

November 1st – All Saints Day

“Blessed are the poor in spirit . . . they who mourn . . . the meek . . . they who hunger and thirst for righteousness . . . the merciful . . . the clean of heart . . . the peacemakers . . . they who are persecuted for the sake of justice . . .”

Matthew 5: 1-12a

“The Power and the Glory”

In Graham Green’s novel *The Power and the Glory*, a priest is about to be executed by the anti-Catholic junta ruling 19th-century Mexico. Greene describes the “whisky” priest’s last hours:

When he woke up it was dawn. He woke with a huge feeling of hope which suddenly and completely left him at the first sight of the prison yard. It was the morning of his death. He crouched on the floor with the empty brandy-flask in his hand trying to remember an Act of Contrition. “O God, I am sorry and beg pardon for all my sins . . . crucified . . . worthy of thy dreadful punishments.” He was confused, his mind was on other things: it was not the good death for which one always prayed. He caught sight of his own shadow on the cell wall; it had a look of surprise and grotesque unimportance. What a fool he had been to think that he was strong enough to stay when others fled.

What an impossible fellow I am, he thought, and how useless. I have done nothing for anybody. I might just as well have never lived . . . He felt only an immense disappointment because he had to go to God empty-handed, with nothing done at all. It seemed to him, at that moment, that it would have been quite easy to have been a saint. It would only have needed a little self-restraint and a little courage. He felt like someone who has missed happiness by seconds at an appointed place. He knew now that at the end there was only one thing that counted — to be a saint.

We don’t think of ourselves as potential saints. We can’t help but feel that the extraordinary “holiness” of the saints we read about is well beyond us and the lives we live in the times and place we live them. But sainthood is as simple as the condemned priest in Graham Greene’s novel comes to understand: the resolve not to come to God “empty-handed,” but to come before God at the end of our lives with offerings of justice and mercy, of peace-building and compassion — small and ordinary, perhaps, but all our sincerest attempts to mirror the love of God in which we were created. Today we celebrate all the saints who now dwell with God: both the heralded saints of the Church calendar and the mostly unknown saints whose presence have blessed our lives. Let our prayer this All Saints Day be that we may seek to be among their company one day, that the object and purpose of our lives is to come before God at the end not “empty-handed” but with the humble offering of a life lived in the spirit of the Beatitudes.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.

To Register, please call the office Monday to Friday between 9 am and 1 pm.

Reconciliation:

By request

Mass During the Week:

Tue, Wed, & Thu at 7 p.m. and Fri at 10 a.m.

Daily mass is cancelled any day in which there is a Funeral Mass or schools are closed due to weather.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Discontinued until further notice.

Marriages:

Six months’ notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

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October 25th, 2020

Regular Sunday	\$1339.00
Building Fund	120.00
World Mission Sunday	40.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
St. Vincent de Paul	300.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue. 7pm	Late Gus & Irene Rumboldt
Wed. 7pm	Special Intention
Thu. 7pm	Late Fletcher & Sarah Ann Joyce
Fri. 10am	NO MASS
Sat. 4:30pm	Late Basil Donahue
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

READERS

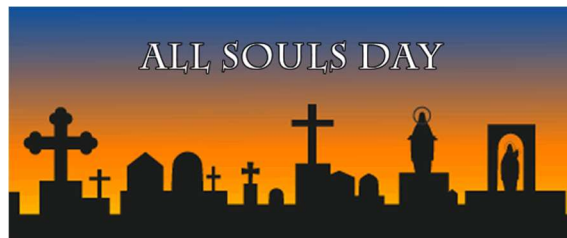
Saturday	Linda Tarbett
Sunday	Victoria Murphy

FACE MASKS: You must wear facemasks when entering, leaving, and moving about the church. It may be removed if you are seated and able to maintain 2m distancing.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: Our Annual Mass of Remembrance will take place on Thursday, November 12th at 7pm. Family members of persons whose funerals we have celebrated since November last year will be contacted and offered special roles in the mass of that day. If you have had family members / friends who have died within this last year, and whose funeral / burial has taken place outside this parish, please contact the parish office if you want their names included at that mass.

HOLY FATHERS INTENTIONS FOR

NOVEMBER: We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life



ALL SOULS DAY: All Souls Day, November 2, is a day to pray for the souls of our faithful departed. Envelopes are available in our church for parishioners to list the names of their family members and friends who they would like remembered. Throughout the month of November there will be masses in commemoration of All Souls and the persons you have named will be prayed for in our petitions.

FEAST OF ST MARTIN DE PORRES -

NOVEMBER 3rd: Martin spent his life doing as Jesus taught - caring for the sick, the poor, and the slaves in Peru. His life provides us with an example of social justice. Catholic Social Teaching - rooted both in the Hebrew prophets who announced God's special love for the poor as well as in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ - helps us understand who we are and how we are called to live in community with one another. The Church's social doctrines touch upon seven core themes: life and dignity of the human person; call to family; community and participation; rights responsibilities; option for the poor and vulnerable; the dignity of work and the rights of workers; solidarity and care for God's creation. There is a good video on YouTube called The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching that explains each theme

A SPECIAL REQUIEM MASS: Bishop Bart will celebrate this special mass at the Cathedral on Monday, All Souls Day, November 2nd at 7:00 pm. This mass will be for all those who lost their lives due to the pandemic. For those who are not able to attend, please join him by praying the rosary at that time.

LADIES GROUP FUNDRAISER: Since Covid has put a stop to all our fundraising activities, we have come up with the following idea to help support our parish. "BINGO DRAW" Our regular donors will be called each month, but all parishioners are welcome to participate. Those who give a donation of at least \$10.00 will have a chance to win 10% of the total donations collected for the month. Every \$10 donation will equal one ticket in the draw i.e. if you donate \$20 your name will be in twice. Donations must be in by the third week of each month. Put your donations in an envelope marked BINGO, include your name, and drop in collection, Father Jim's mailbox, or give to any member of the ladies group. **WINNER DRAWN ON OCTOBER 25 – Mike Leonard. Prize; \$ 50.50. Congratulations!!!**

HOME RELIGION PROGRAM – Sacred Heart

Parish: Thank you to Julia Hackett Miles who has undertaken this ministry. She has been in touch with many of the families involved in Sacramental Preparation and has begun the appropriate programs. Please contact the parish office if your child should be included but has not been contacted yet. By bringing your children and grandchildren to mass, you will help them in the formation of their faith.

BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION: Continues this Sunday at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: The annual Development and Peace pledge usually held in March was not promoted this year as the pandemic caused a disruption to this appeal. November 7th and 8th we are asking you to donate to Development and Peace using the Blue envelope provided in your box of envelopes or use a regular envelope and put your name and envelope number on it and drop it in the collection

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

ENDS: On Sunday, November 1, 2020.



FLU SHOTS: Western Health is advising that the influenza vaccine (flu shot) is now available to residents at no cost. Appointments will be required in order to ensure physical distancing and to avoid long wait times. Appointments can be booked online through Health Myself or by calling 1-833-951-3904 (toll free). All appointments need to be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance. Walk in appointments are not available. Everyone will be screened for symptoms in the entrance and required to wear a mask. Due to the need for physical distancing, individuals are not able to enter the clinic waiting area until 10 minutes prior to their scheduled appointment. Individuals are asked to bring their MCP card and wear short sleeves when they go to get their flu shot.

