

**November 2: Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)**



"And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day."

— Jn 6:39-40

Source from the Liturgy for Holy Eucharist, 1962, 1962 CCD

**LITURGY**

**MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS**

**Sunday, November 2 (Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40)**

8:00 am- Pam Dornak

10:30 am- All Souls Novena

**Monday, November 3, St. Martin de Porres, Religious (Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14)**

7:00 am- Hubert Grahmann

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

**Tuesday, November 4, St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop (Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24)**

7:00 am- All Souls Novena

6:30 pm- Deceased members of Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters (Rosary 6:10 pm)

**Wednesday, November 5 (Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33)**

7:00 am- All Souls Novena

8:05 am- Joe, Rosie and Thomas Lala

**Thursday, November 6 (Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10)**

7:00 am- Robert and Rosa Helmcamp

10:00 am- All Souls Novena (Stevens)

**Friday, November 7 (Phil 3:17--4:1/Lk 16:1-8)**

7:00 am- Robert and Vickie Klmitchek

8:05 am- All Souls Novena

**Saturday, November 8 (Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15)**

5:30 pm- All Souls Novena

**Sunday, Nov. 9, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22)**

8:00 am- Heddy Pustejovsky, and Julius and Annie Pustejovsky

10:30 am- All Souls Novena

**Bulletin Sponsor:** In memory of Henry Jalufka.

**Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** In memory of Leo & Dorothy Bludau by their family.

**Vigil Light:** Special intention for rain.

**Flowers** at the Eucharistic Altar are in memory of Rosie Bludau by the Laurence & Carol Bludau Family.

**Our Gift to God:** Envelopes-\$4,824.50; Manna-\$1,262; Catholic Ed.-\$2,599; World Missions-\$30; Loose-\$1,298; Children-\$82.

**Perpetual Adoration:** Adorers are needed at 5:00 p.m. on Mondays and 4:00 p.m. on Fridays. If you are able to spend an hour with Our Lord in prayer and adoration, please call Charlene Bradbury at 798-3224.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

-Rosary & Evening Praise, 5:30 p.m., Church.

-Patriotic Rosary for our country, 6:00 p.m., Church.

-Choir Practice for Thanksgiving & Christmas, 7:00 pm.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.

-P.I. Classes, 9:15-11:30am & 7-9:15pm, Family Center.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

-CCD: K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins 6:00 pm, Church. *November's Intention: Poor souls in Purgatory.*

-RCIA Class, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Family Center.

-Holy Hour for priestly vocations, 7:00 p.m., Church.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

-Catholic Daughters Adoration, 5:00 p.m., Church.

-First Friday Benediction, 6:00 p.m., Church.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

-KJZT #2 Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Mary's House.

-**Mandatory** Sophomore Students/Parents Confirmation Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

**Among our sick:** Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Amanda Gutierrez, Becky Pekar, Victor Vasek, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcek, Georgie Henke, Jerry Novosad, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Frances Kutach, Henry Konvicka, Sweet Hrcnr, Clorisa Hartensteiner, Betsy Brown, Ed Aulick, Marcella Henke, Frank Dornak, Isaak Chapa, Mark Henneke, Kirk Remmers, Denise Moore, Leo Haas, Jr., nursing home residents, & the homebound.

**Visiting & Blessing of Graves for All Souls Day**

**Sunday, November 2:**

St. Mary – 8:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart – 3:00 p.m.

St. Augustine, Worthing – 3:45 p.m.

St. Anthony, Witting – 4:30 p.m.

St. Ludmilla, Wied – 5:15 p.m.



**Happy Anniversary!**

Donald & Lisa Etzler	25 years	Nov. 4
Rene & Phillip Anderson	25 years	Nov. 4
Daniel & Dorothy Rother	57 years	Nov. 5
Johnnie & Alene Steffek	58 years	Nov. 7
Frank & Rita Zaruba	56 years	Nov. 8

Knights of Columbus & Catholic Daughters Memorial Mass, 6:30 pm, Nov. 4, followed by soup & sandwiches in the K.C. Hall. All deceased members will be prayed for; however, those who passed away since the last Memorial Mass will be remembered in a special way.

*From the Desk of Msgr. John*

The church bells are ringing once again. The bell system has been repaired and renovated. The bells once again automatically ring at five minutes before each weekend Mass. They also ring for the Angelus every day at 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. They are rung manually for weddings and funerals.

They have ARRIVED! This weekend we will be distributing the new Church directories. If you do not get yours this weekend, you may come by the Rectory during the week or pick it up in church next weekend. If your picture is in the directory, you get it free. If your picture is not in it and you want a directory, the cost is \$7.00.

Thank you to Linda Pavliska and those who helped her organize and work with the Church Directory.

This weekend is All Souls Day. Let us remember to pray in a special way throughout the month of November for all those who have died. Let us try to visit the graves of our loved ones and place flowers on their graves in their memory.

**CCD News ~~**

**Nov. 9:** Mandatory Sophomore & Parent Confirmation Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

**Nov. 12:** Safe Environment lessons in Elementary Grs.

**Nov. 16:** 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Youth Involvement – 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**Nov. 26:** No Class –Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Sacred Heart School News ~~**

**Nov. 5:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocation Day Field Trip to IWBS Convent, Victoria.

**Nov. 7:** Early Dismissal. K-4<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm. 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm.

**Nov. 10-14:** Safe Environment Program - 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Grs.

**Sacred Heart Youth News ~~** We thank everyone who participated in last weekend's *Trunk or Treat!* Also, our next **Youth Night** is on **November 16**.

**Christian Mothers Meeting**, 6:00 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 11, SHCS Cafeteria. Sr. Emiliana Grafe will give a program on the life & legacy of Venerable Jeanne de Matel, founder of the I.W.B.S. Sisters. Refreshments will be served.

**Training for Extraordinary Ministers** (new & current) on Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in Church.

**Training for Lectors** (new & current) on Saturday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m. in Church.

**Safe Environment Training** for new employees & volunteers, 6:45-8:45 p.m., Tuesday, November 11, **Sacred Heart School Band Hall**.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Fall Festival**, Victoria Community Center, November 9. Turkey & Dressing Dinner-\$8. Serving begins 11am. Auction 12:30pm. Silent Auction 10am-3pm. Country Store, raffle, booths and games for entire family.

**The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed –**

"I will not reject anyone who comes to me." Today, as we remember the faithful departed, we can rejoice in these words from Jesus. He promises that He will welcome those who come to Him.



He is so anxious to embrace us! As the catechism puts it, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation" (CCC 1030).

Jesus' whole message here is important. Eternal salvation is available to all, but it does involve a level of participation on our part. "Everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life," Jesus says in today's Gospel. When it's authentic, of course, this belief is more than mere lip service. Understanding that Jesus is our savior and our God is one thing. Coming to Him is another; it takes belief to the next level of personal commitment. This involves choices, decisions, and actions. Coming to Jesus means being near Him-through a spiritual life that involves a real relationship with Him-as well as being focused on Him by charting our life's course in the light of faith. This is what we strive to do during the ups and downs of this life.

But it isn't always easy. Even as faithful Christians we often fall short of perfect cooperation with God. But this is not cause for despair! Today we remember that even Christians who die still "imperfectly purified" can ultimately share the blessing of heaven. We pray for these souls in purgatory to come closer and closer to perfect union with the Lord. And meanwhile, we strive to increase our own union with Christ in the hopes of sharing eternity with Him and with the whole communion of saints, including our loved ones who have gone before us in faith.

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**Please pray for the blessing of beneficial rainfall!**



*Heavenly Father, We believe that it is You Who created our world with all of its beauty and life. We believe that it is You Who put into place the systems of nature that sustain, nurture and renew this work of Your hands. We believe that it is You Who hears Your children when they call upon You. Hear then, this prayer which comes from a heart filled with confidence and trust. Grant to us and to all who seek it, the gift of a bountiful rain. Water our lands so that they may once again spring to life and reflect the beauty of Your creation. Fill our lakes and rivers with sufficient rain so that they may continue to provide life giving and refreshing water to all who depend upon it for their livelihood and well-being. Please do not let many more days pass without sending us this most needed blessing of rain. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.*

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Andrew Dung-Lac

St. Andrew could also be the patron of the

persecuted. In 1785,

he was born in Vietnam to a poor family.

He converted, and became a Catholic priest

assigned to the missions. He

was swept up in the terrible religious persecution of the emperor, Minh-Meng. St.

Andrew and his companions

were arrested and tortured to

force them to renounce their

faith. They refused and were

martyred. Today, such religious

persecution continues in many

parts of the world.

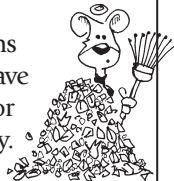


### Catholic Guilt

Popular culture often refers negatively to "Catholic guilt," implying that Catholics are weighed down by an unfortunate awareness of having done wrong. Sincerely acknowledging true guilt is the first step toward forgiveness.

### God, the Partner

When David faced insurmountable odds against the Philistines, he turned to God for help. He asked if he should fight, he followed instructions carefully, and he gave God credit for his victory.



## Stewardship is giving thanks

For many Catholics, we think seriously about stewardship when our parish or diocese raises money but real stewardship is about becoming more fulfilled and having a greater sense of purpose. It is giving back to God in gratitude for his gifts. And while it's not just about money, good stewards have all the money they need.

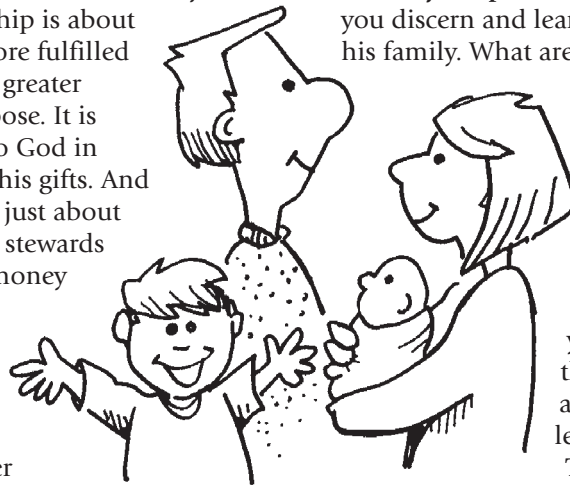
God's family comes first. All families come together in love to care for each other, enjoy each other, and support each other. In God's family, we come together in his love to care for each other, enjoy each other, and support each other. As good stewards, we meet the needs of God's family first, before

we spend time or money on anything else.

**Find your place.** Ask God to help you discern and learn your place in his family. What are you to do with your gifts?

**Take your seat at the table.** Find out where you can put your talents to work in your parish. Talk with your pastor, with the rectory staff, and with parish leaders.

**Think before spending.** Before you commit your time or money to any purpose, make sure you have taken care of the needs of God's family first. Everything we have and everything we are comes from God. He deserves the best we have to give in return.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics offer Masses for the dead?

Judas Maccabee ordered prayers and sacrifices for Jewish soldiers who died in sin (2 Maccabees 12:38-46). St. Paul prayed for Onesiphorus after his death (2 Timothy 1:18). Catholics believe that prayers and sacrifices benefit the dead.



When we die in God's friendship we eventually go to Heaven, but if we haven't properly atoned for certain sins we have to be purified in Purgatory first. We pray for the souls in Purgatory to help them pass through faster than they would otherwise.

## The Catholic plan for world peace

Our world is often turbulent but the Church believes a just and fair world is possible when seven key principles are embraced:

**Life and dignity of the human person:** We were created in God's image, therefore all life is sacred. This belief is the foundation for a just world.

**Call to family, community, and participation:** People have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking the well-being of all.

**Rights and Responsibilities:** Everyone has a right to life and to what is necessary for human decency.



**Option for the poor and vulnerable:** We are to treat as urgent the needs of the poor and vulnerable.

**Dignity of work and workers:** The worker has a right to productive work, to decent and fair wages and to the protection of basic rights.

**Solidarity:** We are one human family. We are to love our neighbors as brothers and sisters and work for justice and peace everywhere.

**Care for God's creation:** We show our love for God by protecting his creation.

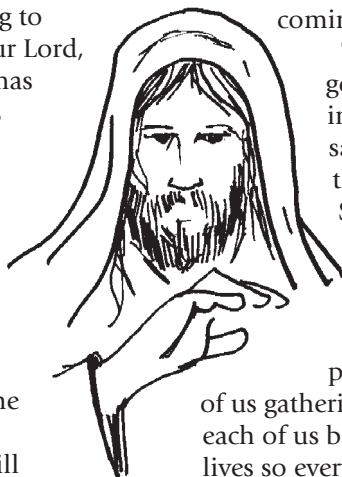
### from Scripture

#### Mark 13:33-37, Be watchful, be alert

This gospel is from the first Sunday of Advent. We are preparing to celebrate the birth of Our Lord, his first coming. Christmas is a time of joy, for Jesus came to us in human form to redeem us from our sins.

But Advent is a time for us to prepare for when Jesus comes again.

In the Creed we say, "...he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." We don't know when this will happen. It could be tomorrow; it will certainly be when we die. Jesus' message



is to be watchful and alert for his coming.

To be watchful involves getting our individual lives in order. Christ gave us the sacraments so we can do this, especially the Sacrament of Penance. Being in a state of grace means we are prepared to meet Jesus.

However, this preparation involves each of us gathering the harvest. It means each of us being a missionary in our lives so everyone may come to know and love the Lord when they come face to face with God.

### Q & A

#### Why does God make us suffer?

When the disciples asked Jesus whose sin resulted in a particular man being



born blind, Jesus replied, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible

through him" (John 9:2-3). God doesn't send it, but he uses our suffering to draw us to him.

Suffering comes from living in a world made imperfect by sin. Jesus points out that God doesn't want our needless suffering and will help us through it. "Which one of you would hand his son a stone when he asks for a loaf of bread, or a snake when he asks for a fish? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him" (Matthew 7:9-11)? And he leaves in his wake a trail of discarded crutches, bandages, and bonds to prove it.

### Feasts & Celebrations

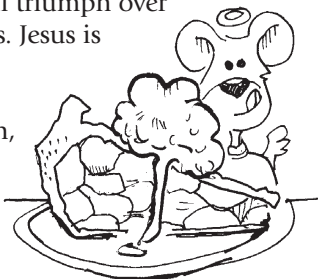
The first day of Advent falls on Nov. 30 this year and begins a new year in the Church calendar (Cycle B). The Advent wreath is lit in households all over the world as we anticipate the birth of our Lord.

**Nov. 1 – All Saints Day.** In the early Church, each saint and martyr was assigned a feast day. However, the persecution of the Christians became so great that there weren't enough days in the calendar for individual commemorations. Eventually Pope Gregory IV designated Nov. 1 as All

Saints Day.

**Nov. 2 – All Souls Day.** This is a day when we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven faster.

**Nov. 23 – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King.** A solemnity that commemorates Our Father's promise to his people of a king who will triumph over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under his kingship.



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