

St. Cornelius Parish



October 26, 2025

*The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.*

*I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.*

*When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,
and from all their distress he rescues them.*

*The LORD is close
to the brokenhearted;
and those who are
crushed in spirit
he saves.
The LORD redeems
the lives of his servants.*

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Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
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Saturday: Confessions 2:30 - 3:30 Vigil Mass 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm **Weekday Mass: 7:30 am**
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday after morning Mass to 4 pm
LiveStream <https://vimeo.com/user123448673>

Thoughts from the Second Floor Front XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025

In his commentary on the Gospel of St. Luke, St. Cyril of Alexandria wrote: “What profit is there in fasting twice in the week if it serves only as a pretext for ignorance and vanity and makes you proud, haughty and selfish? You tithe your possessions and boast about it. In another way, you provoke God’s anger by condemning and accusing other people because of this. You are puffed up, although not crowned by the divine decree for righteousness. On the contrary, you heap praises on yourself... Moderate yourself, O Pharisee. Put a door and lock on your tongue.”

Pride, arrogance, an overwhelming sense of self importance; these are all qualities in others that, when recognized, would tend to lead us away from enduring the company of one so heavily loaded with ego. These characteristics have no place in the life of a disciple.

It is ironic that we are being encouraged to avoid the company of a Pharisee, one who has dedicated himself to fulfilling God’s law, and align ourselves with a public sinner. It is not because of his sinfulness that we are to stand with him; it’s because of his humility. He has impoverished himself through his humility and now stands with those for whom the Lord has consistently expressed His preference. “We are told that in the first reading from the ancient sage, Sirach: The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds...”

Think on it for a minute. When you come to pray is it a mechanical, almost robotic, recitation of needs? It is laudable to pray for or on behalf of another, especially one who may be in great need. But our prayer does not always have to be prayers of petition. Sometimes it is very good and beneficial simply to say, like the tax collector, O, God be merciful to me a sinner. That is what Pope Francis, of late happy memory said when asked, in that now famous interview, who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio? The pope’s response is consistent with the tax collector: I am a sinner, the Pope said. He did not mean it as a literary genre or an offhanded response. He meant it literally.

Our Holy Pope Leo has consistently expressed a teaching that is to align all believers with the poor and to reject what this world offers while longing for the Kingdom. In his recent Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi te* (I have loved you) Pope Leo wrote:

Love for the Lord, then, is one with love for the poor. The same Jesus who tells us, “The poor you will always have with you” (Mt 26:11), also promises the disciples: “I am with you always” (Mt 28:20). We likewise think of his saying: “Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me” (Mt 25:40). This is not a matter of mere human kindness but a revelation: contact with those who are lowly and powerless is a fundamental way of encountering the Lord of history. In the poor, he continues to speak to us.

Dilexi Te §5

Like the Publican in Luke’s account, we too are sinners in need of Grace. That Grace, so necessary to live in a society not yet convinced of the truth of the Gospel, is available to us today. We do not have to think in such broad terms as our society. It may be that there are people in your office or your home are not convinced of the truth of the Gospel and in need of Grace. Not only is the Grace available to us, we can be channels of that Grace for others. This can happen in the most ordinary of circumstances and actually needs to happen in the most ordinary of circumstances because most of us, whether we like to admit it or not, are quite ordinary. Our lives are rarely marked by the spectacular event or dramatic moment. However, we are not called to a life of tedium. There can be an excitement in the mysterious manner in which the Lord shows us His mercy. Watch for it this week; in your prayer, in yourself and in the manner you live the gift of faith we have been given.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond



Join us for our Fall Program!

We come together each Wednesday morning at 6:00 am for coffee, light fare and fellowship. At 6:15 am, we begin our program with a video followed by discussion. The group then closes at 7:15 am in time for daily Mass at 7:30 am.

This year's theme: "The Light of Men"

If you were not available to participate previously, no worries! The program is designed to jump in when you can.

The 2025-26 schedule for our TMIY group can be found at:

<https://www.saintcornelius.org/that-man-is-you>

Our first gathering was **Wednesday, September 17th, 2025**, but you can join us at any time.

Scan the QR code to the right or copy the link below to join us!



<https://programs.paradisusdei.org/join/05E3A5>

All men are welcome to join us at any time during the program.

SCHEDULE: Each Wednesday, Parish Life Center (PLC)

6:00 am Coffee, light fare and fellowship

6:15 am Video and discussion

7:15 am Closing in time for 7:30 am Mass

All men are welcome to join
this enriching formation experience.

All you need to do is show up Wednesday morning.



Monsignor's Thursday Email

Msgr. Diamond's weekly Thursday Email is a popular weekly newsletter for our parishioners. Currently there are **over 1,148** people who receive his email each Thursday afternoon. If you would like to be on our distribution list, please call the office at (610) 459-2502 or send your request to be added to our distribution at

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John & Nicola Kelly and family
Joanna Long



Knights of Columbus®

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all the men of St. Cornelius who expressed interest in joining the St. Cornelius Council. We had over 20 men express interest in joining at our membership drive recently!

If you are a Catholic man 18 years or older, you may join the Knights of Columbus. The St. Cornelius Council invites you to become part of this vibrant fraternity.

You may join online at www.kofc.org/join and use our council number, [12391], to connect with us. New members may join for free using the promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY in honor of Blessed Michael J. McGivney, the Founder of the Knights.

For your convenience, a QR code that will take you to the membership page is here:



Caring for Friends™

Help provide home cooked meals to neighbors in need! Caring for Friends (formerly Aid for Friends) is collecting frozen meals and soups for homebound seniors and food insecure individuals. Meal trays and soup containers can be found in the utility closet on the right of the side door of the narthex. Consider putting aside an extra dinner or soup portion, freeze it and then bring it to the freezer also located in the utility closet. PLEASE sign the meals and soup in on the list attached to the shelves next to the freezer. The food is distributed all over the Greater Philadelphia Area. This effort is on-going at our parish. We invite you to contribute what you can. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Todor 609-234-1193



Join us for a Bible study designed for parents of young children. Grow in faith, connect with other parents, and find encouragement through God's Word.

Children are invited to attend!

While we dig into Scripture together, your kids can enjoy playtime nearby.

Bible Study For Parents of Young Children

Sessions will be held every other Sunday!

Information Meeting/Launch Date:

Sunday, October 26th, 2:30PM

Saint Cornelius Early Learning Center

Please email Abbie McCusker to register or to learn more information!

Abbie McCusker- akohlbrener@scornelius.org



In our charity, let us pray for the repose of the souls of

William L. McDowell, Jr.
Husband of Helen McDowell

Deacon Clement J. McGovern, Jr.

Deacon at St. Cornelius 1986 - 2004

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.



The Sunday collection is very important for us to maintain our fiscal responsibilities. So, if you are away on a Sunday, ENJOY; but remember YOUR church.

October 19, 2025

WeShare e Giving	\$7,407.40
Envelope Offering	<u>\$13,075.46</u>
	\$20,482.86



"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

Luke 12:34

Buildings and Grounds Committee



If you have any experience in the trades, the Buildings and Grounds Committee is looking for new members. As the pastor says: If you can hammer a nail in straight, you are over qualified. In reality we have a big campus, close to 60 acres, with a lot of moving parts. The Committee meets once month, discusses aspects of the temporal goods of the parish and make recommendations for the attention that is necessary. Please give it consideration and if interested talk to Msgr. Diamond.

Holy Hour - Join Us!

Monday, November 3 , 8:00 am

After the 7:30 Mass, the Pro-Life Group is hosting a Holy Hour. We will pray a rosary for the unborn, and an end to abortion. We will also pray the Miraculous Medal Novena for the unborn. There will be time for silent prayer. The hour will close at approximately 9:00 am.

Look for this event monthly on the first Monday of the month.





Recently we had our *In-Pew Weekend* – a special time in our archdiocese where we join as members of one body in Christ to support the Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Through CCA, the hungry are fed, the sick are comforted, and no one is forgotten. Reaching 1 in 5 people across our region, these aren't just acts of charity. They are expressions of Christ's love shared with our neighbors in need.

Join the Archdiocese in *Giving Hope to All* by making a gift to CCA during Mass or at give.catholiccharitiesappeal.org.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for the many ways you share Christ's love with others.

Help care for the shepherds who have cared for you



In August, we celebrated the Feast of Saint John Vianney, patron of parish priests. This meaningful occasion invites each of us to pause and reflect on the priests who have been part of our faith journey.

As you reflect, perhaps you remember a priest who celebrated milestones with you, offered comfort in difficult moments, or quietly walked beside you—helping you grow closer to our Lord.

Your generosity is a lifeline for more than 130 retired and infirm priests in our Archdiocese.

Your gift is a personal way to say “thank you”—letting these faithful shepherds know they are remembered and cherished and helping them age with dignity and peace.

Please consider making a gift today to care for those who have cared for you.

Will you honor the priests who have cared for you?

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

All Souls' Day is a unique day in the life of the Church. This is the commemoration of the faithful departed. Prayer for the dead reaches deep into our human history, and it has been our custom from the earliest days of the church. The belief that our prayers can be of assistance to the dead is a treasured tenet of our Catholic faith. We profess it every time we recite the creed “...*I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.*” In a special way, please remember those for whom a funeral Mass was celebrated here at St. Cornelius or a memorial service at the funeral home since last November (*listed in date order of passing*):



Dylan John Barmmer
Teresa Bellew
Mary Collin
Joanne Cossaboon
John Daly
Dan Deardorff
Joseph DeMaio
Charlotte Giblin
Leo Karwaski
Kathleen Koperna
William McDowell
Dcn. Clement McGovern
James McVey
Daniel Pagano
Rosemary Pinca
Shirley Polk
Salvatore Russo
Elaine Shull
John Steckel
Teresa Strommer
Hubert Thompson
Philip Travagline
Antimo Varriale
Joseph Wurm

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen



St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

We had a very special visit from the Concordville Fire Department last week! Our little friends were so excited to meet the firefighters and learn all about fire safety. The firefighters talked to the children about what to do in case of an emergency, how to “stop, drop, and roll,” and the importance of having a family fire plan. They even got to see the fire truck up close and explore some of the tools the firefighters use to help keep everyone safe. We are so thankful to the Concordville Fire Department for taking the time to teach our little learners how to stay safe and for being real-life heroes in our community!



Baptisms

Baptized in Christ



Alexander John Masciantonio

Son of Alex and Katherine Masciantonio

Let us pray for our newly baptized Christian.

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Where: From St. Cornelius to Washington, D.C.

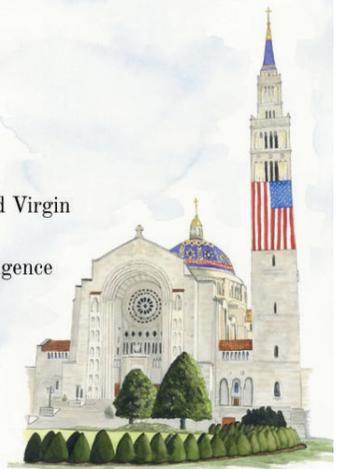
When: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 (Time TBA)

Cost: Free

This pilgrimage will be led by Msgr. Diamond and will include:

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation
- The celebration of Holy Mass
- Devotions in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Opportunity for the Jubilee Indulgence
- Time for quiet prayer

RSVP:



Prayer Shawl Ministry... Come, Join US!



Did you know that each baby baptized at St. Cornelius receives a hand-made blanket made by our Prayer Shawl Ministry? You are welcome to join us in this rewarding ministry. We also make shawls, blankets, scarves, hats, mittens etc. for elderly homes, the Giving Tree and anyone looking for a comforting gift.

**Every 4th Monday of each month
1:30pm to 3:00pm, Parish Life Center**

We find ourselves in need of white acrylic yarn or funding to help continue this wonderful ministry. Please prayerfully consider donating to our ministry or purchasing a “Pound of Love” or “Caron Pound” of white acrylic yarn. We have a basket set up in the narthex, below the large TV monitor, to offer our works and for your donations. Also, you are welcome to drop off any yarn donations to the Parish Life Center. Donations are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact

Valerie Childs (610) 213-0515
and Vickie Gambino (317) 440-5210

CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

The humanitarian situation in Gaza remains desperate. Hunger and malnutrition are widespread. People are returning home to find their houses destroyed. Safe shelter is of urgent concern, especially as winter approaches. Despite staggering challenges, CRS and our partners have reached 1.8 million people in Gaza since 2023 with food, shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene, cash assistance and social and emotional support. We're ready to do more. Please consider giving a life-saving gift today at www.crs.org

"We pray that the ceasefire in Gaza holds. When increased aid can enter, we can deliver. We have teams, offices, warehouses and distribution points—and are further expanding our capacity on the ground to respond. Our supply pipelines, thanks to our long standing partnerships, in Jordan and Egypt are stocked and ready."

—Jason Knapp, CRS country representative, Jerusalem, West Bank and Gaza



Let us pray for our Men and Women serving in the Armed Forces. Especially for:

SSG Ana Brunal
 SPC Mike Canfield
 Cpl Michael Castle
 Lt. Connor Cleary
 Fr. Joseph Coffey (Chaplain)
 Maj Robert B. Cusick, Jr.
 Capt Joshua deFreitas
 SSGT Michael DiVernieri
 Cadet Emily Fanning
 Lt. Ryan Gallagher
 SSG. Eric Gardner
 Capt Matthew Gibbons
 Ens Patrick Gibbons
 Ens John Paul Gibbons
 Maj Rachel Gonzalez
 SPC Logan Hannum
 Sgt Andrew Hart
 Devin J. Hunt
 PO1 Nathan R. Keller
 1st Lt Lauren Kinnee
 Spc. Andrew Koehler
 Capt Daniel Kohli
 Maj. Chris Love
 Maj. Megan Love
 Sgt Jason Lyons

2nd Lt. Kevin Malone
 Sgt Alexander Marlow
 PFC Zachary Marlow
 CPT. Travis Mauer
 Lt. Cmdr Daniel McCadden
 Capt Jonathan McGrath
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 LCDR Ryan A. McGuckin
 Maj. Sean P. Noll
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 Lt. Cmdr Inga O'Shea
 Maj James O'Shea
 Sgt. Maj. Justin Rogowski
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 LTJG Christian Samulewicz
 1st Lt. Olivia Samulewicz
 Capt. Neal F. Schubert
 Ens Nicholas Spadaccini
 MSG Thomas Stone
 Cpl Mark Truex
 Lt. Christopher Vish
 Capt. Aidan Walsh
 PFC Ellianna Welsh
 Capt Jennifer Wynn

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

James Sullivan, Jim & Kathy Buckley, Brian Buckley, Judy & Ed Field, Eileen Talley, Tom Eno, Luke Post, Nancy Cunningham, Andrea Bateman, Bernice & Arthur Hindle, Joan Carrington, Edna Werwinski, Hayes Gonzalez



American Red Cross
 Blood Drive
 St. Cornelius Church

Thursday – November 6, 2025
 1PM to 6PM

Registration Opportunity after ALL Masses
 October 25 & 26

OR....Register at redcrossblood.org using Zip Code 19317 and *Refine Search* or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) Call Marilyn at 484-947-7295 leaving your name and phone number with any questions.

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds. Blood cannot be manufactured. It can only come from generous donors like YOU.

Be that Good Samaritan!

Be a donor on November 6th

Eligibility questions? Call the Red Cross Donor Center @ 1-866-236-3276



The Ministry of Consolation

A St. Cornelius community response to the needs of people grieving the death of a significant person/persons in their lives, the ministry honors the words and example of the Lord Jesus:

"Blessed are they who mourn; they shall be consoled"

(Matthew 5:4).

A team of four St. Cornelius church members have been trained to set up and facilitate a Support Group for the Consolation Ministry.

On **November 15, 2025**, the Consolation Group will meet at the **Parish Life Center, Fr. Simon Room** from **2:30pm to 3:30pm**.

Contact Joan Holliday for any questions
dochollisv@aol.com or call (610) 717-2180.



Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church.

Join us for Adoration on Friday mornings after Mass. Please help by signing up for Adoration at least one hour each week. Your commitment will cover the same hour for each Friday.



You are welcome to visit anytime during the day until we repose the Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 PM.

If a wedding is scheduled for a Friday, there will be NO exposition.



Helping Hands and Hearts

This ministry offers temporary help (meals, errands, etc.) to individuals and families in need! If you are aware of someone in need or would like to be a volunteer helper, please contact Marilyn Gustin at mgustin05@gmail.com (484) 947-7295.

**Thursday
Scripture Study
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Parish Life Center
with Msgr. Diamond**



Join us at any time!

All women and men are invited to join us each Thursday morning from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. If you weren't able to join us last year, do not let that deter you. The goal of this Scripture study will be to broaden our knowledge of Scripture, the Church's teaching regarding the Scriptures, and it will enhance our understanding and personal faith life. Please bring a bible.

saintcornelius.org/morning-bible-study

If you have questions, please call Nancy Todor - cell 609-234-1193.

It is never too late to pick up and read.



walking with purpose

Ladies, we would love for you to be part of something special.

The Walking with Purpose Bible study

Whether you are just beginning to explore your faith or have walked with God for years, you will find encouragement, support, and meaningful conversation as we study God's word. Previous experience with Bible study is not necessary. Bring your Bible, bring a friend and consider joining us this fall for our next study:

Opening Your Heart

We meet weekly in the Parish Life Center starting Tuesday, October 7th -through March of 2026, with breaks for the holidays.

For more information, an Open House will take place at the Parish Life Center on Tuesday morning September 30th from 10:00 am -11:00 am, and Tuesday evening from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm.



To Register for the fall session, contact one of our Parish Coordinators for your preferred time:

Tuesday Mornings
10:00 am -12:00 pm - Agnes Arkus
agnesa324@verizon.net (302) 290-3486

Tuesday Evenings
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Beth Baldo
baldobetha@gmail.com (845) 558-7089

Information about WWP is available on the St. Cornelius parish website at:
<https://saintcornelius.org/walking-with-purpose>

Accompanying study guide for **Opening Your Heart** can be purchased at:
<https://shop.walkingwithpurpose.com>



First Sunday

Coffee

The St. Cornelius Council of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a coffee reception in the Holy Family Portico after the 11:00 Mass on **Sunday, November 2**.



Nick Cappelli of Suburban Food Service is again supplying us with the caffeine, cocoa and tea. This month we invite those with the last names beginning with A-M to bring baked goods to share with all our parishioners. Please join us after Mass with your fellow parishioners.

See you there!!

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)
Saint Cornelius Parish

You can contact Mrs. Abbie McCusker at stcornprep@scornelius.org or by calling the PREP office (610) 459-7723

We are happy to share that our parish will be offering a Children’s Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass. This special time allows our youngest parishioners to hear God’s Word in a way that is age-appropriate and meaningful, helping them grow in their love for Jesus and understanding of the Gospel. The children will be invited to gather separately during the Liturgy of the Word and will return to their families for the remainder of Mass. We are blessed to have Abigail McCusker and Debbie Anderson leading this ministry, and we encourage parents to bring their children so they can take part in this wonderful opportunity to learn, pray, and grow in faith.

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Sunday Mass Intentions

- 7:30 AM Jim Devenny
- 9:00 AM Frank Marciano
- 11:00 AM Larry Keeley
- 4:00 PM Anthony Quiroli

**Weekly Mass Schedule
(Week of October 27 - October 31)**

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Reading: Sir 35:12-14; 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: Susan Berke
Reading: Rom 8: 12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13: 10-17

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Intention: Fr. Stephen J. Baker
Reading: Eph 2: 19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Arthur McGuigan
Reading: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Diane Sangillo
Reading: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35

Friday 7:30 AM

Intention: Shirley Polk
Reading: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

PILGRIM STATUE



- 10 - 26 - 2025 Mary Chuchman
- 11 - 02 - 2025 Open
- 11 - 09 - 2025 Open

The dates for August thru December are now available on the sign-up.

Call Carla Santoleri at (610) 361-8447 for more information.

RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

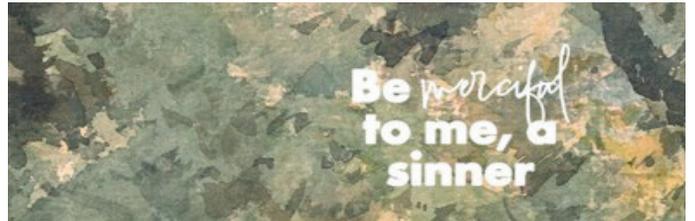
Today’s readings invite us into prayer, into relationship with God. Because relationships feel more natural when we know one another well, Sirach encourages us to know God better. In his wisdom, Sirach tells us what God is like: fair, open-minded, compassionate, and attentive. “The Lord will not delay,” he says. Knowing that God’s help comes right on time, whenever we need it, calms our hearts and helps us trust the Lord. In his second Letter to Timothy, Saint Paul demonstrates his own trust in God. Despite the grueling struggles Saint Paul has faced because of his Christian faith, he praises the Lord for rescuing him time and again. Today’s Gospel draws us close to Jesus too, revealing his special love for the poor and humble. As Jesus tells his parable about the prayer habits of a Pharisee and a tax collector, our hearts long to become as gentle as Christ’s.

where November 2 is the “Day of the Dead.” Missionaries moved an ancient Aztec festival from midsummer to November, linking the festival to Christian themes. Today, it is a time for remembering the dead and celebrating the continuity of life, principally by festive picnics in cemeteries. There are special foods and games, and people socialize with other families and tell favorite stories about their dear ones. The sweetness of life is honored by sugary desserts and treats. Flowers, music, lights, and feasting assure that the day is not at all morbid. Traditionally, the day begins with Mass, a procession to the cemetery, and a morning feast. Most families have a special dinner with the *pan de muerto*, or “bread of the dead.” A toy skeleton is baked into the loaf, and the one who bites into it is considered lucky indeed. The dead are not feared, but deeply loved, and this joyful family feast points both to age-old customs and Resurrection faith.

—James Field

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Friday’s Solemnity of All Saints and Saturday’s Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed fit well at the beginning of November. The liturgical readings of this final month in the Church year are keyed to the end of time and the fulfillment of Jesus’ saving acts. Nowhere is this more fully celebrated than in Mexico,



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DATE

November 8, 2025

2 TIME SESSIONS

8:30 am - 11:00 am

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