

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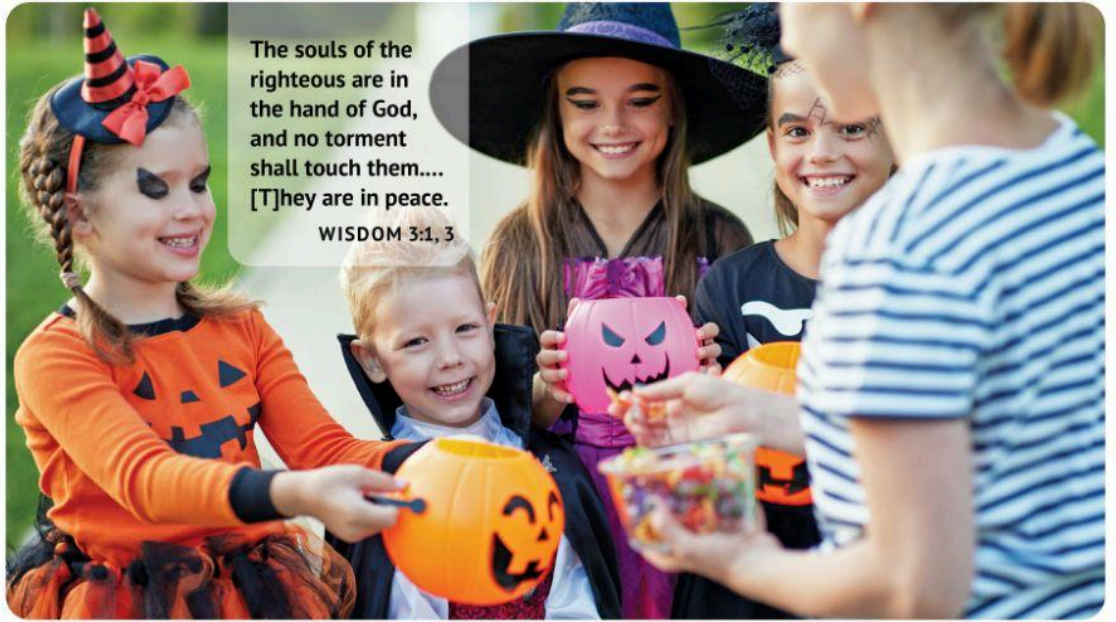
A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV
In a world wounded by violence and conflict.... I am convinced that if we are...free from ideological and political conditioning, we can be effective in saying "no" to war and "yes" to peace, "no" to the arms race and "yes" to disarmament, "no" to an economy that impoverishes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

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 19, 2025

Monday November 3 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 11:29-36 Lk 14:12-14	Friday November 7 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 15:14-21 Lk 16:1-8
Tuesday November 4 <i>St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i> Rom 12:5-16b Lk 14:15-24	Saturday November 8 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Lk 16:9-15
Wednesday November 5 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 13:8-10 Lk 14:25-33	Sunday November 9 <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22
Thursday November 6 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 14:7-12 Lk 15:1-10	

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?



Weekly Bulletin

November 1-2, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Parish Office: 254 - 647 - 3163

Website: stritacatholicranger.org

TODAY'S 2ND COLLECTION FOR CCFW & PARISH FOOD PANTRIES

Bishop Michael Olson states, "The current government shutdown has prompted us to pay attention ever more carefully to the voice of the Lord speaking again to us in the poor." Half of today's second collection will go to CCFW: Catholic Charities of Fort Worth and the other half will go to parish pantries. Bishop Olson's complete statement and list of all parishes with pantries is on our website homepage in both Spanish and English. Our parish website is stritacatholicranger.org. *The parishes with pantries closest to us are Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Breckenridge and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Mineral Wells.*

EASTLAND FRIENDSHIP MEAL - November 4th

The Eastland Friendship Meal is this Tuesday, November 4th, from 6 to 7 pm at the First Baptist church in Eastland; 405 S. Seaman, Eastland. All are welcome.

St. Andrew Breakfast - November 15

The next St. Andrew Breakfast will be on Saturday morning November 15, 2025 at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1206 Throckmorton St, Fort Worth, TX 76102, at 8:00 AM. The day will begin with Mass followed by breakfast and fellowship. We encourage young men in high school and college in the Diocese of Fort Worth to attend. Please reserve your spot by November 13, 2025, through the Vocations Office or by calling 817-945-9321.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for the sick: Kris Crocker, Karen Donoho, Al Haremza, Jax Jordan, Rocio Lopez

POPE LEO PRAYER INTENTION

November 2025 –

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.

STEWARDSHIP

October 25 & 26, 2025

St. John	\$ 800
St. Rita	\$ 1,048
St. Francis	\$ 422
Holy Rosary	\$ 835

CEMETERY MASSES

Each will begin at 4:00 pm.

Tuesday, November 4th: Ranger at Evergreen Cemetery

Wednesday, November 5th: Strawn at Mt. Marion Cemetery

Thursday, November 6th: Eastland at Eastland City Cemetery

Thursday, November 13th: Cisco at Oakwood Cemetery

NOVEMBER SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASSES

Saturday, November 15th at 9:00 a.m.

There will be a First timers class in Cisco at the old hall.

Saturday, November 22nd

There will be Spanish refresher class. Details are being finalized.

Aging With Grace - November 22

All are welcome to attend a Catholic workshop for empty nesters, retirees, caregivers and their loved ones from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** (Check in from 9:30 a.m.) on **Saturday, November 22nd at St. Jude Catholic Church**, 500 East Dallas St., Suite 100, **Mansfield**, TX 76063. Topics include the spirituality of aging, what the Church teaches about ethical medical decisions, the sanctity of life, and preparing documents, such as advance directives or a will. This event will help answer those questions and provide guidance and inspiration for the journey ahead! Cost: \$15 per person, \$25 per couple (*Includes Lunch, Snacks and materials.*) Learn more and register at:

<https://www.advancementfoundation.org/aging-with-grace>

STRAWN - ST. JOHN

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM: Mass

Wednesday

4:00 - 4:30 PM:

Confession/Adoration

4:30 PM: Mass

2nd Thursday - Monthly

St. Boniface, Dodson Prairie

4:00 PM: Confession/ Adoration

4:30 PM: Mass

CISCO - OUR LADY OF

THE HOLY ROSARY

Sunday

8:00 AM: Mass

Wednesday

6 - 6:30 PM: Confession/Adoration

6:30 PM: Mass

2nd Wednesday - Monthly

9:00 AM: Mass

9:30 AM: Adoration

RANGER - ST. RITA

Sunday

9:45 AM: Mass

Tuesday

5:30 - 6:00 PM:

Confession/Adoration

6:00 PM: Mass

EASTLAND - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Sunday (Español)

11:15 AM: Mass

Thursday (Español)

6:30 - 7:00 PM: Rosary/Adoration/Confession

7:00 PM: Mass

1st Friday - Monthly (Español)

7:00-8:00 PM: Adoration

3rd Saturday - Monthly (Español)

9:00 AM: Mass

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