



**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

**Solidarity: The Third Pillar  
(Catholic Social Teaching Continued)**

The third pillar of Catholic Social Teaching is solidarity, and it flows naturally from the first two — the dignity of the human person and the common good. Solidarity calls us to live out the truth that every person belongs to one human family. In a culture that often reduces relationships to competition, contracts, or self-interest, the Church proclaims a far deeper vision: that we are bound together not by advantage or convenience, but by love.

To live in solidarity means to see others not as rivals or resources, but as neighbors and brothers and sisters in Christ. The United States bishops describe solidarity as “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good... because we are all really responsible for all.” It is not a feeling of pity or momentary sympathy. It is a steady commitment to act for the good of others, to share our blessings, to defend the weak, and to work for justice. As Pope John Paul II taught, solidarity is “a virtue,” a moral strength that draws us into communion and reminds us that human life is not lived alone.

The roots of solidarity are deeply biblical. When Jesus prayed to the Father “that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you” (John 17:21), He revealed that unity among people is not just social harmony — it is a reflection of the inner life of God Himself, who is a communion of love. The parable of the Good Samaritan teaches that neighborly love crosses every boundary of nation, class, and creed. St. Paul reminds us that we are members of one body, and “if one part suffers, all suffer together” (1 Corinthians 12:26). In the Incarnation, Christ took upon Himself our human condition, entering our suffering to redeem it from within. To live in solidarity, then, is to imitate Christ Himself — to draw near to those who are wounded and to carry one another’s burdens (Galatians 6:2).

The Church warns that modern society often misunderstands this word. In secular discourse, “solidarity” is sometimes reduced to a political slogan, or to an act of charity that ends with a donation. True solidarity cannot remain abstract. It must be personal, concrete, and rooted in the dignity of each person. It means entering into real relationships — listening, accompanying, and standing with those who are forgotten or excluded. Pope Francis reminds us that authentic solidarity “means caring for the vulnerable, looking them in the face, and sharing in their suffering.”

The Church also cautions against what she calls structures of sin. This term refers to social systems, habits, or institutions that, often unconsciously, perpetuate injustice and dehumanization — for example, economic models that treat people as commodities, or cultural patterns that ignore the poor. These “structures” make it easier to sin and harder to love. Solidarity, by contrast, seeks to build structures of grace: networks of compassion, justice, and mercy that help people live as God intended — free, respected, and in communion with one another.

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*The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*  
**All Souls Day**  
**2 November 2025**

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**This week’s office hours:**

Monday & Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday** at 6:00 pm

*Confessions are available at 5:00 pm*

*Rosary is prayed at 5:30 pm*

**Sunday** at 11:00 am

*Rosary is prayed at 10:30 am*

**Wednesday** at 12:10 pm

*Confessions are heard at 11:30 am and again after Mass during a period of Eucharistic Adoration.*

**SACRED HEART MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday** at 9:00 am

Mass is offered at St. Joseph Mission in Charlo the **third Saturday** of each month at 4:00 pm.

*Goodbye*

**“Farewell” Breakfast  
for Fr. Bob Brooks**  
after his final Mass at  
Sacred Heart on  
**November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
(All Souls Day).



Sacred Heart Potluck Dinner  
Sunday, November 9th  
5:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Main course: Cowboy Spaghetti  
Last names A-L: please bring  
salad to share  
Last names M-Z: please bring  
dessert to share



**Next Polson Knights of Columbus breakfast:**  
**November 16<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 Mass**

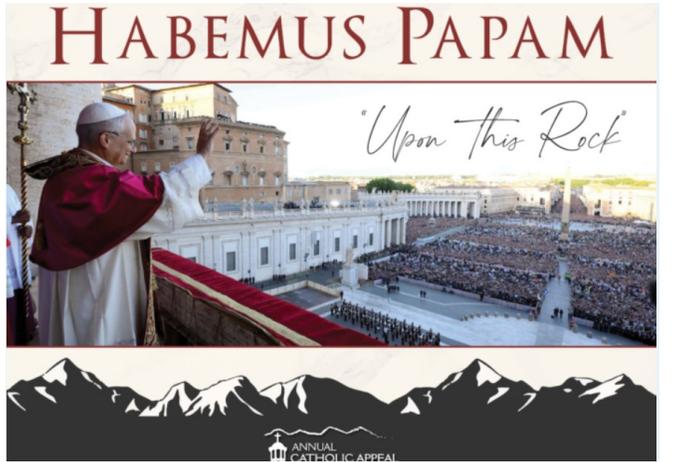
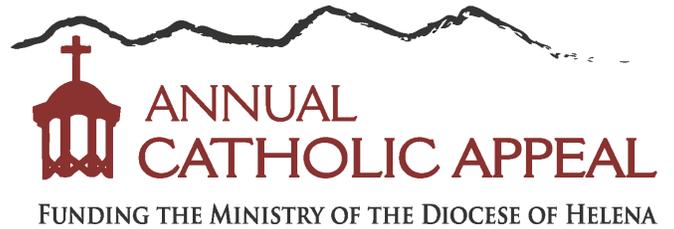
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Solidarity is lived in countless small ways. It begins in the home, when family members care for one another patiently and treat each other as gifts rather than burdens. It continues in the workplace, when employers see their employees as persons with families and hopes, not merely as labor costs; and when workers offer their honest effort as a contribution to the good of all. It takes shape in civic life, when we support laws that protect the vulnerable, ensure fair wages, provide decent housing and health care, and welcome the stranger. It thrives in the parish, through food drives, visits to the sick, accompaniment of the elderly, and ministries that extend a hand to those on the margins. And it even reaches beyond humanity itself: when we care for creation, we express solidarity with future generations who will inherit our common home.

The path of solidarity can be summed up in four simple words: Look, Listen, Act, and Advocate. Look around you for those who struggle. Listen to their stories, and allow their humanity to touch your heart. Act with compassion in concrete ways — by offering time, resources, or companionship. And advocate for justice by using your voice and influence to shape a society that protects every person's dignity.

When we live this way, we become the Body of Christ in the world — a living sacrament of unity and love. Solidarity transforms doctrine into discipleship. It takes the words of faith and turns them into the works of mercy. And in doing so, it fulfills Christ's command: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34).

Peace,  
Fr. Kevin Christofferson



**Liturgy Calendar & Mass Intentions**

**Sacred Heart & St. Joseph Mission**

**Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
*Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)*  
 Repose of the Souls of All the Faithful Departed

**Immaculate Conception**

**Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** *Vigil of All Souls Day*  
 Repose of the Souls of All the Faithful Departed

**Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
*Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)*  
 Repose of the Souls of All the Faithful Departed

**Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 Intentions of our parish prayer list

***Humbly asking for your prayers***

Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Jason Avison, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Bud Cheff, Jr, Bill Rueth, Monte Jenkins, Chris Skinner, Ryan Johnson, Vicki Whalen, Laurel Cheff, Zane Kelly, Rod Clairmont, David Jenkins, Bruce Simpson, Debbie Tschida, Grace Shafer, Carolyn Fyant, Diana Cote, Shawna Lehner.

*Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.*

**Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing.**  
**1 Thessalonians 1:2**

**The Holy Father's prayer intention for November**



**For the prevention of suicide:** Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

***Please pray for our seminarians!***  
 Dcn. Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Jamie Severson, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Ryan Frampton, Liam Aippersbach, Mason Yochum.

# All Souls Day | Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos)

## Catholic Answers

### What Is the Purpose of All Souls Day?

All Souls Day, celebrated on November 2, is a day set aside in the Roman Catholic Church to pray for the souls in purgatory. (Eastern Catholics celebrate [five All Souls Saturdays](#), which occur before and during Lent, and on the Saturday before Pentecost.) The Church teaches that purgatory is a temporary state of purification for those who have died in God's grace but still carry the effects of venial sins (forgiven and unforgiven) and forgiven mortal sins. The faithful on earth are called to offer prayers, sacrifices, and Masses to help these souls attain the beatific vision—eternal life with God in heaven. This day emphasizes the doctrine that many of the souls of the faithful departed need our prayers as they complete their purification.



### What's the Difference Between All Saints Day and All Souls Day?

Though these days fall back-to-back in the liturgical calendar, All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2) have distinct purposes. [All Saints Day](#) is a holy day of obligation [except in 2025], on which Catholics honor all the saints—both canonized and uncanonized—who have reached heaven and enjoy the beatific vision. It's a day to remember those who serve as models of holiness. On the other hand, All Souls Day is a day of commemoration for all the faithful departed, particularly those still in [purgatory](#), who are awaiting full sanctification.

### The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Entrance Antiphon:

*Just as Jesus died and has risen again,  
so through Jesus God will bring with him  
those who have fallen asleep;  
and as in Adam all die,  
so also in Christ will all be brought to life*

Collect:

*Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,  
and, as our faith in your Son,  
raised from the dead, is deepened,  
so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants  
also find new strength.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.*

Readings:

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

Responsorial: Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

R. *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-9

Alleluia: *Come, you who are blessed of my Father,  
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*

Gospel: John 6:37-40

### Don't forget to bring your food pantry items for our local charities!

Polson Loaves & Fishes

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ANNUAL FAITH & REASON LECTURE

# HOW IS THE BIBLE TRUE?

**Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson**

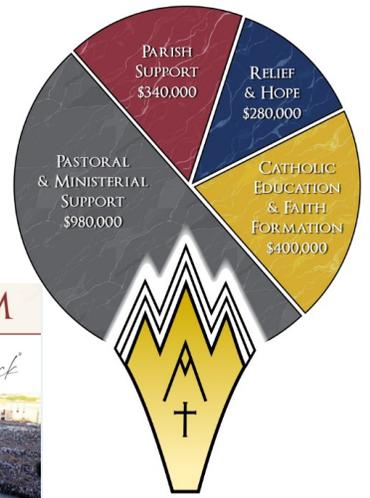
Professor Emeritus, Emory University

Join us for the annual Carroll College Faith & Reason Lecture on Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Campus Center. Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson will present *How Is the Bible True?*

**Lower Campus Center**

**NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**7:00 P.M.**



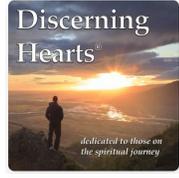
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**Parish Offertory Progress Report**  
*Fiscal Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>*

<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	\$65,067 of \$183,150 (36%)
<b>Sacred Heart/St. Joseph</b>	\$15,119 of \$48,393 (31%)
<b>I.C. Building Fund Progress:</b>	\$1,250 of \$12,000 (10%)
<b>S.H. Building Fund Progress:</b>	\$1,270 of \$1,349 (94%)

**Weekly Offering**

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