November 2, 2025

ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA – begins today, Sunday, November 2nd and will continue until November 12th.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen*"

THEME: ETERNAL LIFE

Today's liturgy helps us to focus our attention on all that autumn leads to, namely, the end of life. It also points beyond to eternal life. It's a bold business to declare belief in eternal life. We know that it's our instinct to want to believe in a life that's constrained by no horizon. Wrapped in that belief is our desire for love, and love can never be depicted adequately. For when we experience the fire of love in our lives, it's always under threat of being extinguished. We want a love that knows no diminishment, that has no end.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Every week, some treasures from our tradition are shared here. Where does all this history come from? The history of God's people of prayer is always coming to light, mostly because scholars have dedicated their lives to research. They translate and ponder prayers and songs; explore the places used for worship; look at the vessels, books, and vestments; and read works from legal documents to letters and diaries. In the 1930s, Hitler's rush to arm Germany closed seminaries as priests and seminarians alike were drafted into service.

One professor, Father Josef Jungman, forced from his classroom, spent the war years in an Austrian library. His careful work disclosed much of what we know of the history of the Mass. His great work, The Mass of the Roman Rite, describes the evolution of Eucharistic celebration and inspired generations of scholars to explore a tradition surprisingly rich and varied. It was said of him that he had a command of the past that cast new light on the present, and opened up a clear direction to the future. His contributions to the Second Vatican Council helped shape the way that we worship today. At the end of his life, in 1975, his studies completed, he told a friend that he was waiting patiently for the Lord's knock at the door to take him to the heavenly banquet.

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ALL SAINTS

November 1

Some people want the Beatitudes to be Jesus' new commandments; others, an eight-step program for dealing with our addiction to this world; and still others, just one more grocery list of what we should be stocking up on for a long winter's journey to the Kingdom. The Beatitudes are also, however, the face of Jesus in its boldest and most daring profile. Every time we catch a glimpse of them in ourselves, it's like looking in the mirror and seeing what we someday will be. The fact is, as St. John attests, it's already begun. I keep bumping into them, and so do you.

I think of someone I know who can't stand division in his home. He is absolutely driven to find healing solutions. He's a peacemaker from the word go. We all know those who are passionate about the weakest among us. They refuse to keep their mouths shut, even at the cost of losing other folks' acceptance. They can't seem to help it. Some seem able to forgive without a second thought. Others honestly and deeply hunger to be holy, not pious or religious but just good. And others seem to enter into people's pain with great compassion and sensitivity in ways that I don't. They actually mourn for the world.

And then there are those of us who don't feel we live many of those Beatitudes very well. Yet every once in a while something pops up from God knows where, and it's a bit of divinity in us that we'd never believed could be there. Then we realize that it must be God's doing because it could never be our own. And if it is God's doing, then we must be God's daughters and sons. What else could it mean? It's like looking in a mirror, and we didn't even know what we were.

—Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis

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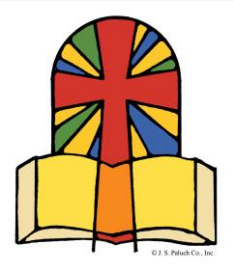
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Lk 16: 9-15
Sunday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22



Saturday, November 1st - "All Saints' Day"
5:00PM-IHM– For Guadalupanas living and deceased; +Elva DelaCruz
7:00PM-St. Albert – Por la gente de Nolan County

Sunday, November 2nd - "All Souls' Day"
8:00AM – Por nuestros fieles difuntos
11:00AM – For our departed brothers and sisters

Tuesday, November 4th 9:00AM - HF
For our departed brothers and sisters

Wednesday, November 5th 6:00PM–IHM
For our departed brothers and sisters

Thursday, November 6th 9:00AM HF
For our departed brothers and sisters

Friday, November 7th 9:00AM– HF
For our departed brothers and sisters

Saturday, November 8th -
5:00PM-IHM– +Jovita, Benjie, Daniel & Amanda Olguin; Jennifer & Roger Gomez; en acción de gracias por los cumpleaños de Cleme, José y Yuvisela Hernandez; Cassandra y Deacon David Mendez

Sunday, November 9th -
8:00AM – Por nuestros fieles difuntos
+Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

COLLECTION DATA -- 10/25-26/2025

ENVELOPES/CHECKS……$3465.00
LOOSE PLATE……1249.43
Archdiocese of the Military Services.....1189.00
TOTAL COLLECTION.....$5903.43
Thank you for your generosity!

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE
Nov. 8 – Grupo Misionero Nov.15 – Guadalupanas

FOOD DRIVE

The parish will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to one of our local food pantries. You can bring your donations to any of the Masses during the month of November. Let us share what we have with those in need.
God Bless you – Thank you!

COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS

La parroquia recolectará alimentos no-perecederos para donar a una de nuestras despensas de alimentos locales. Puede traer sus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas durante el mes de noviembre. Compartamos lo que tenemos con los necesitados. *Dios lo Bendiga- Gracias!*

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 8:30pm at IHM.

WHY AM I CATHOLIC? Deacon Bill's sharing session is every Tuesday at his home, @6pm. All are invited!

CCD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026
● Sunday classes - Pre-K to 6th Grade; 9:30-10:40am
● Wednesday Classes -7th to 11th Grades; 7:00-8:30pm
OCIA – Classes are held on Thursdays, 6:00pm at Holy Family Hall, 507 Crane St.

ULTREYA– meets Monday, November 3rd, 7:00pm at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don't have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html

GRUPO MISIONERO meets on Thursdays, IHM hall, @7:00pm.

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – meets this Sunday, November 2nd, 4:00pm, Holy Family Hall.

● **PROJECT RACHEL** Hope and Healing after Abortion
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Holy Spirit Catholic Parish
July through September 2025

INCOME
Religious Ed Tuition & Fees……2,839.59
Youth Program……452.73
Envelope Receipts……...52,874.00
Loose Plate Income……16,895.98
Designated Gifts – Building…….....3,020.00
Designated Gifts – Other……..560.00
Candles/Religious Books –NET…….-.419.20
Festival & Socials – NET
JAMAICA FESTIVAL DEPOSITS……76,059.97
JAMAICA FESTIVAL EXPENSES…….-.26,363.94
Total Festival & Socials – NET…….**49,696.03**
TOTAL INCOME.....$....**125,919.13**

EXPENSE
Adminitrative……...24,724.48
CCD & Adult Religious Ed……10,366.34
Plant Operation……20,733.51
Resident Clergy Support……..14,396.10
Subsidies & Grants……..10,655.10
Worship Services……8,349.50
Youth Activities……633.34
Capital Outlays……...5,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSE ……$.....**94,858.77**
NET INCOME ……...$.....**31,060.36**

All Souls Day

The most important event in human history happens every single day in our communities in local churches, often on simple altars. The high point of this simple event is when God bends time and space and unites himself to us in Holy Communion. It is a real sacrifice taking place at every Mass.

The Catechism says, ""In this divine sacrifice, which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner" (CCC 1367).

A Mass intention is when the Mass is offered for a specific petition. The perfect sacrifice of Jesus offers himself on the altar of the Cross, now present on our altar, for the intention that is requested.

When we offer Mass for someone who has died, we are praying for their purification. If someone dies and still has sin on their soul, they must first be purified of that sin before they can enter heaven. Jesus tells us this in the parable of the wedding feast (Matthew 22:1-14). At the end of the parable, the king spots someone at the banquet who was not wearing the wedding garment, and that person was kicked out! Now Jesus does not kick people out of heaven. But if we are not wearing a clean wedding garment, that is, our souls are not perfectly clean from all stain of sin, then we need to get that garment scrubbed! When we offer a Mass for someone who has died, we are offering the perfect sacrifice of Jesus for the cleansing of their soul.

The Catechism also says, "From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God" (CCC 1032).

On All Souls Day, we have a special opportunity to unite all of the intentions into one single offering. Every single name that is brought forward with the request to have Mass said for them is specifically prayed for, so that they may attain the joys of heaven. And if they are already in heaven, the prayers are not wasted. God will use those graces for whoever needs them.

In regard to the offering for the Masses, you are NOT paying for the Mass. You are making a donation which is given to the priest for the work he will be doing. The standard amount in our diocese is set by the bishop at $5 per Mass intention, though more may be given, or if that amount is too much, the Mass must be said, even if there is no offering. The origin of this practice comes from the Gospel passage where Jesus says, "The laborer deserves his payment (Luke 10:7).

Please know of my prayers for you and let us remember our loved ones together at the altar throughout the year, and especially on All Souls Day.