November.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**THIS Sunday, November 1, 2015**

Lord, I come to adore and thank you for the gift you give me of wanting me to be with you forever in heaven. Thank you for all the saints who pray for and assist me every day so that I can join them in praising and glorifying you for all eternity.  
Adoration 5:00 – 6:00 pm



**WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISMS** of **Conal James Moore and Rorik David Moore**, sons of Greta and Derek Moore, on Saturday, October 24, 2015. May these children of God and their family always know God's many blessings.

**Our prayerful condolences** are offered to Bob Bailey and family on the death of his father, Ray Bailey. May he rest in peace and may God comfort those who mourn him.

**PSR News:** Next Sunday, November 8, **everyone** is invited to join us for the Parish Rosary at 10:20am in the Northland Career Center cafeteria. This Rosary will be led by the 8th graders.

—Parents, you are invited to stay after the Rosary for the Parents as Catechists (PAC) meeting. Enjoy coffee and donuts and talk with other parents about the joys and challenges of being a parent. Give and get ideas for how to better help your child grow in their faith.

### **Welcome New Parishioners!**

We are blessed to be a growing parish. We welcome those households who have registered with us over the summer and fall: James & Patricia Baker, Amanda & Brandon Biddle, Paul & Eileen Bobowski, Christine Bradshaw, Brian & Jaime Burley, Jesse & Angelica Carnavale, Anne Courtney, Austin Harrison, Musashi & Kim Kato, Jeff & Lori Koskinen, Tyson Lanfermann, Mark & Catherine Martinez, Jarred & Tamara Miller, Grichzel & William Moberly, Bret & Cindy Narvaez, Marina Rumbin, Antonio & Anita Salazar, Amber Sanchez, Jennifer Sherwood, Shawn & Jocelyn Shippert and Sarah Springsteen. We are happy to have you here and hope you find a warm spiritual home here at Twelve Apostles!

**Lectors: Handbooks** for the new liturgical year beginning November 28/29 are available in the vestibule of each church. Please pick yours up. Thanks for your service!

**RETURN BAPTISM DVDS, PLEASE:** If you borrowed a **Your Baby's Baptism** DVD for baptism preparation, please return it to Father Rogers or to the parish office as soon as possible. We have six copies, but none currently on hand in the office and there are new parents who need them!

**DCCW Quarterly Meeting** — December 2, at St. Therese Parish in Parkville. Registration at 9:30am, business meeting, Mass, lunch, and entertainment. Please bring warm gloves/mittens, hats, scarves for the Bishop Sullivan Center for distribution to inner-city families. Luncheon is \$11; reservations to Carolyn at 816-690-4278 or lthouse@centurylink.net by November 29.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN.....

Last week, out of the blue, Brother Damian Larson, the Weather Monk of Conception Abbey, flashed in my mind. Thoughts of this kind, gentle, welcoming man lifted me up and thawed my weary spirit. Thinking of Brother Damian brought excitement and energy to me that morning. These good thoughts just dropped out of the sky, they had to have, because I was busy bee-lining for the Little Sisters of the Poor and didn't have the presence of mind to think about much else, except what needed to be done for the residents there.

I hadn't thought of Brother Damian for several years. My life has been in a whirlwind of sorts since the early 2000's and for whatever reason, I haven't given much thought to the time I spent in academic formation at Conception Abbey. My mind was focused on the last minute details of the retreat that I was giving on the virtue of hope. I was surprised that out of nowhere Brother Damian broke through my thoughts. I was so focused on the retreat, of doing a good job, of helping the residents, and being on time, I didn't immediately correlate the Weather Monk with the virtue of Hope. It wasn't until later that night as I was praying that it hit me.

Brother Damian had interceded to bring me peace and encouragement that day. He brought me a spirit of confidence, of knowing God would work with, in and through me. It was God's day, not mine. It was beautiful. It was a blessing. All I had to do was sit back and enjoy the ride. Watching God at work for even just one moment is far more interesting to me than all my work combined. I realized Brother Damian was doing the work of the Saints.

I have thought of Brother Damian on and off for over the past week now. Pleasant thoughts. Thoughts of nature and beauty, the changing of seasons, warm days, cold nights. Thoughts of the apple orchard on the monastery grounds, of picking apples crisp, fresh, straight from the tree, and eating them while meandering trails, and tracing the hoofmarks of deer left in the muddy pathways in the corn fields between Conception Abbey and Clyde Convent three miles north. I thought of washed out gravel roads leading in and out of Conception and how precarious the summer storms in 2002 had been throughout that neck of the woods.

I thought of how Conception Abbey and Clyde Convent stood mighty and strong against the weather-worn landscape, oases midst barren corn fields. I thought of how blessed I am to have spent a couple of years studying philosophy and theology there, with the Benedictine Monks, especially with Brother Damian. He wasn't a professor or instructor, Brother Damian was the grounds-keeper. He managed the apple orchard. He was the maintenance man, too. He wore his monk's habit during times of prayer and Mass, but the rest of the time he wore denim bib overalls and leather work boots.

Brother Damian welcomed people not only into his home, his monastery, but also into his heart. There they got a glimpse of God. He had a way of putting people at ease, focusing them on the beauties that surrounded them, and inviting them to share in the peace of his life. Over the 32 years of his time there, he planted many of the trees that ornament the 960 acres of the Abbey. Brother Damian was connected to the land, to the people, to his brother Monks, to nature; he was connected to the weather, but most of all he was connected to God.

As fickle as the weather is in Missouri, connecting to weather is not an easy thing to do. Well-trained meteorologists couldn't predict weather like Brother Damian. Weather was in his bones. He had a nose for weather. If he said it was going to rain, it would. If he said it was going to snow five inches, it would. He knew when, where, how much and for how long. In addition to weather, he was very fond of an old rickety blue Chevy truck. That neck of the woods is Ford country, but the monks are happy with whatever the generosity of others provides. This rusty old beater could navigate the ups and downs of the ruts and ravines better than a military tank.

Whenever Brother Damian got an inkling, he would mount the old blue beater and traverse the hills in search of storms. He respected Mother Nature. He understood the danger in storms, but he also enjoyed their excitement, their energy, and their beauty. Often, Brother Damian would call and invite me along for the ride, "A big one is coming! The sky is going to blow up tonight! Let's go!" I always obliged.

His truck was so old it didn't have seat belts. The windshield was cracked. The handles for the windows were long gone before the truck was even donated. The windows were permanently rolled down which made for a breezy adventure, chilly willy in the fall and winter. The headlamps worked only during the day, but never at night, and Brother Damian never chased a storm during the day, only at night, so they were of little use. The upholstery on the seat was well past threadbare. The metal springs would break forth randomly which made sitting quite

uncomfortable. Standing on the other hand was impossible. The floorboard on the passenger side had completely rusted out which allowed tall and short weeds, branches and debris to pop up and snag anything in their path.

The excitement and energy was so attractive, sense and sensibility quickly fled the scene. So whenever, Brother Damian called, I couldn't refuse. Once I remember laughing so hard I lost my grip and started to bounce around the cab even though it wasn't traveling but fifteen miles per hour. The second that I let go and started bouncing to and fro, up and down, Brother Damian didn't miss a beat or slow down even. He reached over and snatched me back into the cab as I was about to bounce out the window. What a sight. He laughed so hard he wept. He laughed so hard we went from fifteen miles per hour to thirty.

The acceleration down the hill was too much for the old blue beater. It groaned and back-fired and died abruptly the second we hit the branch of a tree that Brother had cut down earlier in the day, "Oops! I forget I left that there." We started laughing even more. By this time the "big storm" was brewing overhead, savage, ferocious, ready to kick the weather monk and take my name. We got out of the truck to assess the damage. "No one will even notice!" he laughed, "I'll push the truck up a little and you pull the branch out from under it."

It started to rain pitchforks and daggers; each drop was like a needle in the flesh. He pushed. I pulled. The branch was a small one but part of it had lodged under the passenger's side. It had snagged the hole in the floorboard. I shouted, "I could have lost a leg!" Brother Damian started laughing again and lost his hold on the truck as I gave a mighty tug on the log. I don't know what snapped first, the rest of the floorboard or the branch. Something gave.

The sky blew up just as Brother Damian had predicted. Instinctively, I hit the ground, face down in the mud. Brother Damian jumped out of the way of the truck and it rolled all the way down the hill and crashed into a fence row below. The front bumper cracked and fell off. Lightning flashed, the wind howled and the black sky turned green. We could see the twin bell towers of the Basilica, off in the distance, light up with every flash. Both of us were soaked to the core, but mud managed to stay attached to my face. "Let sit here in the ditch as the storm passes," Brother insisted, "It's only going to last for a couple more minutes." The storm passed in two, just as he had predicted. "I'll get Blaise to help me with the truck tomorrow. He can fix the fence," he laughed.

We shivered and laughed all the way back to the monastery. I'll never forget it. I'll never forget Brother Damian. It has been a long time. I am glad he broke through my thoughts last week. The day I was giving a retreat on the virtue of hope, Brother Damian, gave me a message on hope as well. Often, hope is a long time in coming. That's why the Saints intercede for us. You see, in June of 2002, after I had finished seminary formation there, a lone gunman entered Conception Abbey Basilica, and killed Brother Damian and Father Phillip Schuster and wounded two other monks, my friends. At their funeral, Abbott Gregory Polan spoke true words of hope. He said, "Such acts of violence as happened here on Monday could only have come from someone in desperate need of help. Hatred, anger and unwillingness to forgive only keep us crippled and bound by the evils that surround us. It is a wisdom that will show itself in unexpected happenings of grace and goodness. And when it comes, we will know it, because it will bring us peace."

My last days with Brother Damian taught me something amazing. Something had changed in him, something was not the same. He had resolve. He had a knowing. He was connected to something beyond the weather; he had connected with the weather maker. He saw past fear and foreboding. He saw past earthly things. He saw past the weaknesses and frailties of the human condition. What he saw brought him peace. What he saw brought him hope in God. Brother Damian taught me to see what he saw. He taught me to see God.

That's what all the Saints do; they teach us to see God and to hope in God, without fear, without foreboding. They show us that God will reach out and rescue us from all our fears. God will bring laughter out of our tears. The Saints show us how to find blue skies in every tear, and laugh together with great joy and peace. Have a blessed All Saints Day.

In Christ,

*Father Steven C. Nege*