Solemnity of All Saints: Nov 01, 2026

Holy Father's Intention for November:

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.

"Rejoice and be glad":

Today, we celebrate the reality of the Mystery of Salvation. A reality that we evince in the "Creed" and which is very comforting: "I believe in the communion of saints." All saints, who have already passed from death into eternal life, from the Virgin Mary on, form a unity; they represent the Church of the Blessed, whom Jesus congratulates: "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God" (Mt 5:8). At the same time, they join us in communion, too. Because the saints already enjoy the eternal vision of God, they cannot be united to us through faith and hope; but, they can, instead, be united to us through charity. "So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1Cor 13:13). Charity understood as that kind of love that links us, through them, to the same Father, to the very same Christ Redeemer and to the same Holy Spirit; the kind of love that makes them supportive and solicitous with us. Therefore, it is not that we venerate the saints only because of their exemplarity. There is a stronger reason than that: to be united in Spirit with the whole Church invigorated by the practice of the fraternal charity.

Because of this deep and profound unity we must feel close to all those saints that, before us, have believed what we now believe, have waited for what we are now waiting for and, mostly, have loved God Father and their brothers, also seeking the imitation of Christ's love.

The saint apostles, the saint martyrs, the saint confessors, who have lived through history are, therefore, our brothers and our intercessors; on them, these prophetical words of Jesus have been fulfilled: "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." (Mt 5:11-12). The treasures of their sanctity are like family assets, which we can rely upon. These are the treasures in heaven, which Jesus invites us to store up (cf. Mt 6:20). As the Vatican Council II asserts, "Thus by their brotherly interest our weakness is greatly strengthened." (Lumen gentium, 49). This solemnity brings some comforting news, which invites us to joyous festivities and celebrations.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Today's Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12a:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad**,** for your reward will be great in heven."



Praying for the Faithful Departed:

You are welcome to write down in the Book placed at the Church Entrance the Names of the Loved Ones who have passed away to be remembered in All Prayers and Masses at Resurrection of Our Lord during the entire month of November. Especially, please write down the names of your loved ones who passed away from November 2025 to October 2026 on the separated sheets. The priests will say Masses on All Souls' Day for these Faithful Departed.

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Following Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

Our time here on earth can be viewed through the image of a marathon. The great prize for running the race well is eternity in heaven where we will be eternally united with God. On this Solemnity of All Saints Day we contemplate those holy men and women who have run the race before us and reached their heavenly destination.

St. Bernard says that "calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself … In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints." It is spiritually fruitful to contemplate the saints because it helps us keep the end goal of our marathon constantly at the forefront of our minds.

Moreover, the saints provide us an example of how to run the race as well. The saints always utilized the gifts that God gave them to serve Christ and His Church. They each did this in their own unique way dependant on their particular gifts and vocation. We too as stewards should follow their example and use our particular gifts to help us run the race well. St. Bernard also says that "we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession." Therefore let us seek the intercession of the saints and look to follow their example in order to deepen our resolve of being good stewards of Christ.

Summary: On this Solemnity of All Saints Day we contemplate those holy men and women who have gone before us and reached their heavenly destination. The saints always utilized the gifts that God gave them to serve Christ and His Church in their own unique way dependant on their particular gifts. As stewards we should seek their intercession and follow their example by using our own unique gifts to serve the Church.





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Offering for Oct 25, 2026

Total Sum. Collection	**$4,802.00**
Votive Candles	$ 108.00
Flowers	$ 300.00
Baptismal Record	$ 50.00
Food Sale	$4,788.00

Solemnity of All Saints:

Pray for those who are discerning a call to proclaim the hope of the Resurrection as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons.

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Baptism: Arrangements must be made one week in advance.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sunday from 8:30 am to 9:00 am or by appointment.
Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to plan date of wedding.

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions

Sun 11/1: * Ann by 1 person
* Joseph, John the Baptist, all souls and intention by 1 person
* Paul Dai Vo by family
Mon 11/2: * Intention by Nina Vu
* Maria, Dominic, all souls, thanksgiving and peace for family by 1 person
Tues 11/3: * Dominic by Nga Nguyen
Wed 11/4: * Theresa by Phuc-Thai Anh
* Paul, Isave, 2 Ann, Joseph and all souls by Hung Ha
Thus 11/5: * Ann Siem by Lao Sam family
* Andrew, Ann, Thomas, Peter, Maria, unborn babies and all souls by Luan Bui family
Fri 11/6: * Martha, Maria, Peter and intention by family
* All souls, thanksgiving and intention by 1 person
Sat 11/7: * Ann Siem by Soan Nguyen
* Dominic, Andrew, ancestors, all souls & intention by Maria Uyen