

“Dissecting St. Patrick”

Devotion for March 2015

Hymn: VU 705 For All the Saints vs 1-4 & 5

Scripture: Acts 9: 32: 35

Reflection:

Last month we dissected St. Valentine and sure enough we have another equally famous saint for March. I thought only the Catholic church had saints, but no, just about every major religion has saints, although each one recognizes who their saints are using a different criteria. Well, St. Patrick as you may know, was born in Scotland to Roman parents, and became famous in Ireland making the whole world green every March 17. Since my ancestors came from Ireland close to 200 years ago I don't want to dredge up any bad news about St. Patrick even if he was not really Irish. About those snakes though, the research says Ireland never had any. There are some theories as to the connection with snakes and St. Patrick, but the clover is easier to understand. Apparently Ireland is full of that three leaf green plant and he used it to explain the Trinity. How he explained the odd four leaf one that popped up is never mentioned. I did know the dates he was there but can't help but wonder if Guinness was around then? One thing we all know though, recent saints, the last few hundred years anyway, are man-made and some get that distinction on dubious merit. In my opinion the only real saint I knew was my mother and I am betting lots of you can think of some modern day people whom you consider saints. Forget the Catholic church definition and check out what the bible says and you will find AOTS has been, and is full of them.

Discussion:

Do you have saints in your club?

Scripture: Philipians 4: 19-23

Hymn. VU 707

Prayer: Lord, we thank you for those who have gone before, those saints who are still with us, and ask you give us the courage, the strength and faith to be saints today. amen.