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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

3:30 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Weekdays	8:30 a.m. Spanish (Mon-Fri.)
	7:45 a.m. Vietnamese (Sat)

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

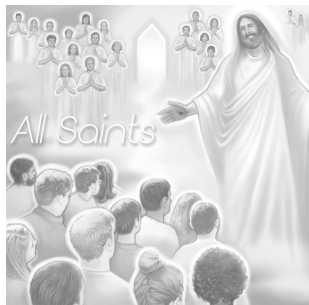
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1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. open (5 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed) 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open
SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

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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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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THE REWARD

God's enemy, Satan, does not want us to think of heaven, prepare for heaven, or long for heaven's peace. Satan wants us to forget about our connection to the Lord and live only for the glory we can find here and now. We feel that hellish pull whenever we grow tired of doing good, especially when no one appreciates or thanks us. We know the temptation to despair when we hear skeptics ridicule believers, especially if we can't point to convincing evidence that God provides for us that there is a life after this one. These shaky, uncomfortable experiences may come to us once in a while, or they may take root in our hearts and burden us for years. This is precisely why we must celebrate All Saints' Day with hearty gladness, because every single blessed soul in heaven is praying for us. The Communion of Saints is real, and the strength that Jesus sends to us through their prayers makes an actual difference in our lives. Just as we pray for one another here on earth, our big brothers and sisters in Christ continue to pray for us, inviting us to know and share the love of God.

Today we celebrate a glorious family reunion, the solemn feast that gives us a glimpse of all our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone home to God before us. When we quiet ourselves to hear the Word of God today, we recall the mystery of our salvation. We praise the Lord who saves our loved ones who have died and who promises to have mercy on us as well. The reading from Revelation amazes us with its sweeping images of countless souls basking in God's glory. The Responsorial Psalm echoes our own longing to join those saints and look on the face of God. Saint John's letter affirms our deep desire to be with God, providing robust advice about how we may realize our hope: by living purely. The familiar words of Matthew's Beatitudes show the way to purity—and to genuine happiness, now and forever.

THE MISSION

Successful organizations live by strong mission statements. All Saints' Day reminds the Church of her mission: to know the love of God on earth in order to experience the fullness of God's happiness forever in heaven. The Church herself—and each one of us, her members—can use this celebration to give thanks and to renew our commitment to evangelization. If the heart of Jesus desires to unite all souls in heaven, then we must spend time every day actively praying for and serving God's people. In our words and actions, we can pour Christ's love into the world. We can be the light of the world, reminding everyone that this life is a foretaste of what is to come.

Please visit our website for all the latest information and special Prayer Services, at: stnicholasoftolentinebronx.org and join us on Facebook, St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish

Know Your Saints

The Gospel for today's feast is always Matthew's account of the Beatitudes. At first they seem to favor the meek, the humble, the merciful. But then Jesus ends with some tough ones, aimed at those who are persecuted, insulted, and slandered. While it may sound negative, Jesus is actually giving us encouragement. We should expect to be treated harshly by unbelievers. In fact, some Christians would say that if you haven't made any enemies, you might not be a true disciple. So how do all those meek, humble, and merciful folks make enemies?

Jesus isn't telling us to make enemies, but not to be afraid if we do. An important part of our faith is the imperative to spread it. Some people do that by sharing their faith during their lunch break. Others teach formation classes to prospective Christians. Some try to bring Christian values into the legal system by advocating for the rights of the poor, the unborn, or immigrants. Some become missionaries in countries that disapprove of Christianity.

So there are many ways to spread the faith, and many types of saints who are celebrated today. Some were rejected by their families, some by their friends, and others by local government or even religious leaders. Some even gave their lives for their faith. That's what the first reading means by "washed . . . in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14).

Maybe today would be a good day to learn about your favorite saint. What made her special? How did he spread the faith? What persecution did they suffer? Perhaps you could talk about the saints with your children. What saint shares a name with your child? As St. John says in the second reading, we are all God's children (1 John 3:2). The world that did not know Jesus does not know us. As we get to know our favorite saints, their lives can inspire us to face persecution or ridicule for our faith—or at least give us the courage to talk about our faith, and maybe change someone else's life.

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Confessions are by appointment only. Please call 718-295-6800 for an appointment time.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
NOVEMBER 2, 2020

- 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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
OCTOBER 26, 2020

- Monday**
8:30am Manuel DeJesus Fernandez (D); Mercedes Agosta Martinez, Maria Rogelia Martinez Cardenas (D)
Para todos los difuntos (D)
- 7:00PM**
- Tuesday**
8:30am Roberto Cruz (D)
- Wednesday**
8:30am Gilbert Jesus Colon (D)
- Thursday**
8:30am All Souls (than nhan)
- Friday**
8:30am John the Baptist and Mary Magdalene
- Saturday**
7:45am Maria Thong (D)
7:00pm Eddy Maldonado (D); Acción de gracias a San Miguel Arcangel
- Sunday**
8:00am People of SNT
8:30am Bienvenido Bourdierd (D); Olga Baquerizo (D)
11:30am Teofilo Martinez (D)
1:30pm Cac Linh hon an nhan
3:30pm All souls

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