

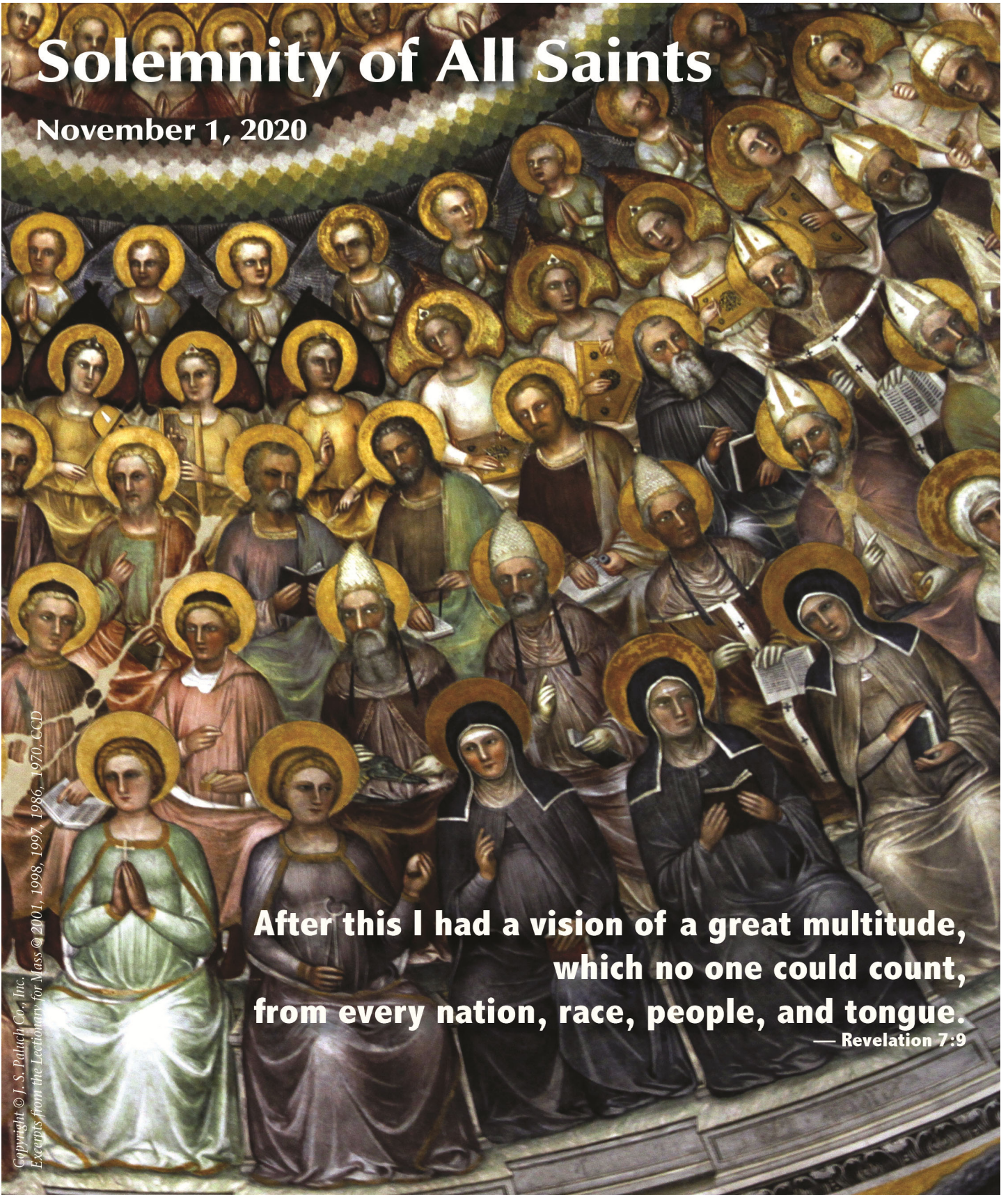


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Solemnity of All Saints

November 1, 2020



**After this I had a vision of a great multitude,
which no one could count,
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.**

— Revelation 7:9

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This Week

Monday, November 2

12:PM Mass - All Souls

Tuesday, November 3

12PM Mass - Lori & Sam Costy (D)

Wednesday, November 4

No Daily Mass

Thursday, November 5

12PM Mass - Joan & Gene Hanratty (L)

Friday, November 6

12PM Mass - Richard Schulz (D)

Saturday, November 7

5:30PM Mass -

Sunday, November 8

8AM Mass - Marie & Edward Rynne (L)

10:30AM* Mass - St. Therese Parishioners

*Also on Facebook (live-stream)

No Other On-site Activities

Monday, November 9

No Activities noted

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Schedule is subject to change.

Interested in joining St. Therese?

Please contact the Parish Office.

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"These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress...."

-RV 7:2-4, 9-14

This Week's Saints/Special Observances

Sunday: Solemnity of All Saints

Monday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Tuesday: Saint Martin de Porres

Wednesday: Saint Charles Borromeo

Thursday: Saint Elizabeth

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

Stewardship

Offertory	Needed	Received
October 18	\$14,000.25	\$10,885.00
October 25	\$14,000.25	\$10,060.00
October 2020	\$56,001.00	\$46,192.00
Year to Date	\$217,004.00	\$192,049.00

Today's Readings

First Reading — John's vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

Psalm — Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — By God's love, we may be called God's children (1 John 3:1-3).

Gospel — The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

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; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

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OUR HOPE AND GOD'S PROMISE

The Church uses these waning November days and darker skies as the season to remind us of the last things. Today's feast, the Solemnity of All Saints, is the centerpiece of three days that point to doctrines we proclaim each time we say the Apostles' Creed: "We believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." And while the days and our hearts may be dark, the readings today are bright with the light of faith. John's vision in the book of Revelation reveals dazzling angels and white-robed saints gathered in triumph around the throne of God. In the responsorial psalm we sing our longing to see God's face, and in the second reading John writes that we are God's children and will, in fact, see God "as he is" (1 John 3:2). This is our hope. This is God's promise. Today we celebrate the triumph of those who already gaze on the face of God. Tomorrow we cry out for mercy with those in purgatory, who, like us on earth, still long to see God's face.

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Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers were sponsored last weekend by Muriel Griffin in Memory of Muriel Brasche. Flowers are sponsored this weekend by Joan & Jean Hanratty in Honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary

If you would like to sponsor flowers, please call the Parish Office....

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SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Confessions were usually heard on Saturdays from 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM in the Reconciliation Room at the Church, and other times by appointment. Communal Services are scheduled during Advent and Lent.

Eucharistic Adoration: Usually 12:30 to 4pm on Thursdays. (Temporarily suspended. Watch bulletins and emails for re-start date.)

Baptisms: Important information can be found on our website at www.catholicwb.org/sacraments as to how to get started. Baptisms for children are scheduled no more than 2 months in advance. Adults interested in becoming Catholic should inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Anointing: Persons concerned about their health are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. (Hospital & nursing home patients should notify the Registration Department, the social worker, or Pastoral Care upon check-in.)

Marriage: Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their proposed wedding date.

Confirmation: Adults seeking Confirmation should call the Parish Office. Young people are usually confirmed in the 10th grade after two years of preparation. **Changes are in place due to COVID-19, contact the Office.**

St. Therese is a joyful and welcoming Catholic Parish, united in Christ, promoting discipleship through community, outreach and service.

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THE 10:30AM - SUNDAY MASS WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIVE-STREAMED FOR THE TIME BEING.....

IN-PERSON DAILY AND WEEKEND MASSES (STILL LIMITED ATTENDANCE)

Fr. Trent and the St. Therese staff are pleased that Daily and Weekend Masses continue (but with COVID-19 restrictions.) These Masses have very LIMITED attendance at our uniquely small location at Wrightsville Beach, and require on-line sign up via EventBrite in order to attend. (Please print your ticket and carry it to Mass.) As such, the following guidelines should be carefully reviewed:

Masses are **NOT** open to the public. You must have signed-up via EventBrite (emailed invitations will be sent via Constant Contact) and be a **current, registered parishioner** in order to attend. No Walk Ins.

There will be no congregating in the church before or after Mass. (No confession. Attendee will park and proceed directly to pew and be seated – maintaining Social Distance of at least six feet.)

We ask that all attendees be masked.

We ask all attendees to carry hand sanitizer for personal use.

Entry and Exit to the church occurs through one door only.

During Mass there is no congregational singing. (Hymnals are removed.) Place any collection envelopes in designated basket upon entry/exit.

The Sign of the Peace is modified.

During Communion, please remain in your pew until a spot is available. (The ushers will designate.)

Communion is distributed the hand only. (Recipient should have washed or sanitized hands prior.)

Recreational parkers must exit at least one hour prior to daily Mass time and two hours prior to weekend Masses.

There is no access to any other buildings on the St. Therese campus, at this time, including the Parish Hall.

At the conclusion of Mass, we ask that you proceed directly to your vehicle and exit the lot.

Rules and guidelines are subject to change rapidly based upon guidance we receive from the Diocese, and government entities.

Daily Masses are available (25 attendees only) and weekend Masses (35 attendees only) .

Remember: Any public contact presumes a health risk during this time, so plan accordingly.

You should NOT sign up to attend a Mass in person if:

You have a fever, or are sneezing, coughing, or unwell in any way.

You have health conditions which would make you more susceptible to becoming ill.

You require frequent restroom use.

You don't have a face-mask or hand sanitizer.

You fall into one of CDC risk categories.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>

Online, live-streamed Mass via Facebook will continue to be available at 10:30AM on Sundays for the foreseeable future. The Bishop continues to waive the Sunday Mass obligation. The COVID-19 situation is in flux, so please be patient with any challenges, frustrations, and last-minute cancellations. (Please do not expect "business as usual" during this unprecedented time.)

Questions? Please call the Parish Office 910.256.2471

SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES (1579 - 1639)

An old illustration pictures Martin de Porres, finger to his lips—"Shhhh!"—as several mice peek out of sacristy vestment drawers, preparing to join a rodent "procession" following him out of church! Martin's rescue of these unwelcome guests, and statues depicting him, broom in hand, feeding a dog, cat, bird, and mouse from the same dish symbolize his life and sanctity. Initially denied entrance by the Dominicans because of his mixed race (Spanish father, Panamanian mother), Martin cherished society's marginalized. For him, menial tasks, lovingly done, were sacred. Great and lowly alike feasted on his charity. Enemies were reconciled by this "poor mulatto" (his self-description), kind even to those whose racism demeaned him. Apprenticed to a surgeon-barber in his youth—thus patron saint of hair stylists and public health providers—Martin dispensed healing and dignity to Lima's poorest, serving in them the Christ he adored for hours in the Blessed Sacrament. By the time he died, all Peru called him Martin the Charitable, a title even those of us who will never be called "saint" might still aspire to.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Christmas Toy Drive will take place Nov 14/15 & Nov 21/22. The collection will be modified this year to "\$20 gift cards only." A drop box will be available in the Courtyard on the weekends noted.

Questions? Call Carol Wagner or the Parish Office

All Souls' Day

Monday, November 2

12:00PM Noon Mass

[sign up online from the emailed invitation]

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Men - start your weekend off right!

Saturdays at 7:30a.m.

Join other men of St. Therese on Saturday mornings in the Parish Hall for coffee, bagels, and candid conversation about how we can become better Catholic men.

We read and discuss scripture, but most of the time spent together consists of open dialogue about how these readings relate to real events in our lives. We are fortunate to have our faith to guide us. Meeting like this helps our faith to stay strong and to grow.

On-site meetings are temporarily postponed; for online meeting inquiries or other locations, email: jim@gibson-consultants.com

Please Pray for Those Who Are Sick...

Bill Allen, Jeanne Ashey, Virginia Baker, Todd Baumgartner, Nicole Birt, L. Black, Shealyn Breen, Chuck Brown, Silas Brown, Matthew Burns, Caroline Ciocca, Carla Clark, Jeanne Davis, Maureen Donnelly, Ashley Eason, Caleb Emmons, Bob Farris, Charlie Pat Farris, Vivian Feldman, Andy Fisher, Gerry Geist, Angela Gittings, The Griffin Family, Ron Gunther, Elizabeth Hagan, Claudia Hamilton, Rosemary Heath, Velma Herbulock, Debby Hester, Anne & Ed Hyer, Craig Hoffman, Frank Kohn, Isabella Kolcun, Marie Korlacki, Tom Kreamer, Ray Kress, Cheryl Lee, Fr. Doug Lawson, Ray Liddy, Aubrey Lueck, Cecilia Mahoney, Dawn Mak, Sandra Malfa, Linda McCall, Terry McGiverin, Paul McLaughlin, Michele Milkiewicz, Patricia Moore, Toni Meunier, Nicole Myers, Rosie Norris, Bob and Young-Ok O'Toole, Gregory O'Toole, Sharon Parmenter, Debbi Pollock, Peter Pruum, Marissa Rhyne, Nancy Ronne, Rich Ronne, Grace Root, Garry Rust, Heather Cunningham Rynne, Bill Sackley, Charlie Sarracino, James Saxe, Cheryl Schmitter, David Scullin, Denise Shannon, Diane Sheedy, Melanie Smith, Eugene Spagnoli, Bob Sparrow, Baby Stella Spratt, Nora Stamper, Irene Stein, Cynthia Sullivan, Joanne Tineille, Anneliese Todd, Hailey Tucker, Donna Tumolo, Ben Van Pilsun, Nancy Weicht, Lyne Welch, Keith West, Phil Williams, Alyce Wolfe

(Please contact the Parish Office if names should be added or removed from this list.)

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development addresses the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education. Grants are awarded by the Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development with the approval of local bishops. A second collection will be taken up at all Masses the weekend of November 21 - 22.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP:

If you are interested in sponsoring in Memory of or In Honor of someone (or of a milestone event, such as an anniversary) please contact the Parish Office. (No flowers during Advent. They resume Jan. 2 & 3, 2021)

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Diocese Completes School Feasibility Research

In 2018 the Diocese of Raleigh began a series of studies to explore the feasibility of expanding Catholic high school options across Eastern North Carolina. In February 2020, updates on all of the regional feasibility studies for Catholic high schools were suspended as the pandemic emerged. At that time three of the four regional studies had been completed.

The current status of each regional study is as follows:

The feasibility study for the Eastern Coastal area was additionally delayed due to the 2019 hurricanes that struck the area and with the present public health crisis, the feasibility study for this region remains postponed.

The feasibility studies for the Fayetteville and Wilmington areas did not continue beyond the initial research phase to the financial and/or site planning phase. The research conducted by Meitler Group in cooperation with local leaders did not identify community support sufficient to warrant moving forward to the next steps of school planning at this time.

This research project in the Durham Chapel Hill region is moving forward to the next phase. Diocese of Raleigh staff are working in conjunction with the diocesan Real Estate Committee to secure land for a potential new high school in this area and work with local government officials re: permitting, etc. In tandem with real estate procurement, additional financial and school site planning are underway to ensure that if/when a potential high school building project in this region gets formally underway, it will have the long-term financial and community support to be sustainable.

Food Pantry News

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YOU can help the poor and working-poor in our area who use the Food Pantry. The need is great and increasing.*
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(On-site drop-off of food is available at St. Joseph's Thursdays, 10AM to noon, via a drive-thru system, or LOCALLY at 38 Pelican Drive, Wrightsville Beach)

*Want to make arrangements to drop off food at Joseph's at times other than Thursday? Contact Patricia Kopchick: 518-275-9887
 Want to help here once food collection resumes at St. Therese post-Covid? Contact: Jane Yemma, jry1950@yahoo.com*

In the Hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic? If you or your loved one is hospitalized and want to receive the anointing of the sick, please tell your nurse. The nurse will get the medical clearance and will contact the chaplain, who will in turn contact Fr. Greg Anatuanya. The process goes very quickly. Father will follow all safety protocols before, during, and after the visit. *Fr. Greg is the only priest allowed in the hospital for the purpose of administering the Sacrament of the Sick.*

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