

November 1, 2009: All Saints



“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
...Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.”
— Mt 5:3, 9
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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, November 1, All Saints (Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a)

8:00 am- Julius Olsovsky
10:30 am- For Our Parish Family

Monday, November 2, All Souls (Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11)

7:00 am- Edna Neumeyer
10:00 am- All Souls Novena (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, November 3, St. Martin de Porres (Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24)

7:00 am- All Souls Novena
6:30 pm- K.C.'s & Catholic Daughters Memorial Mass

Wednesday, November 4, St. Charles Borromeo (Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33)

7:00 am- Thomas & Rosie Tousek
8:05 am- All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 5 (Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10)

7:00 am- Lorene Fuller
10:00 am- All Souls Novena (Stevens)

Friday, November 6 (Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8)

7:00 am- All Souls Novena
8:05 am- Living & deceased members of John & Emily Patlovany Family

Saturday, November 7 (Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15)

12:30 pm- SHCS Memorial Mass
5:30 pm- All Souls Novena

Sunday, Nov. 8 (1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44)

8:00 am- James Smokey Appelt
10:30 am- All Souls Novena



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Anniversaries:

Daniel & Dorothy Rother 52 years Nov. 5
Johnnie & Alene Steffek 53 years Nov. 7

Flowers at the Altar of Sacrifice in memory of Tyler Bludau by Steve, Renee & Christa Bludau.

Visitation & blessing of graves for All Souls Day:

St. John: Sunday, November 1 after 9:30 am Mass.

St. Mary: Sunday, November 1 at 8:15 am.

Sacred Heart: Sunday, November 1 at 3:00 pm & Monday, November 2 at 8:15 am.

St. Augustine, Worthing: Sunday, Nov. 1 at 3:45 pm.

St. Anthony, Witting/Breslau: Sun., Nov. 1 at 4:30 pm.

St. Ludmila, Wied: Sunday, November 1 at 5:15 pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- JCDA meeting, 3:45 – 5:00 p.m., Family Center.
- KC's Annual Deer Hunters Stag Supper, KC Hall. \$12 entry fee includes food & drinks. Doors open 5:30 p.m.
- Rosary & evening prayer, 5:30 p.m. in church.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., KC Hall of Fame Room.
- RCIA Class, 7:00 p.m., Family Center.
- Women's ACTS, 7:00 p.m., Sweet Home Parish Hall.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- CCD: Grades K – 11th, 6:00 – 7:10 p.m.
- Spiritual Book Study will not meet this week.
- SHCS Booster Club Mtg, 7:30 p.m., KC Hall.
- Divine Mercy Prayers, 7:30 p.m., Church Cry Room.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- Christian Mothers meeting, 6:00 p.m., Mary's House.
- First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 6:00 p.m. in church. The intention this month is for *the poor souls in purgatory*.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends with Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- Serra Club Mass, St. Mary's, Hallettsville, 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- Firefall, 6:00 p.m. in church. Parishioners are invited to join the youth in Eucharistic adoration.
- Our Lady of Lourdes Fall Festival, Victoria Com. Ctr. Turkey & Dressing Lunch 11 am. Auction, games, etc.

AMONG OUR SICK: Hubert Grahmann, Alvin Rosenauer, Odessa & Doug Blumberg, Josie Ohnheiser, Mason Leibham, Riley Mika, Mary Bonorden, Annette Krupala, Anthony Corte, Amanda Conniff, Margaret Timm, Helen M. Appelt, Mary Kaiser, Michael Kutac, Rosalie Simpson, Ed Aulick, Paige Haas, Anita Kallus, Hubert Etzler, Jeff Zavesky, Renae Ross, Alma Jurena, Kate Kopecky, Michael L. Drozd, Bill Biehunko, Lindal Finley, Frank Fishar, Pam Dornak, Clayton Patek, Suzanne Romano, Mary Agnes Grahmann, Raymond Dornak, Alice Kocian, Anita Bohuslav, Betty Toman, MacKenzie Fogle, Henri Mae Patek, Louise Pesek, Doyleen Drozd, Bryce Saldi, Travis Klimitchek, Judith Koerth, Thelma Mikulenka, Louise Tesch, Sharon Grahmann, Sandra Henneke, Mary Ann Koenig, Ronald Kanak, Marcella Henke, Helen Mitchon, Tillie Schott, Robert Vasek, Georgia Schaefer, Geraline Morgenroth, Joseph Ilardo, Anthony Petru, Gus Werner, Dennis Appelt, nursing home residents & homebound.

JCDA meeting on Monday, Nov. 2, 3:45–5 pm, Family Center. We will go to the SH Cemetery to clean abandoned graves. The girls may bring flowers to place on them. Signed permission slips are required in order to attend. Call Shanna Clark 798-9189 or Amy Shimek 798-9116.

Bulletin & radio broadcast sponsors are needed. Please come by the Rectory if you are able to be a sponsor.

From the Desk of Father John

Today we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. We pray to all those who have died and have gone to heaven. We pray in thanksgiving for their lives and pray for their intercession in our lives today.

Tomorrow, November 2, we celebrate All Souls Day. We pray for all who have died, especially those most in need of prayer. We pray, we place flowers on the graves of our loved ones and we remember them.

This weekend, we remember those of our parish who have died this past year by lighting a candle for each one of them.

During the month of November, we also have a book in the foyer of the church in which you can place the name of deceased family and friends.



The Youth ConneXion



November 8: Firefall at 6:00 p.m. in church. Youth gathering in the Youth House after Firefall.

Reminder: The youth are selling discount cards to various local businesses. These may be purchased for \$10 from any youth attending NCYC or at the Rectory.

Thank you to everyone who supported the youth bake sale last weekend. Thanks, also, to James & Linda Rodgers for their donation to the Youth House. Your generosity & support of our youth is greatly appreciated!

Music Practice: Mondays, 4:00–5:30 pm, Youth House.

October Baptisms: Ava Faith, daughter of Jimmy & Debra Rodriguez; Brian Wayne, son of Brian & Maria Goodman, Sr.; Macie Faith, daughter of Kevin & Lara Haas; & Kaden Gilbert, son of Jeremy & Karen Neskora.

Welcome to the Parish: Tony & Laura Atkinson, children Emma, Dominic & Brooke; Jennifer & Jessie Lowery; Carl & Laura Blahuta; Elizabeth Fuller; Bradley & Holly Pustejovsky, children Keaton, Katelyn, Kole & Kade; Jonathan & Sandra Armstrong, children Zoey & Madeline; & Jason & Michele Etzler.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Elizabeth Alice Kleiber & Oscar Barta* of our parish family; & *Gladys Hagan*, sister of Geraldine Taylor. *May they & all the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.*

Choose Life: Perhaps true sainthood consists of accepting challenges & relying on God to rise above them. A pregnant woman pressured & confused feels abortion is the only solution. Yet in the struggle against this temptation, there is always grace to do what is right. "God will not let you be tested beyond your strength. Along with the test, He will give you a way out of it so that you may be able to endure it." (1 Cor. 10:13)

God, Creator & Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Your servants & handmaids the forgiveness of all their sins. Through our devout prayers may they obtain the pardon which they have always desired. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Religious Education (CCD) ~~ Office 798-3124

Janice Busselman, Coordinator

Angela McConnell, Assistant

November 11: No CCD class. Teacher in-service.

November 22: 6th Grade youth involvement at 8am Mass

November 25: No CCD class (Thanksgiving holiday).

Sacred Heart Catholic School ~~ 798-4251

November 2: Rosary at Sacred Heart Cemetery, 8:15 a.m.

November 6: All classes dismiss at 2:00 p.m.

November 6: Homecoming Pep Rally begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym followed by the lighting of the letters.

November 7: Homecoming Memorial Mass, 12:30 p.m. Game kickoff at 4:30 p.m. Homecoming activities will be held at the KC Hall after the game.

November 2 – 13: Band tamale sale. Regular & jalapeno tamales \$8/dozen. Chicken tamales \$10/dozen. Call Kris Allen 979-758-1758, Tim Hines 798-5554, Laurie Janak 798-4361, Becky McElroy 798-2831, or school office. Delivery date is November 18.

All Saints

In a few weeks, we'll be sitting down to a meal and giving thanks for all of our blessings. Some of us may even spend the day at a shelter, preparing dinner for the homeless, and this is a good thing. But we would do well to remember that these shelters are open every day of the year, and just like on a Thursday in November, a meal must be prepared every afternoon. There are those among us who regularly schedule a day or two a week to serve or prepare these meals. They don't do it for recognition or self-fulfillment; they do it because it must be done. They often do such things in total anonymity; they are truly saints of today.

Today's Gospel reading from Matthew is Jesus' gift of the beatitudes. They are gifts because the word beatitude means happiness or blessedness. In detailing those who would receive such a gift, Jesus is revealing who really are saints among us: the poor in spirit, the sad, the meek, the hungry and thirsty, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers, and the persecuted. Each of these saints desires joy and happiness for all they encounter. In all needs, we find blessedness in Jesus Christ.

We are taught in the Catechism of the Catholic Church that the church is "a communion of saints." This expression is defined first and foremost in the Eucharist, by which the faithful are united in one body. It also refers to all who have suffered in the name of Christ to better our lives (CCC 960-961). Today is the feast of All Saints, in which we recognize and give thanks for those who have gone before us preserving and promoting Christianity, some having paid the ultimate sacrifice for their beliefs. We are called to be saints for today. Will we answer?

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One Minute Meditations

All Saints Day

In the early Church, each saint and martyr had a feast day. Later persecution of Christians created so many martyrs that there weren't enough days on the calendar for individual commemorations. Eventually Pope Gregory IV designated Nov. 1 as All Saints Day.

All Souls Day

Names of those who died were posted in the early days of the Church so that they could be remembered in prayer. In the 11th century, the Cluniac monasteries, the Benedictines and Carthusians all started commemorating the Feast of All Souls on Nov. 2, the day after All Saints Day. Now the entire Church remembers all the dead on this day, especially our loved ones and souls in Purgatory.

Advent is coming

On November 29th, we start a new liturgical year and begin the season of Advent. We get ready by going to Confession, trying for greater holiness, and counting down the days until our Savior comes.



Be not afraid

When someone we love is dying, our emotions collide. We want to help, but don't know what to do. We want to offer comfort, but can be overwhelmed with grief. Yet, helping others transition from this life to the next is so important, the Church made visiting the sick and burying the dead two Corporal Works of Mercy.

Here is what you can bring to a loved one who is dying:

Bring love. Jesus never turned away from the sick and dying. He always had a loving hand to comfort them and their families. Sometimes even just holding a hand or stroking a shoulder says more about love than words.

Bring attention. Ask him stories

about his life and listen carefully. Let him know how much he has inspired you. You'll treasure these moments after he is gone.

Bring comfort. Remind her how much God loves her and is waiting to

welcome her. He is kind, merciful, and forgiving.

Encourage her to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick.

Bring peace. Although someone may lose his ability to speak, he can still

hear. Pray out loud, read from scripture, or sing a favorite hymn.

Bring strength. When someone is leaving this world to enter the next, fear can be overwhelming. Remind her of Jesus' words, "Be not afraid."



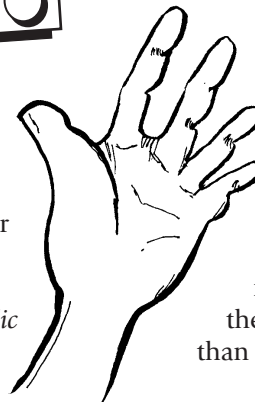
Why Do Catholics Do That?

When we die in God's friendship we know that we'll eventually go to Heaven. However, if we haven't properly atoned for certain sins, we have to be purified in Purgatory first. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls it, "a final

Why do we pray for souls in Purgatory?

cleansing of human imperfection before one is able to enter the joy of heaven."

We pray for the souls in Purgatory, especially during the month of November, to help them pass through to Heaven faster than they would on their own.



What's so great about being Catholic?

Our Mother. Mary, the mother of God, is also our mother.
It's dependable. Our religion hasn't changed since Jesus started it.

You can sing badly and no one cares. All voices are welcome in the Church.

We have a shepherd. Jesus knew we would need looking after. Pope Benedict XVI can trace his spiritual ancestry straight back to the first pope, St. Peter, who was appointed by Jesus.

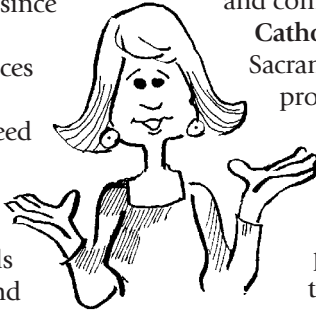
The ceremonies can't be beat. Through rituals we express devotion, hope, love, and respect. And

because we repeat them often, they bring a sense of stability and comfort.

Catholics know when our sins are forgiven. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we get to hear the priest pronounce Jesus' words of absolution and forgiveness.

We have friends in high places. The saints intercede for us and help us to get to Heaven.

Where else can you meet Jesus in the flesh?
 In the Eucharist Jesus is literally and wholly present—body and blood, soul and divinity—under the appearances of bread and wine.

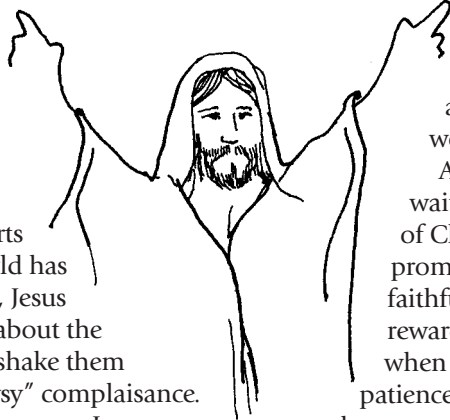


from Scripture

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36, the Advent of hope

The virtues of patience and perseverance aren't strengths for most of us. Often the concerns of daily life overshadow our pursuit of holiness. We can even get lured into sin by the comforts and pleasures the world has to offer. Knowing this, Jesus warned his followers about the end times, hoping to shake them (and us) out of "drowsy" complaisance.

Imagine the terrifying scene Jesus described – the shaking of the earth, sea, and sky and people dying of fright. In the midst of that terror, though,

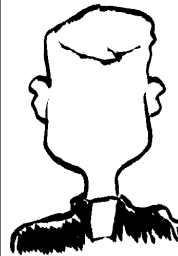


people in God's friendship will have no reason to fear. The key is, he said, to stay on guard against sin and worldly pleasure.

Advent is a time of waiting for the coming of Christ. God has promised us that if we are faithful to him, we will be rewarded. This is a time when we must pray for patience and perseverance to keep us ready for the arrival of our Savior. Then we can hold our heads high and stand confident expecting our promised reward.

Q & A What can I do about the shortage of priests?

In the Catholic Church, the number of priests increases every year. However, in the United States, Canada, and parts of Europe, fewer men are entering discernment and formation for the priesthood.



It's not that God is calling fewer men here than elsewhere. It may be that fewer act on their call due to lack of information or encouragement. Start by praying for more men to recognize their call to the priesthood.

Then, look for a Catholic who has integrity and a strong relationship with God, has an ability to work with a variety of people, and has good friends and healthy relationships. Perhaps you know someone like this who already serves the Church as an altar server, a lector, Eucharistic minister, or a teacher.

Then, tell him why you think he will make a good priest and suggest he will contact the vocation director in your diocese. Studies show that nine out of ten priests in the U.S. are happy in their ministry and would choose it again given the chance.

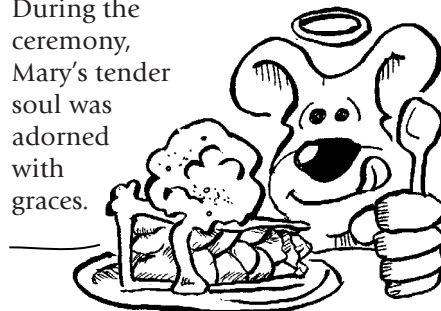
Feasts & Celebrations

November 11 – St. Martin of Tours (397). At 15, Martin became a Roman soldier, but he knew killing was wrong and he wanted to become a Christian. A beggar in France made it so. Martin saw the man cold and hungry and decided to rip in half his cloak to warm him. That night he dreamed the beggar was Jesus, wearing his cloak and surrounded by angels. Martin left the army and became a priest.

November 12 – St. Josaphat (1623). Josaphat, the first Saint of the Eastern Church, is known for his generosity toward the needy and his

instruction and teaching of the faith. He died trying to bring the Orthodox and Catholic churches back together.

November 21 – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As an infant, Mary was offered to God in the temple. It was Jewish custom to either consecrate a child to divine service or have them offered up by a priest. During the ceremony, Mary's tender soul was adorned with graces.



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