

# Dear Padre,

*Do we pray for the dead on All Souls' Day for what we can do for them, or for what they can do for us?*

On All Souls' Day, the Church celebrates the one body in Christ that unites its members on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven. For more than a thousand years, we've commemorated this transcendent bond on the second day of November, whether at Mass, in a cemetery, or on a home altar to the faithful departed. This bond of companionship between the living and deceased is so vital to our spiritual well-being that All Souls' Day is celebrated even when November 2 falls on a Sunday.

Because Catholics are in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers, Masses, sacrifices, and works of charity can be offered up on behalf of the deceased. (See 2 Maccabees 12:38-46.) Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers on behalf of the living. Thus, our assistance to the deceased, and their intercession for us, is mutually beneficial! "A perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory, and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things" (*Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, 5; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1475, 954-955, 962). May perpetual light shine upon the souls of the faithful departed. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*In a world wounded by violence and conflict... I am convinced that if we are...free from ideological and political conditioning, we can be effective in saying "no" to war and "yes" to peace, "no" to the arms race and "yes" to disarmament, "no" to an economy that impoverishes peoples and the Earth and "yes" to integral development.*

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 19, 2025

### Monday

November 3  
Weekday  
Rom 11:29-36  
Lk 14:12-14

### Tuesday

November 4  
St. Charles Borromeo,  
Bishop  
Rom 12:5-16b  
Lk 14:15-24

### Wednesday

November 5  
Weekday  
Rom 13:8-10  
Lk 14:25-33

### Thursday

November 6  
Weekday  
Rom 14:7-12  
Lk 15:1-10

### Friday

November 7  
Weekday  
Rom 15:14-21  
Lk 16:1-8

### Saturday

November 8  
Weekday  
Rom 16:3-9, 16,  
22-27  
Lk 16:9-15

### Sunday

November 9  
The Dedication of the  
Lateran Basilica  
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17  
Jn 2:13-22

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 2, 2025

*The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)*

Wisdom 3:1-9 / Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9 / John 6:37-40  
(These readings or any from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead)



The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.... [T]hey are in peace.

WISDOM 3:1, 3

# The Great Halloween Mistress

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One Halloween, the lady who lived in the big white house down the block gave out bottles of Coke for trick-or-treat. Not 6-ouncers, not 10-ouncers, but 12-ouncers! I remember going up to her door like we did at every other house, stomping up the steps, ringing the bell and waiting, then yelling, "Trick or treat!" for a piece of penny candy as the door opened. Instead, our eyes widened with disbelief as we gasped, "Wow! A bottle of Coke! Gee, thanks a lot." I remember her smile and the look of delight in her eyes at making some scraggly neighborhood kids so excited. Before long, word got out among that night's goblins and saints. Kids I had never seen before, kids from neighboring communities, all came streaming in, and she gave each of them a bottle of Coke. To me, it was unbelievable—such generosity. That year, nobody

dared "trick" her house. We made sure. Among us kids, such generosity did not go unrewarded.

On All Souls' Day, we remember those who have died, and we remember them with an awareness of the need we all have for God's mercy. Sometimes, I think that God is like that woman who lived in the big white house down the block. God is the Great Halloween Mistress. We come to her, armed with our tricks to get what we want, and she disarms us with her unbelievable generosity—the greatest "treater" of all time. God gives us everything undeserved—the most generous treats ever, all year round. ●

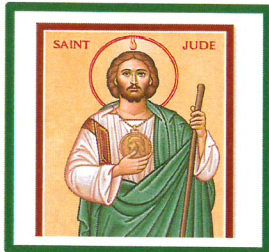
## Reflect

*What experiences of God's generous blessings have I known? Have I taken any for granted?*



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Sunday, November 02, 2025 - All Souls Day



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WEEKLY MASS CALENDAR: **Confession:** Thursday Mornings after Mass **CELEBRANT:**

Sunday	Nov. 2, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass	Fr. Pinto
Thursday	Nov. 6, 2025	9:00/10:00 a.m.	Adoration and Mass	Fr. Pinto
Sunday	Nov. 9, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Mass	Fr. Pinto
Thursday	Nov. 13, 2025	9:00/10:00 a.m.	Adoration and Mass	Fr. Pinto

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday	Nov. 2, 2025	The People of St. Jude & St. Mary's	By: Pro populo
Thursday	Nov. 6, 2025	The Kalisiak & Hohns Families	By: Don & Jan Kalisiak
Sunday	Nov. 9, 2025	Ken Woods	By: Laura Woods
Thursday	Nov. 13, 2025	Marietta Bailey	By: F. & D. Hanchak

TODAY: SUNDAY: 11-2-2025

NEXT SUNDAY: 11-9-2025

Reader	Jennifer Price	Reader	CCD Students
EO Ministers	J. Price, D. Hanchak	EO Mins	K. Boyer & D. Krawetzke
Servers	Alexa, Noah, Sadie	Servers	Bella, Emma, Carlana

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday	Oct. 26, 2025	Target	\$ 2,100	Offered	\$ 1,681.00	\$ 419.00
Year to Date		Target	\$ 31,800		\$ 33,302.50	\$ 1,502.50
Attendance		Year-To-Date Attendance				

We pray that the souls of the faithful departed may enjoy eternal life with God in heaven.

Today we continue to celebrate the communion of saints – **one of the fruits of Christ's death and resurrection** – now turning our attention to the souls of the faithful departed. Whereas yesterday we focused on the souls, known or unknown to us, whom Christ has welcomed to the heavenly wedding banquet, today we focus on the souls who are in purgatory, being purified and made ready to enter into the presence of the glory of God. Yesterday we rejoiced with the saints and asked for their prayers before the throne of God, and today we remember and offer our prayers for the souls of the faithful departed. We lift up in prayer not only our deceased family members but also all the souls in purgatory who have no one left to remember them.

These words might seem sad or depressing, but they should not be. Instead, they should fill us with hope and comfort. One day, we will also face our own death and have no one left to remember us. The idea of being forgotten is something that can be troubling, but it should not trouble those of us who have faith in Christ—those of us who are part of the communion of saints. Because we know, and today reminds us, that we will never truly be forgotten. The Church will continue to remember us – continue to pray for us, and our loved ones if we are in purgatory – for as long as necessary.

This unity we share in Christ calls us to do more on behalf of the faithful departed. Often in our Christian journey, we focus our attention on reflecting on what we do, don't do, or could do for those around us—family, friends, strangers. While that aspect of spiritual life is very important, we sometimes forget that we can also do something on behalf of our loved ones who are no longer with us. We can offer prayers for them, especially by offering a Mass for their benefit, to help ease their time in purgatory. Additionally, we can make spiritual sacrifices for them—such as when we face tasks, we know we must do but dislike, we can offer that burden for the good of a soul in purgatory, bearing it with grace and charity.

As Jesus himself tells us, it is the will of the Father that all who believe in him may have eternal life. Today, we pray that the Father's will be done and that the souls of the faithful departed may enjoy eternal life with God.

**FROM THE DRE**

If you have not returned your registration forms or registration fees, please do so as soon as possible.

Since Mass begins at 9:00 now, our end time is now 11:30.

**Plan on attending our Veterans Day breakfast on 11/9.**

**This will also be our next Student Mass.**

**PARENTS:** We will have a brief parent meeting before the Veterans Day breakfast on 11/9.

There will be no class on 11/30.

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Andy Bongers, Paula Wheeler, Sonny Laughlin, Julie Haley, Joan Rumery, Margie Burris, Donna Murphy, Mary Heinz, Vicki Clark, and all those on our prayer chain.

**COME CELEBRATE FAITH AND FREEDOM WITH US** as the Sunday School staff and students host our traditional Veterans' Breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 9th, immediately following the 9:00 Mass. All are welcome to attend, and please feel free to invite family, friends, or neighbors who are Military Veterans, Police, Firefighters, or First responders. We want to serve those who have served us. *Thank you*

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - for the National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS).** The mission of this Archdiocese is to ensure that service members, Veterans, and their families be able to seek sacramental preparation for baptism, confirmation, first Communion, penance, and marriage; to benefit from consultation with a priest, and to receive the sacrament of penance as they defend our rights of freedom, speech, and face constant transition and uncertainty. This mission is solely supported by the generosity of donors such as you. For more information, see the insert in today's bulletin.

**A SPECIAL WAY TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE** – Here at St. Jude, you can sign up to have a loved one remembered by having the Sanctuary Candle lit for one week in their name (which will be announced in the bulletin). Donations are \$10.00. If you are interested, please call the office at 269-628-2219.

**ST. JUDE PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Sun., Nov. 9, 2025: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

- Student Mass

- CCD parents meeting after Mass

- Veteran's Day Breakfast after Mass

**Thurs., Nov. 13, 2025: Adoration at 9 a.m. & Mass at 10 a.m.**

**Sun., Nov. 16, 2025: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Rosary at 8:25 a.m.

- CCD after Mass

**Thurs., Nov. 20, 2025: Adoration at 9 a.m. & Mass at 10 a.m.**

**Sun., Nov. 23, 2025: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

- CCD after Mass

**Thurs., Nov. 27, 2025: No Mass or Adoration**

**Sun., Nov. 30, 2025: First Sunday of Advent**

- No CCD after Mass

**FROM THE DIOCESE**

**Cold Winters Need Warm Hearts!** - This winter is sure to be a time of increased suffering for many people in Southwestern Michigan. Why is providing Energy Assistance so Important? Over 583,000 Michigan households were more than 30 days past due on utility bills last December. 40% of these are low-income or senior households. High energy burdens form many to choose between heat, food, medicine and rent. The Home Heating Assistance Program provides emergency heating assistance, to anyone in the nine counties of the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Last season the program aided 261 households, keeping them warm through the cold winter. Please consider making a donation directly anytime at [www.ccdok.org/donate](http://www.ccdok.org/donate) or during the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for making a difference to those in need in our community!

**Bishop Lohse has pledged** to provide professional counselling or therapy to victims of clergy sex abuse in the Diocese. Victims can receive 24-hour care via the crisis hotline that is set up with Catholic Charities at 1-800-873-8336.