

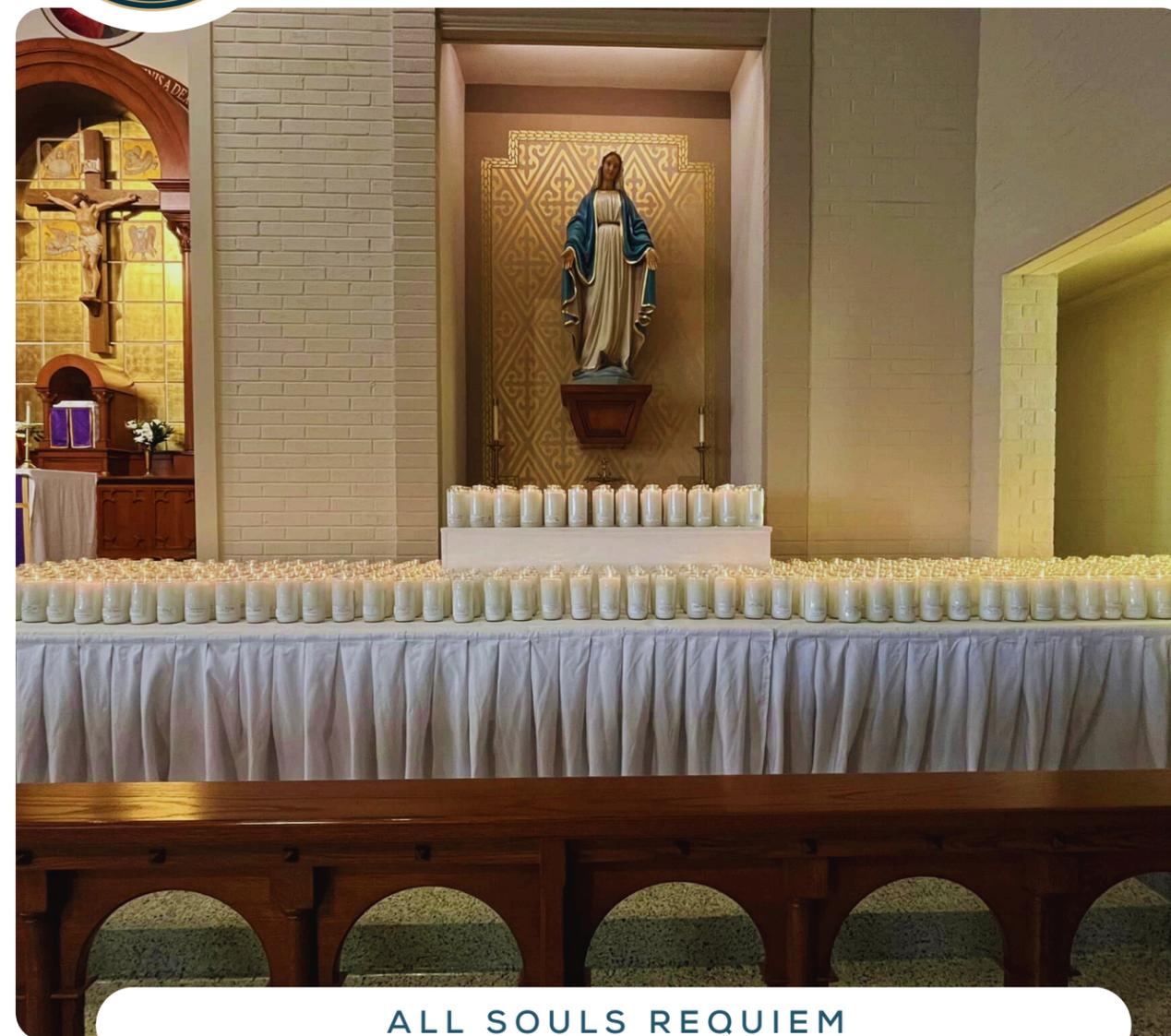
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ALL SOULS REQUIEM
2 NOVEMBER 2025

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE
OF THE MASS

Saturday (Anticipatory) – 4 pm
Sunday – 7 am, 10 am, & 6:30 pm
Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri – 12:10 pm

Confessions

Saturday – 3 pm to 3:50 pm
+ Half an hour before other Masses

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

ALL SOULS DAY

Praying for Those Who Cannot Pray for Themselves

Each year, the Church sets aside time to pray for the Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Holy Souls are people like you and me, who lived and died. And now they need our help, because they cannot pray for themselves. Their more-or-less speedy entrance into heaven depends on our prayers. *This weekend, I offer this brief teaching on All Souls and Purgatory:*

What is Purgatory?

Scripture says that nothing unclean will enter God's presence in heaven. So, Purgatory is the purification necessary, after death, to enter into the joy of heaven. It is actually a great act of God's mercy. *Consider – how many of us will be perfectly sanctified at the time of our deaths? Most of us will be in need of further purification in order to enter the gates of heaven after we die – so God offers this spiritual "cleaning" to get us ready, instead of turning us away.*

Why are they called the "Poor Holy Souls?"

They are called "Poor" because the Church teaches that the souls in Purgatory experience suffering, as they let go of sin. Yet, they are called "Holy" because they are assured of heaven, and they are close to heaven. While they cannot pray for themselves, they can pray for us.

Why are all four Masses this weekend All Souls?

Because the Feast of All Souls falls on a Sunday, all four Masses this weekend will be offered for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. I have worked hard to make these liturgies beautiful and meaningful, to help us to honor and pray for those we have lost.

Why are Masses for the Dead called Requiems?

All Masses offered for the Dead are properly called Requiem Masses. "Requiem" is the Latin first word of the entrance antiphon for the funeral Mass. It means "Rest":

"Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine..."

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord..."

PICKUP FOR ALL SOULS CANDLES:

Thank you to the many who reserved All Souls Candles this year in memory of loved ones. This is a beautiful gesture of love and honor. These candles will burn throughout all four Masses this weekend. They will be available for pickup beginning Monday, November 3, outside the parish office.
- Fr. Istre



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November 13, 6 pm
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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

3 November - Votive of the Trinity

J.P. Morella fly. (L&D), Don Lasseigne, In Honor of Our Blessed Mother, Thanksgiving to St. Joseph, Tina Francis fly. (L&D), Nicole & Chandler fly.

4 November - St. Charles Borromeo

The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory, Tina Francis fly. (L&D), Nicole & Chandler fly.

5 November - Votive of St. Joseph

Ella Rose Dozar, Thanksgiving to St. Therese of Lisieux, Thanksgiving to St. Maximilian Kolbe, Tina Francis fly. (L&D), Nicole & Chandler fly.

7 November - Votive of the Sacred Heart

The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory, Laura Larive, Dr. Karen Ordogne fly. (L&D), Thanksgiving to St. Padre Pio, Thanksgiving to St. Anthony of Padua, Tina Francis fly. (L&D), Nicole & Chandler fly.

8 November - 4 pm Anticipatory Mass

Louis Boudreaux, Wade J. Landry, Sr., Miles Liner fly (L&D), E.J. & Gerry Lemoine fly. (L&D), Herman Pellerin fly. (L&D), Leroy Gray, John Tholen, Louis & Girlie Berthelot, Laura Larive fly. (L&D), Tina Francis fly. (L&D), Nicole & Chandler fly.

9 November - 7am Mass

Deanna Sampey, Calvin Leleux fly. (L&D), Kenneth Garber, Sr., L&D

10 am Solemn Mass

Pro Populo, Laura Magee Larive fly. (L&D), Annalee Daigle, Jimmy Joseph Hue, Bob Radtke, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Patterson fly. (L&D), Hazel Richard

6:30 pm Mass

Craig Nini, John Czajka, President Donald Trump

ONGOING MAINTENANCE

A/C Unit Replaced This Week

Over the past few months, we have experienced repeated issues with the two large AC units in church, with repeated service calls. We determined that replacing the oldest unit over Our Lady's Altar (30 years old) is the most financially-responsible solution. This unit was replaced this week with a new, more efficient unit.

Cry Room Ceiling Improved

Recently, the acoustic tile ceiling in the cry room has started to deteriorate. These tiles were originally placed in the 1970s. This week, they were replaced with a tongue-and-groove wood ceiling that matches the bathroom ceiling.

LOOKING AHEAD

All Souls Requiem Masses

Saturday, November 1 at 4pm

Sunday, November 2 at 7am, 10am, & 6:30 pm

All Soul candles will burn at all four Masses

Berwick Cemetery Blessing

Sunday, November 2 at 11:15 am

Join us at the mausoleum for a Prayer

First Friday Adoration - Friday, November 7

Following 12:10 pm Mass and concluding

With benediction at 5:20 pm

Lighthouse Festival Riverfront Mass

Sunday, Nov. 8, 8:30am

NOEL NIGHT

Benefitting the New Rectory



Thursday, December 11, 2025,
6 pm at the Petroleum Club

Tickets Now Sold Out!
Thank you to all who purchased tickets and tables

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

November 1 & 2

FOR THE RECTORY CAMPAIGN

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory	\$ 8,404
Building & Maintenance	\$ 195
Total Offertory Giving	\$ 8,599

ONLINE GIVING

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