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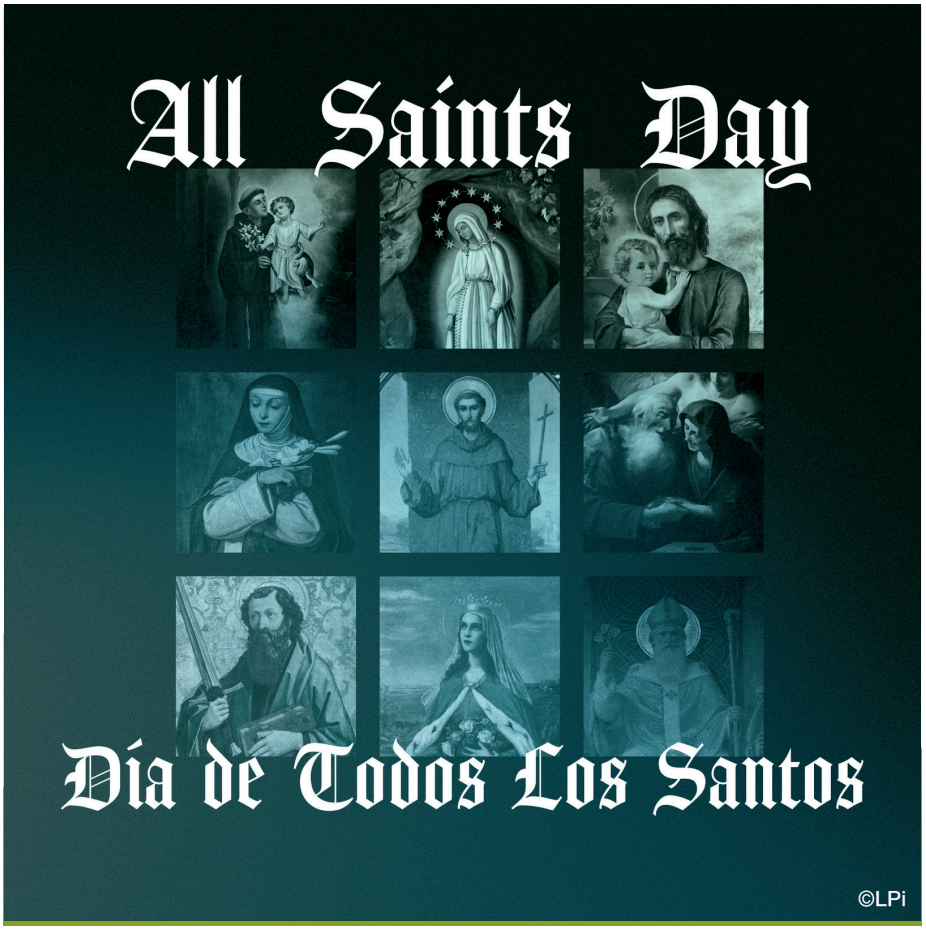

SACRAMENTS

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.

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Solemnity of All Saints

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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 Spanish12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 2
8:30 a.m. Familia Reyes Colon, Rosario Maldonado Negron, Rivero Mercedes Pelaez (D) Mercedes Cintron (D)
12:00 p.m Maximiliano Guevara Fuentes (D)
7:00 p.m Todos los difuntos Guevara Fuentes (D), Petronila Martinez, Ramon Laurencio (D)

Tuesday, November 3
8:30 a.m Francisco Aquino, Manuela Perez. Manuel Aquino (D)
12:00 p.m Vicente Tan (D) All Souls

Wednesday, November 4
8:30 a.m. Steve Sosa (D)
12:00 p.m Deceased Members of the Schlinkert & Thornton Familes

Thursday, November 5
8:30 a.m Petronila Sosa de Gonzalez, Ezequiel Gonzalez, Teofilo Gonzalez Sosa (D)
12:00 p.m

Friday, November 6
8:30 a.m. Jose Ulises Garcia, Jose Ramon Garcia, Maria Tereza Alvarez, Felix Remigo Batista (D), Rafael Lora (D)
12:00 p.m. Alan & Heather McElroy (D)

Saturday, November 7
7:45 a.m. Phero Quy & Phero Bao (D)
7:00 p.m. Eddie Maldonado (D) Josefina Rosa (D), Pablo Mercedes (D), Germania Perez, Norma Perez (D), Maria De Jesus Espinal, Jose Ramon Taveras (D), Leonidas Fernandez, Ramona Emelia Pimentel (D)

Sunday, November 8
8:00 a.m. People of SNT, Matta Anh (D)
9:30 a.m. Victoriano Estevez Pimentel (D) Alvin Ortiz Jr, Acción de gracias a la Milagrosa, Richard Figueroa (D)
11:30 a.m. Patrick , Peter, Philomena Keon (D), Humberto Mendoza (D)
1:30 p.m. Vicente Tan (D)

READINGS

First Reading:
"Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen." (Rv 9:12)

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

Second Reading:
See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. (1 Jn 3:1)

Gospel:
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. (Mt 5:10)

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Readings for the week of October 25, 2026

Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

New Sewing Group!

Fridays after 8:30 am mass!
9 am at St. Rita's center.
Hand sewing group with coffee and conversation every Friday. Embroidery, clothes making, and stitching classes to come.

All Saints' Day
Matthew 5:1-12
At the end of her short life, my hero, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, found herself in a curious position. Audaciously, she was convinced that she would become a great saint and would be loved by many after her death. At the same time, she insisted that she was weak, impatient, and ordinary. She became arguably the greatest saint in modern times. How is it possible that an ordinary and imperfect person can also be a great saint?

On this All Saints' Day, Jesus overturns our assumptions about holiness. He says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). The blessed are not the impressive or the self-sufficient, but the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the persecuted. These are not heroic traits by normal standards. They are signs of a heart that has learned to rely on God rather than itself. That's what St. Thérèse, and all the saints, are all about.

All Saints' Day is not a celebration of spiritual elites. Rather, it announces what grace can do in our ordinary lives. The saints are not those who avoid weakness or suffering, but those who allow these things to deepen their trust. What good news for us! The smaller and weaker we are, the more qualified we are to be great saints.
— Father John Muir
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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Survivors

"I'm no saint."

We hear people say this all the time, and what they usually mean is this: "I've made mistakes." Well, congratulations! You have taken that first crucial step to sainthood. You're well on your way!

A saint is not a person with fewer-than-average mistakes. A saint is a person with greater-than-average hope.

What is hope? Hope is certainty in the promises of God over the merits of man. Hope is what makes a Christian rejoice when he hears the litany of earthly trials described in the Beatitudes, because hope makes him see not the trials but the grace promised through them.

Hope remembers, always, that God is in the business of bringing life from death.

"These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress." (Rev. 7:14) This is how we hear the saints described in the Book of Revelation. We do not hear: "These are the ones who were perfect. These are the ones who had no faults. These are the ones who made good choices."

No — these are the ones who survived.

We are all buried in the rubble heap of sin and death. Many of us despair and cry, "We cannot climb out!" The saint is the one who has the hope to answer, "But Someone is coming. Just wait." The saint is the one who looks for the sliver of light, who reaches for it even when everyone else dismisses it as illusion.

Follow the saints. They know how to survive.

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