



The souls of the
righteous are in
the hand of God,
and no torment
shall touch them....
[T]hey are in peace.

WISDOM 3:1, 3

The Great Halloween Mistress

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One Halloween, the lady who lived in the big white house down the block gave out bottles of Coke for trick-or-treat. Not 6-ouncers, not 10-ouncers, but 12-ouncers! I remember going up to her door like we did at every other house, stomping up the steps, ringing the bell and waiting, then yelling, “Trick or treat!” for a piece of penny candy as the door opened. Instead, our eyes widened with disbelief as we gasped, “Wow! A bottle of Coke! Gee, thanks a lot.” I remember her smile and the look of delight in her eyes at making some scraggly neighborhood kids so excited. Before long, word got out among that night’s goblins and saints. Kids I had never seen before, kids from neighboring communities, all came streaming in, and she gave each of them a bottle of Coke. To me, it was unbelievable—such generosity. That year, nobody

dared “trick” her house. We made sure. Among us kids, such generosity did not go unrewarded.

On All Souls’ Day, we remember those who have died, and we remember them with an awareness of the need we all have for God’s mercy. Sometimes, I think that God is like that woman who lived in the big white house down the block. God is the Great Halloween Mistress. We come to her, armed with our tricks to get what we want, and she disarms us with her unbelievable generosity—the greatest “treater” of all time. God gives us everything undeserved—the most generous treats ever, all year round. ●

Reflect

What experiences of God’s generous blessings have I known? Have I taken any for granted?

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Holy Mass Schedule: May God Bless You

Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.: Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday & 1st Saturday

Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.: Wednesday

Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 pm.: Saturday

Confession 3:00 p.m.: 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.

30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary

For more information, please contact the Church Office.

Sacraments

ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST!

The Sacrament of reconciliation is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

The Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

The Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.

PARISH MINISTRIES

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here.

Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register

by completing a registration form, then kindly

return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let

us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and

service to our neighbors. R.C.I.A. Adult Education.

Saturday/ November 1st – All Saints Day

First Saturday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : All the Kootz's Godchildren
by Buddy and Anne Kootz

Confessions after Holy Mass

4 p.m. Holy Mass : Faye Lassiter †
by Kent and Mary Schultz

*2nd Collection is for the Maintenance Fund

*Food Pantry Collection

Sunday/ November 2nd – All Souls Day

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Al Czech †
by Tom and JoAnn Helfert

*2nd Collection is for the Maintenance Fund

Magnificat Breakfast after Holy Mass today

*Food Pantry Collection

**Bingo doors open at noon games start at 1pm

Monday/ November 3rd – St Martin de Porres

9 a.m. Holy Mass: O'Donnell Family
by Patrick and Linda O'Donnell

Tuesday/November 4th – Saint Charles Borromeo

No Holy Mass

Wednesday /November 5th –

6 p.m. Holy Mass : Dorothy Mikolajek †
by Dennis and Jacqueline Malone

Youth group kickoff after Holy Mass

Thursday / November 6th –

9 a.m. Holy Mass : O'Donnell Family
by Patrick and Linda O'Donnell

*Our Lady of Sorrows prayer group after Holy Mass

**BINGO doors open at 5 pm games start at 6 pm

Friday/ November 7th – First Friday

9 a.m. Holy Mass: O'Donnell Family
by Patrick and Linda O'Donnell

Confessions after Holy Mass

Saturday/ November 8th –

4 p.m. Holy Mass : O'Donnell Family
by Patrick and Linda O'Donnell

*2nd Collection is for Christmas Flowers

**Sunday/ November 9th– The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica**

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Dale Lofquist †
by Tom and Joann Helfert

2nd Collection is for Christmas Flowers

KC Big Breakfast after Holy Mass today*

Thought
for the week

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Nov.2nd

**The
Feast
Of
All
Souls
Day**

R.I.P



"Indeed 🙏🙏🙏
for your faithful, Lord,
life is changed not
ended, 🙌🙌
and, when this earthly
dwelling turns to dust,
an eternal dwelling is
made ready for them in
heaven." 🙏🙏🙏🙏
(Cf. 2.Cor.5:14)

🙏 Wishing you a Blessed Week 🙏



Collection Report

October 25th and 26th, 2025

Main Collection : \$

World Mission Sunday : \$

Many thanks to you for your sacrificial giving!

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?



ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration

Friday 5 pm to 6 pm

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Altar Flowers this week are generously
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Tabernacle Roses this week are generously
provided by: **Mary Jack** in memory
of **Sue Hoppe**

Our Father,

Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as
it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us; and lead us not
into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Amen



Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg,
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Kristene Bates and Josephine Gregory.



Our Lady of Sorrows Prayer Group

Please, join us for a short prayer session invoking St. Monica and Our Lady of Sorrows to bring our loved ones back into the arms of Holy Mother Church. We will meet for about 10 minutes on 1st Thursday of every month after the 9 am Holy Mass in the Library. Starts November 6, 2025. Please contact Anne Kootz 870-847-1985 for more information.

KC BIG BREAKFAST

Join them downstairs after Holy Mass on Sunday November 9th. The Knights help our church in so many ways. Please, support them as they support us! Tickets are available at the door.

Thank you !

Thank you to our **Compassion Ministry** for all you do here for all the families at our church. Also, to all who helped prepare and brought sides and desserts for Ariela Wege's funeral luncheon. Along with everyone who helped with the clean up afterwards. Blessings ~

We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!



November 3rd – Mary McHugh



November 6th – Kevin Langellier



We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!



November 1st – Daniel and Donna Sandefer
20 years



November 10th – David and Sonia Larson
60 years

****if we miss your birthday or anniversary please let the office know so we can correct our records.**

As we enter Heaven, WE will see them, So many of them, Coming towards Us.

We will ask Who They are and They will say, "A Poor Soul you prayed for in Purgatory,"
-Blessed Archbishop. Fulton J Sheen,

Plenary Indulgence for the Faithful Departed

During the Octave of All Saints (Nov. 1st thru Nov. 8th)

The church gives us special opportunity to gain indulgences for our departed loved ones.

A Plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, Can only be obtained by:

On any and each day from November 1st to the 8th, devoutly visit a cemetery

(Or Our Columbarium) and pray, even if only mentally, for the faithful departed

OR

On All Souls Day, devoutly visit a **church or oratory {Chapel}** and recite an: **Our Father and Creed.**

It is also necessary to fulfill the following conditions for the plenary indulgence:

1. Make a sacramental confession within one week.
2. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the indulgence.
3. 3. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (i.e. One Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

Our Lord promised St. Gertrude 1,000 souls would be released from purgatory each time this prayer is said devoutly:

"Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of Your 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, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen"

Eternal Rest Prayer:-

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

R. And let the perpetual light shine upon them.

**And may the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

Praying for the poor souls in purgatory is very important!

The Church dedicates November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. She encourages the faithful to offer prayers, indulgences, and works of penance, and or almsgiving for these suffering souls who cannot help themselves.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches:-

"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." (CCC 1030) "This teaching is also based on the practice of **prayer for the dead**, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture:- **Maccabees 12:43-45:-**

⁴³" He also took up a collection, man by man, to the amount of two thousand drachmas of silver, and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering. In doing this he acted very well and honorably, taking account of the resurrection. ⁴⁴For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. ⁴⁵But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Therefore he made atonement for the dead that they might be delivered from their sin."

"Therefore Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead that they might be delivered from their sin." (CCC 1032)

"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. **The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead:**" Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? (Job.1:4-7)

Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." (CCC 1032) --- EWTN

Special Intentions:- This is a spiritual way to honor a special occasion or remembrance of a deceased loved ones and All the Souls in Purgatory, can be offered **THE HOLY MASSES** in the month of November, and ***We can do the Corporal works of Mercy:*** Feed the Hungry, Give drink to the Thirsty, Clothe the Naked, Shelter the Homeless, Visit the Sick, Visit the Imprisoned, Bury the Dead.

*Please, see the church office for available dates to request a Special Intention said at Mass. Thank You.

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Last Monday of the month
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.



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Dear Padre,

Do we pray for the dead on All Souls' Day for what we can do for them, or for what they can do for us?

On All Souls' Day, the Church celebrates the one body in Christ that unites its members on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven. For more than a thousand years, we've commemorated this transcendent bond on the second day of November, whether at Mass, in a cemetery, or on a home altar to the faithful departed. This bond of companionship between the living and deceased is so vital to our spiritual well-being that All Souls' Day is celebrated even when November 2 falls on a Sunday.

Because Catholics are in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers, Masses, sacrifices, and works of charity can be offered up on behalf of the deceased. (See 2 Maccabees 12:38–46.) Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers on behalf of the living. Thus, our assistance to the deceased, and their intercession for us, is mutually beneficial! “A perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory, and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things” (*Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, 5; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1475, 954-955, 962). May perpetual light shine upon the souls of the faithful departed. ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday

November 3

Weekday

Rom 11:29–36

Lk 14:12–14

Tuesday

November 4

*St. Charles Borromeo,
Bishop*

Rom 12:5–16b

Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday

November 5

Weekday

Rom 13:8–10

Lk 14:25–33

Thursday

November 6

Weekday

Rom 14:7–12

Lk 15:1–10

Friday

November 7

Weekday

Rom 15:14–21

Lk 16:1–8

Saturday

November 8

Weekday

Rom 16:3–9, 16,
22–27

Lk 16:9–15

Sunday

November 9

*The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica*

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17

Jn 2:13–22



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In a world wounded by violence and conflict.... I am convinced that if we are...free from ideological and political conditioning, we can be effective in saying “no” to war and “yes” to peace, “no” to the arms race and “yes” to disarmament, “no” to an economy that impoverishes peoples and the Earth and “yes” to integral development.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 19, 2025