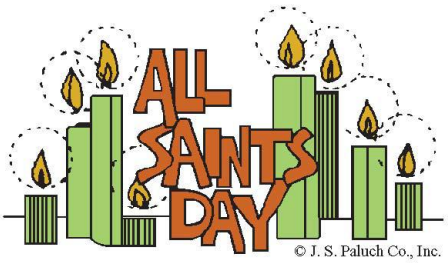
November 1, 2026



Abundance *On this feast day, the Church chooses abundance. We are reminded of our place among the saints too numerous to name. There is about in the land goodness beyond measure. As a Church, we declare official saints, but we just can't count them all. This feast day is for the unnamed saints on whom this world depends for its very life.*

Comment

In the first reading, the apostle John reminds us that we are children of God. This is good news, of course, but it also has its sobering side. We will be accepted as Jesus was. John is fully aware of the struggle the Christian faces. Identification with Jesus, though a blessing, is not always easy; we are not promised a rose garden. John asks us to be transparent in our faith, though. He asks us to place our hope in God, whom we will one day see face to face.

John speaks of our present identification with Jesus and the promise of a future vision of God. Jesus speaks of the present and future, too, though it seems the future is now. His address to the disciples has come to be known as the Sermon on the Mount. His eight blessings are known to us today as the Beatitudes.

When Jesus sat down to teach on that one day on that one flat place in the mountains, he addressed a handful of his disciples. Beyond them stretched the crowds. Some few, maybe a hundred or so, were within earshot. Those who followed him closely leaned forward to receive the full force of his words.

Jesus wanted them to know they were blessed when they were poor in spirit, when they grieved the loss of all that is good, when they hungered and thirsted for holiness, when they were full of mercy, single-hearted, makers of peace. Jesus makes clear that these attitudes of soul are the foundation for engagement in the present work on earth. Good work would yield its rewards, though rewards are not the object.

Reflection

Jesus' proclamation of blessedness must have come as a surprise. His Sermon on the Mount is placed early in Matthew's Gospel. Jesus had only recently called Peter and Andrew and the brothers James and John. People had witnessed some healings and word got out. Soon gatherings became crowds. All those faces. All those people gathered behind the disciples who were near Jesus. Then this—this Sermon on the Mount! These difficult blessings!

The Beatitudes are not meant to be quoted and put on bumper stickers. They are meant to be abided in. We are part of the throng that came after the apostles. We have heard and heeded these blessings. We have seen them lived out. In our own lifetime, we can name those who grieve over injustice, who seek peace, whose hearts are set on God, who err on the side of mercy and understanding, who seem willing to be used, whose tolerance and patience and generosity of spirit seem bottomless. These are the quiet saints we remember today.

The second reading tells the end of the story of these successful lives. They are without number—one hundred forty-four thousand. The book of Revelation, from which this reading comes, uses symbolic images and numbers. Twelve is the Hebrew number signifying completeness. It is the number of the twelve tribes of Israel. Even Jesus favored the number, as he chose twelve apostles. So we have twelve times twelve times a thousand, the number that stands for abundance beyond any counting.

These have triumphed. They see God face to face. They were not strangers to trouble, but they were no strangers to joy, either.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40
Tuesday:	Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

Nov. 7 - Grupo Misionero Nov. 14 - Guadalupanas

FOOD DRIVE

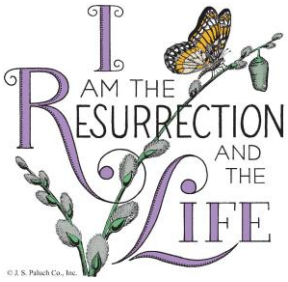
The parish will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to one of our local food pantries. You can bring your donations to any of the Masses during the month of November. Let us share what we have with those in need.

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!*

Saturday, October 31st -
5:00PM-IHM – +Sarah Gomez, Eulalio y Sarita Olvera, Ysidro y Elvira Navarrette; +Alma y Frances Solano; Our seminarian Raymond Martinez III and the rest of our Diocesan seminarians



Sunday, November 1st –
8:00AM – IHM Por nuestros seminaristas, Cameron Moore & Martin Luna; +Miguel Ortiz, Tomasita Alcaras, Alfonso, Sara & Benjamin Gonzales; +Domingo Flores y Hipolica Quiñonez
11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

• Monday, November 2nd *"All Souls"*
5:30PM-IHM - For our Deceased Brothers and Sisters

Tuesday, November 3rd 9:00 AM-HF
+Elva DelaCruz

Wednesday, November 4th 6:00PM - IHM
For the well-being of Lisa Soto, Jordan, Leyla, Lia, Josias & Makalia Gunter

Thursday, November 5th 9:00 AM-HF
For the well-being of Raymond Martinez III, Martin Luna, Miguel & Kristin Perez; +Dolores & Hijinio Perez

Friday, November 6th 9:00 AM-HF
For Raymond Martinez III and the rest of our Diocesan seminarians

Saturday, November 7th -
5:00PM-IHM – Guadalupanas living and deceased; +Daniel Grimaldo;
In thanksgiving for Barbara Villanueva's birthday
7:00PM - St. Albert Por la Gente de Nolan County

Sunday, November 8th –
8:00AM – IHM +Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira; +Christopher Cardoza; Por nuestro seminarista, Raymond Martinez III
11:00AM – In Thanksgiving for Augustin Falana's birthday; +Martina Herrera; y +Jaime Montealvo

TRUE VOCATION
The vocation of every man and woman is to serve other people. –Leo Tolstoy

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH – Last weekend we were blessed to have a visiting priest from Cross Catholic Outreach. Thank you, Father Jude Ezeanokwasa, for visiting our parish!

More than ever, the poor in developing countries desperately need food, water, shelter, medical care and spiritual nourishment. To support those ministry efforts, please go to **CrossCatholic.org/outreach**

WELCOME back home Fr. Josh!

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS to all our November celebrants!

FUNDRAISER – This Sunday, November 1st, our Church ministry groups will sell Menudo or Asado in the parish hall after the 8 o'clock morning Mass – ***'til sold out!*** Each will include Tortilla, *corn or flour*, and a drink for $15.00. All funds will be used for the December 12 celebration of "Our Lady of Guadalupe."

• ALL SOULS DAY – Mass on All Souls Day, Monday, November 2nd, will be celebrated at 5:30pm here at Immaculate Heart, (*bilingual*).

FIRST FRIDAY – November 6th, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00pm until 10:00 pm at Holy Family. Confession is available.

CCD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027
Sunday classes - Pre-K to 6th Grade; 9:30-10:40am
Wednesday Classes -7th to 11th Grades; 7:00-8:30pm

OCIA – Classes have started. If you are needing Sacraments or would like to learn more about the faith, you may still sign up to attend. Classes are held on Thursdays, 6:00pm, Holy Family Hall.

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

GRUPO MISIONERO - Meets on Thursdays, at 7:00pm at Immaculate Heart Hall

ULTREYA MEETINGS
Sunday, November 1st - 6:00pm (***English)***
Monday, November 2nd - 7:00pm ***(Spanish)***
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

COLLECTION DATA October 24/25, 2026

ENVELOPES/CHECKS……$3690.00
LOOSE PLATE……1308.53
2ND COLLECTION……..708.00
TOTAL COLLECTION……$5706.53

"Thank you for your generosity"

WORD OF LIFE – November 1st "Sisters and brothers, the mystery of the communion of saints, which we breathe in deeply today, reminds us of the final destiny of humanity: a great celebration in which we rejoice together in the love of God, present in all, recognizing and admiring the multifaceted beauty of faces, all different and all resembling the face of Christ."

Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, All Saints' Day 2025
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A step ahead

Death is not an annihilation, but of living in a new way. It is knowing that those who have preceded us are a "step ahead" of us on the path of life. They have reached the top, while we still find ourselves on the path of life. They have turned the corner, while we are still on the straight and narrow. Death, therefore, is not the end of everything, but the beginning of a new life for which we are and have been preparing ourselves for quite some time. Commemorating the dead, then, is not only a "remembrance" of those who are no longer present, but a bridge that awaits us at the end of our lives and that will lead us to the other shore to which we are all destined. It's a help so we do not let ourselves drown when life is overwhelming, forgetting that everything passes, while only God remains.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

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