



Brothers and Sisters in Christ; Grace and Peace:

Each year, at the beginning of November, Holy Mother Church maintains the tradition of preparing us for Advent and its new liturgical calendar with the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of All Souls. This year, All Souls Day falls on a Sunday so the Church celebrates the transition of every soul to God in our Sunday liturgy. Through this, we are all invited to pray, trusting that the cleansing and sanctification of those souls advance their entry into heaven. Today, we pray for our brothers and sisters, those we know or do not know personally, who have led lives and performed deeds which may not be completely good and worthy of God’s beatific vision.

Our First Reading from the Book of Wisdom offers us a profound consolation. "The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them." What a beautiful image, to be held in God's hand! The sacred author tells us that while those without understanding might see the death of the righteous as a disaster, as punishment, the truth is far different. "They are at peace." In the second reading today, our faith is once again reinforced, that death is not the end of the story. St Paul writes to the early Christians in Rome to encourage them to have a hope that is anchored in Jesus. It is a hope that does not disappoint us.

The liturgy of this Sunday encourages us, the pilgrim Church, to reflect on the meaning of life and death, which is evident in our Gospel reading this Sunday. John the evangelist, emphasizes the Father’s Will that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life and be raised up on the last day. These words speak of the confidence that rested within the heart of our Savior as He looked toward Calvary. On our side, these words speak of the confidence that we sinners can have though we see the horror and understand the penalty of our sins. During my study days in Rome, I used to visit cemeteries on All Souls Day. I’d look at the dates that appeared on some of the tombstones. I’d calculate their ages - while some died as infants, others lived many, many years. I’d take notice of when they were born, but also when they died, and I’d think about the events that had passed since their departure. I’d wonder what they would think of those events if they were still alive. It gave me some time to reflect on the outstanding “proof” of an intelligent God, who is independent of all human considerations.

Fellow pilgrims, death ignores wealth and power. It is indiscriminate: it takes us all, and often by surprise. Death is very practical. It is a great grinding mill. It reduces all of us to dust and a simple memory. So let us all abound in hope while in this life and pray for each other’s salvation in the next. Amen!

A Blessed Sunday!

This Week’s Readings and Mass Intentions

Mon., Nov 3: <i>Rom 11: 29-36, Lk 14: 12-14</i> 11:00 a.m. – Funeral Mass for John Reiner	Fri., Nov 7: <i>Rom 15: 14-21, Lk 16: 1-8</i> 9:00 a.m. Mass – Michella Dobson (to receive Christ’s Light) by Newman Family
Tue., Nov 4: <i>Rom 12: 5-16ab, Lk 14: 15-24</i> 9:00 a.m. Mass – † James Lamkin by Claudia & Don Brazeau	Sat., Nov 8: <i>Rom 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27, Lk 16: 9-15</i> 4:00 p.m — Zach & Mary Elkin (Intentions) by Chase Family
Wed., Nov 5: <i>Rom 13: 8-10, Lk 14: 25-33</i> 9:00 a.m. Mass– † All the Souls in Purgatory by the Friends of the Suffering Souls	Sun., Nov 9: <i>Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9,12, 1 Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17, Jn 2: 13-22</i> 8:00 a.m. — People of the Parish
Thu., Nov 6: <i>Rom 14: 7-12, Lk 15: 1-10</i> 9:00 a.m. Mass – † Rev. Sister Delphine Mbachu, DMMM by Fr. Julius	10:00 a.m. - † Karen Smee by the Parish Family 12:30 p.m — † Silvina Amelia Freitas by Grace Costa

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of John Reiner.

Call the office to donate for the Sanctuary Lamp or for Altar Flowers, for a loved one or in memory of a loved one.



November 2, 2025 | The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul’s Day)

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Sacramental Needs



Baptism: Preparation is required for parents who desire their child to be baptized. Parents must be registered with the church. Forms are available in the office.



Reconciliation: Offered on Saturdays at 3:15 p.m., Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 12 p.m. (Spanish) or upon request.



Pastoral Care of the Sick: Notify the office for homebound or hospitalized to request a visit from Father Julius for either communion or anointing of the sick. In the event of death, Mass can be offered immediately or on a date convenient for the family.



Holy Matrimony: Couples should contact the pastor a minimum of six months in advance. Dates may not be set prior to the second meeting with the priest. The Diocese requires couples to attend an *Engaged Encounter* or *Picture of Love* Weekend.

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Mass Schedule

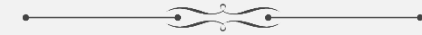
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.,10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Weekdays: 9:00 a.m. – Tuesday- Friday

Adoration

Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Rosary

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. (after Mass)
Thursday: 7:00 p.m. (in the Grotto)



Prayer of St. Gertrude

Eternal Father, I offer Thee
The Most Precious Blood
of Thy Divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the Masses said
throughout the world today,
for all the holy souls in purgatory,
for sinners everywhere,
for sinners in
the universal church,
those in my own home and
within my family. Amen.

(By praying this prayer, believers express their compassion for the souls in purgatory and participate in the spiritual works of mercy, helping to bring comfort and hope to those who have passed away.)