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## Saints Behaving Badly

### From Rascals to Sainthood

Today we will be exploring the lives of 9 unlikely people who became saints. Four of these characters are women. These people started their lives out as crooks, thieves, cutthroats, trollops, extortionists, mass murderers and warmongers. They ended up at the Gates of Heaven in service to a loving and forgiving God.



Who would have thought? After all, upon an up-close and embarrassingly personal study of those sanctified people with some of the most unsaintly pasts in the history of Christianity, one would have judged them summarily GUILTY. But God had other plans.

It proves the age old adage that Saints are not born, they are made. In fact, they are made into the image and likeness of God. This is quite surprising since these individuals were composed of very rough materials indeed. If anything, they were on the Road to Hell with no detours, turns or stops. In reality, one could say that this group of people was on the Expressway to Hell.

We are going to cover the less than saintly behavior of nine venerated holy men and women. Many times the stories of our Saints have been sanitized and Rated for Family consumption when in reality, saints are nothing more than regular Men & Women who chose God over a life in the physical world. They chose Eternal Life rather than life that ends when one dies.



We are going to discuss St. Vladimir of Russia, St. Augustine and St. Moses. We are also going to talk about St. Olga, who unleashed a bloodbath on her husband's assassins; St. Mary of Egypt, who trolled the streets looking for new sexual conquests; and Thomas Becket, who despite his vast riches refused to give his cloak to a man freezing to death in the street. We also have two surprise saints.

The phrase "Judge not and ye shall not be judged" will come to life in Technicolor in this presentation. After all, we sinners are all called to sainthood. People can change. The Saints prove it. The Bible demonstrates God has changed people for millennia.

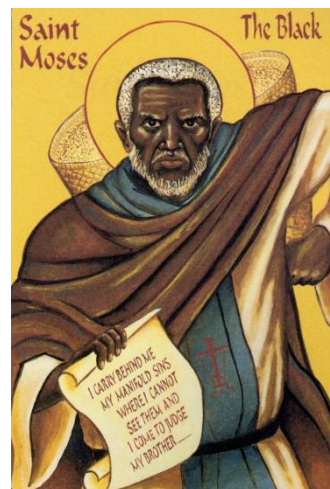
May God bless us with His Wisdom and His Work and the wherewithal to complete the mission he's given us. Amen

**Matthew 7:1-5** *Stop Judging*

“Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.

Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove that splinter from your eye,' while the wooden beam is in your eye?

You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye.



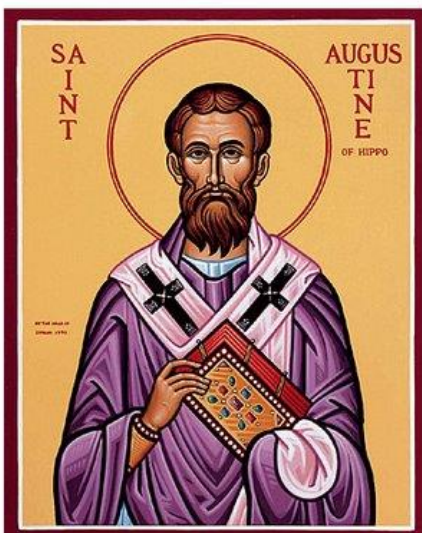
**Matthew 9:9-13** *The Call of Matthew*

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

He heard this and said, “Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.”.

The Gospel of the Lord



**Catechism**

**#1186** *All are Called*

...To enter into the house of God, we must cross a threshold, which symbolizes passing from the world wounded by sin to the world of the new Life to which all men are called. The visible church is a symbol of the Father's house toward which the People of God is journeying and where the Father "will wipe every tear from their eyes." Also for this reason, the Church is the house of all God's children, open and welcoming.

**#959** *One Family of God*

For if we continue to love one another and to join in praising the Most Holy Trinity - all of us who are sons of God and form one family in Christ - we will be faithful to the deepest vocation of the Church.

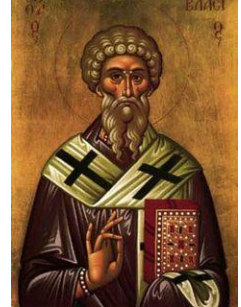
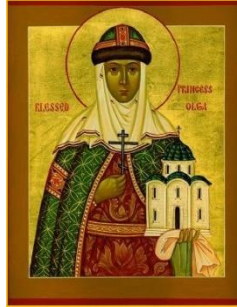
*One means of change and transformation is the Holy Eucharist, which enables us to be more like Jesus Christ than we would be without the Eucharist.*

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## David Eich

**SURROUND  
YOURSELF  
WITH  
POSITIVE  
SUCCESSFUL  
PEOPLE**

St. Olga	St. Augustine	St. Margaret
St. Vladimir	St. Dismas	St. Mary of Egypt
St. Moses	Blessed Bartlo Longo	St. Thomas Becket



### Questions to Focus on: *discuss one or more*

1 Can you recall a time when a person you didn't like began to express compassion, forgiveness and spirituality? Tell us about it.

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2 In what way does this presentation resonate with you? Does it give you pause to think of others differently?

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A Man who never quits is Never Defeated.  
We are ordinary men who labor for Christ.



### Men's Group Calendar

<b>11/25/2017</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
<b>12/9/2017</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>
<b>12/16/2017</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library
<b>1/13/2018</b>	<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>7 AM Mass</b>
<b>1/27/2018</b>	Leadership Meeting	8 AM Sacred Heart Library

## Saint Michael the Archangel Prayer

### **ACTION PLAN**

This week I will do my best to be a Man of Integrity by:

Creating a daily prayer practice

Seeking God in prayer and being quiet in His presence

Paying more attention to Blessing those in my life as God intends

Asking the Communion of Saints for help in becoming a better servant of Jesus



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



"If the soul is sick, one must begin by treating the soul. Do you have faith? Do you believe that God can do something for you? Go confess yourself to the priest...then go to communion..."

St. André Bessette  
Devotee of St. Joseph and the healing power of God through his saints.

May God Bless You.

St. Hilary Men's Group.

**You are God's representative on Earth. When you Bless and encourage the people in your life, you are revealing God's love for them.**



Jesus wants us to make choices that reflect His presence in our hearts.  
Life constantly presents us with opportunities to choose to love & serve one another.

It is not about us.

It is about reaching out in love.

Go to the Author of Life often. Go to Communion.



**Lord, God and Savior, by your love you draw me to yourself. Forgive me – the sinner that I am, and fill me with every good thing, not withholding even the gift of your most beloved son. Come dwell in my heart.**

**Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide me in your path. Make me worthy of your love, and teach me how to forgive as you forgave.**

**Thank you for your tender mercies. I ask you to Bless my family, friends and those who I meet on this path. Where there is joy, give them continued joy. Where there is pain or sorrow, give them your peace and mercy. Where there is self-doubt, give them a renewed confidence. Fill their every need with your Holy Grace.**

**You are indeed my Lord, God and Savior. Amen. And AMEN.**

