

# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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October 29th, 2023

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# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.  
If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me,  
I will surely hear their cry.  
My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword;  
then your own wives will be widows, and your  
children orphans." (Ex 22:21-23)

### Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

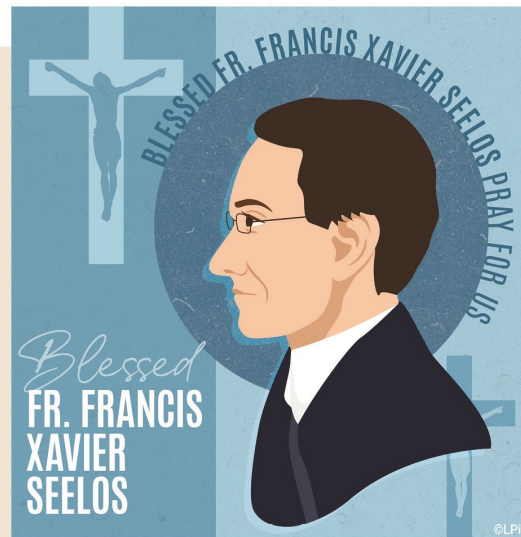
### Second Reading:

For they themselves openly declare about us  
what sort of reception we had among you,  
and how you turned to God from idols  
to serve the living and true God  
and to await his Son from heaven. (1 Thes 1:9-10)

### Gospel:

"You shall love the Lord, your God,  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
and with all your mind." (Mt 22:37)

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## Saint of the week

Blessed Father Francis Xavier Seelos was a German immigrant and Redemptorist priest deeply committed to serving those marginalized in the USA during the 1800s. He was known for his gentle and compassionate nature and his tireless dedication to the poor and the sick.

## Prayer

O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer, let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight. I offer to You the grace You have bestowed on Your humble missionary, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.

May I have the same joyful vigor that Blessed Seelos possessed during his earthly life to love you deeply and live faithfully your gospel. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://seelos.org/prayers-to-bl-seelos/>)

## MASS TIMES

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#### Sunday Masses

Saturday | 5:00 pm  
Sunday | 8:30 am & 10:30 am

#### Daily Masses

Tuesday | 6:00pm  
Wed.\* - Sat. | 8:45 am  
\*School Mass on most Weds.

#### All Saint's Day Masses

Tuesday, October 31st | 6pm  
Wednesday, November 1st | 7pm

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### CHURCH HOURS

Monday-Friday  
8:30 am - 5:00pm

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Saturdays  
3:30 pm - 4:30pm

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### October 27

8:45am | Eugene Tranbarger | RIP

### October 28

5:00pm | Kathleen Mulvaney | RIP

### October 29

8:30am | Pro Populo

## Fr. Matthew Oakland



### All Saints Day—November 1st

Growing up, I remember very few of my Halloween costumes. I was a pilot one year—and fashioned an airplane out of a box. I was Clifford one year—the big red dog. I remember being Frankenstein and wearing my dad's sports coat. Now, All Hallows' Eve consists of dinner with some friends, and then we watch "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" and Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein."

What takes place in our society on the eve of All Saints Days has little to do with the saints. In the Church, we usually use the term to refer to those 12,000+ individuals officially declared to be in Heaven. Every day of the year, there are 10-20 saints or groups of saints who were canonized or martyred together that are celebrated on that day. But everyone in Heaven is a saint whether they are formally canonized and declared to be known there by the Church, or not. So on November 1st, we set aside a day to honor everyone in Heaven who are models of holiness for us, and intercessors along our own journey to Heaven. They are all so different—married and ordained, religious and single, young and old, men and women, boys and girls of every generation. Doctors and nurses, teachers and architects, artists and farmers, parents and widows. This feast gives us hope that others have gone before, and we can follow after.

The early version of Trick or Treating involved going door to door for "soul cakes" which are fluffy buns used in exchange for prayers for deceased loved ones. This year, besides what have become the secular festivities, make November 1st a true Feast in your home—as it is in the Church, as we celebrate the saints. Our fourth graders will dress up like a chosen saint and spend some time telling their stories this weekend and in the days ahead. Read up on some of the saints, and find inspiration in these holy people—as we strive to be holy ourselves. Perhaps have everyone at the table tell the story of their favorite saint. Or in an act of charity, donate some of your candy to some of the local dentists who pass it onto others, in particular to those who send them in care packages to overseas military personnel.

### All Souls Day—November 2nd

The truth is that when we die, we are not perfect. And death does not make us perfect. And "nothing imperfect can enter Heaven." (Revelation 21:27) Thankfully, a mud room exists—a place where we are on our way, and almost there, where we can clean up a bit before entering into the House of the Lord. This is Purgatory. Many of the saints even note how the soul freely chooses Purgatory, knowing it isn't ready for communion with Christ.

On November 2nd, we pray for those who have died. For those awaiting the final glory of Heaven, who are in the mud room still being purified, we can help and assist them by our prayers. The beauty of the Church is that we are united—those in Heaven, those in Purgatory, and those on earth. During the month of November, we pray for the dead. We do so in a special way on November 2nd.

During the month of November it is a good time to visit cemeteries and pray for those who have died. The Church often uses Psalm 130 in praying for the dead. Whenever I am up at Holyrood I stop by the mausoleum where the bishops are buried and say a prayer for them. I had some friends who had a miscarriage, and we buried the baby in the Holy Innocents section at Holyrood for the little ones who have died. It is heartbreaking to see the names, and the dates—with so few days, weeks, months or years. I always stop by Faustina's grave and say a prayer for her and her parents, as well. There are many souls who are forgotten, whom no one is praying for. It is good to pray for them; hence you can visit a cemetery and pray for those who have died without knowing many people buried there.

**All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation): Vigil Mass at 6PM on October 31st; 7PM on November 1st**

**All Souls: Mass on November 2nd, 8:35AM**



# WEEKLY REFLECTION

## THE LIFE OF THE SAINTS

Happy All Saints Day!

This week we celebrate All Saints Day, which is a holy day that is dedicated to all the saints in Heaven! This means that we celebrate *everyone* in Heaven, not just canonized saints! However, we especially are encouraged to look to the lives of canonized saints as they are an incredible model of how to live as faithful children of God. As Catholics, we are all called to be saints by God and He has laid out a path for each of us to achieve sainthood!

We are all called to be saints. But how exactly do we begin to undertake this seemingly daunting task? Lucky for us, we have the lives of many saints as a model to guide us. It is important to understand that sainthood is not a state of being that is reserved for the most holy or most faithful Catholics. Anyone and everyone can be a saint! In fact, all of the greatest saints were once ordinary people, who like us struggled with many things such as sin, temptation, and worldly affairs. In this sense, a saint is an ordinary person who is made extraordinary by God, through the acceptance of His grace into their lives. Therefore, looking to them as an example is an excellent way to start striving for sainthood. St. Joan of Arc, a peasant girl of only nineteen years of age, led a French army into many battles, igniting the cause of driving the English out of French territory. When asked by many why she would leave the comforts of her home and risk her life, Joan responded “must I go and must I do this thing, for my Lord wills that I do so.” After many victorious battles, St. Joan of Arc was eventually captured by the British and burned at the stake because she refused to renounce the Lord and the mission He gave her. St. Maximillian Kolbe was visited by the Virgin Mary who presented him two crowns: a white crown that meant he should persevere in purity, and a red crown meaning that he would become a martyr. When asked if he would accept either of these crowns, St. Maximillian Kolbe said “I would accept both.” St. Maximillian Kolbe was eventually arrested by the German Gestapo for hiding Jews in his monastery during WWII, and taken to Auschwitz. During his time there he prayed with the other prisoners, and later, laid his life down for a man with a family, taking his place to be executed.

Sometimes looking at the life of such heroic saints can make us feel like we could never live up to them. But when we really reflect on their lives, it becomes very clear; the simplicity of their heroic actions. God had simply asked these saints to carry out His will, which is exactly what they did! Most of us will not be called to this type of heroism in our lives, but that does not mean we should not strive to lay down our lives for Christ in the ways that God calls us to. God will ask us to carry out His will having full knowledge of our own human capabilities and limitations, for he knows us better than anyone. He will challenge us, but He will never abandon us in our trials.

In this way, we strive for sainthood on earth: by saying “yes” to God every day and accepting his will, which is far better than anything we could have come up with ourselves. Finally, we ask for the intercession of all the saints in heaven to help us run the race to eternal life.

*All Holy Men and Women, Angels and Saints,*

*Pray for Us!*



## OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

### FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION!

November 3, 2023 | 9:30am– 5:00pm | Benediction at 5:00pm

**From Scripture:** "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love endures forever." Psalm 118:1

**Our response:** "I thank you, Lord, with all my heart....I thank you for your faithfulness and love....You increased the strength of my soul." Psalm 138: 1,2,3

We need not wait until Thanksgiving Day to spend time with Jesus in adoration and thanksgiving for the abundance of His love, mercy and grace given to us day after day. He waits for each one of us to receive the special blessings and graces He gives to those who spend time with Him in Eucharistic Adoration.

Please sign up or drop in for adoration any time during the day. (Sign-ups are necessary for assurance that Jesus exposed on the altar will never be left alone. You may still

drop in at your convenience without signing up.) The sign up sheet is on the table by the east door of the church. You may also sign up by phone, text or email to Connie King, 206 708-4291, [mc42king@comcast.net](mailto:mc42king@comcast.net)

**Please note:** On a trial basis for this date, adoration and Benediction have been extended for an additional hour to 5 pm to give people who work during the day the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in prayer and adoration. If the extra hour is well attended, it might be extended to future First Fridays.



## Saturday, November 4, 2023

—6:00pm after 5:00pm Mass—

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Faith Family Night for "Family Rosary"

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- ⇒ Drop off potluck item at School Hall before Mass
- ⇒ Attend 5:00pm Mass
- ⇒ Dinner & Faith activity in School Hall after Mass
- ⇒ Family Night concludes at 7:30pm

For questions email: Sr. Stella at [SrStella@holyroaryseattle.org](mailto:SrStella@holyroaryseattle.org) or  
Deyette Swegle at [DSwegle@holyroaryseattle.org](mailto:DSwegle@holyroaryseattle.org)

### VOICES FOR LIFE

#### November Discussion Topic:

#### **What does the Church say about the death penalty?**

Open, monthly meetings provide opportunity for in-depth study, friendly discussion, fellowship, & prayer related to *Life Issues*.

Please join our next meeting:

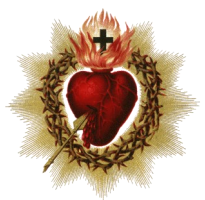
Tuesday, November 14th, 7:00-8:30pm  
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Contact [kmrobel65@gmail.com](mailto:kmrobel65@gmail.com) for additional info.



### LEAGUE OF THE SACRED HEART

Join us on Friday, November 3rd from 1:30-3:30pm in the Parish Center Reception Room! There will be refreshments, speakers, and great fellowship! We hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Ann Smith at [annsmithward@gmail.com](mailto:annsmithward@gmail.com)



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ROSARY

If you are needing a time to relax and be in the Lord's presence, come join us in the Parish Chapel for our weekly Rosary! The Rosary is a beautiful prayer that allows us to meditate on the life of Jesus Christ. This invitation is open to all! The Rosary will start at 6pm! We would love to see you there!



# OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

## WOMEN WITH PURPOSE

**WOMEN!** Want to grow in your holiness with other faithful women? There are two amazing opportunities to do so every week! On Thursday evenings from 6-7:30pm we will be going over topics in Church history such as The Great Schism, The Crusades, The Rise of Scholastics, and more! On Friday mornings from 9-11am we will be discussing practical ways to respond to faith challenges and how to live a life of faith! Both meet at the Parish Center Reception Room and all women are welcome!

Register at <https://holyrosaryseattle.org/www-registration>. If you have questions, contact Deyette Swegle at [dsweGLE@holyrosaryseattle.org](mailto:dsweGLE@holyrosaryseattle.org)

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT HOLY ROSARY!

**CYO GYM MANAGER:** Holy Rosary School is looking for **two** temporary Gym Managers for the CYO basketball and volleyball seasons. They will be in charge of the gym during the hours that we will be hosting games. For more information, please visit our parish website: [holyrosaryseattle.org](http://holyrosaryseattle.org) or contact Jen King: [paa@holyrosaryseattle.org](mailto:paa@holyrosaryseattle.org)

**Special Events Coordinator:** We're hiring two Special Events Coordinators for private party events for outside organizations and individuals. Events range from choir concerts to personal event celebrations. Events may be during the day, night or on weekends and can run from 2-5 hours per event (with some exceptions). Anyone interested in finding out more, please visit our website: [holyrosaryseattle.org](http://holyrosaryseattle.org) or contact Jen King: [paa@holyrosaryseattle.org](mailto:paa@holyrosaryseattle.org).

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Carlos Palacian, who has been leading Adult Faith Formation for the last year, will be moving to Kansas shortly. As such, Holy Rosary is seeking a new part time (.75 FTE) staff member to help parishioners grow in faith, leading the adult sacramental preparation opportunity for those who wish to become Catholic or are in need of other sacraments like Confirmation.

In addition, this position will oversee the Youth Confirmation Program and advance opportunities for all parishioners to grow in their relationship with Christ.

See the parish website for the full job description - <https://holyrosaryseattle.org/job-opportunities-at-holy-rosary>

## ALL SAINTS DAY MASS TIMES

Come and celebrate All Saints at any of our Masses on Wednesday, November 1st. We have Mass in the morning 8:45-9:45 and Vigil Mass 7-8pm. Remember that All Saints Day is a **Holy Day of Obligation** meaning that we are all required to go and celebrate Mass! If you need a ride to Mass, call our Parish Bus Ministry at 206-486-4231.



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**WOMEN!** We are having weekly meetings every Wednesday in the Parish Center Reception Room at 6:45pm! We are discussing the Seven Sacraments using the book "These are the Sacraments" by Fulton J. Sheen. Women of all ages are welcome! If you have questions, please contact Diane Lorella at 206-937-5886 or at [herrbackyardgarden@yahoo.com](mailto:herrbackyardgarden@yahoo.com).

## SENIOR MINISTRY

**SENIORS!** If you are looking for good community and fellowship, join us in the Parish Center Reception Room at 9:15am directly after Daily Mass! There will be coffee and snacks provided and all are welcome to join!

Call Steve Lebens at 206-850-0514 for more information.

## Online Giving

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**Thank you for continuing to support us in carrying out the mission of Christ.**

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