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The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

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SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

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.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 3

8:30 a.m. Marciano Perez, Anita Ramales, Jose Flores, Odulia Muñoz (D), Amalia Santiaguez, Alexel Rojas, Jaciel Rojas (salud), Elpidio A. Vasquez, Lucia A. Santos (D)

12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 4

8:30 a.m. Steve Sosa (D)

12:00 pm Maria Nghi (D)

Wednesday, November 5

8:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m. Aleja, Rosalia, Edna Saez (D), Ramonita Orta (D)

Thursday, November 6

8:30 a.m. Leonardo Flores Navarrete (L)-cumpeaños, Cristina Flores Navarrete (L)-agradecimiento de sanación, Juan Adrian Flores (D)

12:00p.m.

Friday, November 7

8:30 a.m. Josefina Rosa (D), Pablo Mercedes (D)

12:00 p.m. Eddie Maldonado (D), Pura Diaz (D)

Saturday, November 8

7:45 a.m. Maria Nga (D)

7:00 p.m. Carmen Maldonado (L)-cumpleaños, Maxima Dolores Reyes, Maria Agustina Ramos, Felis Antonio Reyes (D), Santiago Tovar Torres (D), Nelly Instroah, Andrea Valencia (D)

Sunday, November 9

8:00 a.m. People of SNT

9:30: a.m. Andreina De Los Santos (salud), Humberto & Juana Armas (D), Pastor Isidro Nuñez (D), Rosa Barbecho (D), Juan Pablo Tigre (D)

11:30 am Tiffany Filawo (Thanksgiving)

1:30 pm Giuse Le Hung (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love. (Wis 3:9)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

OR

Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.

Second Reading:

But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)

Gospel:

"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 on the last day." (Jn 6:40)

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Readings for the week of November 2, 2025

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22



ALL SOULS DAY
DÍA DE LOS DIFUNTOS ©LPi

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: I imagine the hand of God writing me into existence — *she lived, she died* — using for ink the very dirt that fills my grave. The dust from which I was created.

The Semicolon

My grave is in the corner of a cemetery in rural southeastern Wisconsin. For at least a mile in every direction, all you can see is farmland — cows, barns and quiet country roads. It's beautiful, serene. I imagine the hand of God writing me into existence — *she lived, she died* — using for ink the very dirt that fills this grave. The dust from which I was created.

Surrounding my grave are the burial plots of other family members — Rachel, Georgiana, Julian, Josephine. I visit the cemetery to pray for them, knowing they are there, but also not there. And when I visit their graves, I stand on my own. I look out at the tree-lined horizon and the farmland. I think of how, in a thousand years, none of this will be here. But I will be here, God's hand paused against the page, preparing to write the rest of the story not in dirt but in his own blood. For Christ does not lose anything of what the Father has given him.

Not a soul. Not a bone. Not a lock of hair.

She lived, she died; she lived again. No longer is there a period after the words *she died* but instead a semicolon. And the semicolon is the grave, that mystical place where the Blood mixes with the dust of the earth, where life meets death, and then meets life again. And the story continues.

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John 6:37-40

I lost my wallet this year. It was such an annoyance to replace everything in it. A friend, moved by sympathy, gave me a beautiful new one. One month later I lost that one, too, with all my newly replaced cards. No matter what I did, I couldn't find what I had lost. I resigned myself to never seeing either of my wallets again.

Fortunately, the Lord Jesus is not like me in this regard. In today's Gospel (John 6:37-40), he says, **"This is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me."** Jesus, unlike me, is ever vigilant with what the Father has given him. He searches for every lost soul — as the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to pursue the one lost sheep, or the woman rejoices upon recovering a lost coin — and even descends to the depths of loss on the cross and into the realm of the dead to recover that which seems forever lost.

On All Souls' Day, as we remember our faithful departed, these words kindle a hope beyond hope in our hearts. Even the dead are not lost to Jesus, though they may seem so to us. Nothing entrusted to him by the Father is ever truly lost. So, we may hope that every soul, no matter how wandering or forgotten in life, is secure in his loving care and destined to be raised on the last day. Of what the Father gives him, he loses nothing.

— *Father John Muir*

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

To live with Christ, we must die with him. But what does this mean? What does this look like in the ordinary life of a Christian? We must ask God for the wisdom to see our own crosses, so that we may carry them into the newness of life.

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Cardinal's Appeal	\$10.00
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