Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Nov 08, 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.

Living with a Holy Fear:

In today's Gospel we hear the parable of the ten bridesmaids in which only the five wise ones who had prepared for the wedding banquet were allowed to enter into the celebration. Jesus ends this parable with the exhortation to "keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." It is true that none of us know the time of our own death or Christ's Final Judgement.

While this reality can lead many to fear and trembling, the Catechism instead calls us to cultivate a "holy fear" and a "blessed hope" (CCC 1041). We can cultivate those attitudes by intentionally calling to mind the finiteness of our lives and remembering that we are all ultimately made for Heaven. This reality is beautifully summarized in the words of St. Rose of Viterbo. "Live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious."

Let us also remember that during our judgment before God we will be standing before the same Lord that we have befriended through prayer and the sacraments. Let us not appear before the throne of God not having first known Him in this life. As stewards, we should live with our feet planted on earth but our eyes fixed heavenward. The Lord has ordained it in such a way that we are still called to serve and love Him in this life but let us never forget our true home. Let us prepare ourselves well.

Summary: While the thought of death and judgement can lead many to fear and trembling the Catechism instead calls us to cultivate a "holy fear" and a "blessed hope" (CCC 1041). St. Rose of Viterbo says that we should "live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious." As stewards let us strive to prepare for death by remembering that we will stand before the same Lord at judgement that we meet every day in prayer and at Mass.

Second Collection:

Next Sunday (Nov. 15) will be a Second Collection for Campaign for Human Development. **Please be prepared!**

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Today's Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13:

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."



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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"Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!"

Today, we are invited to mull over the purpose of our existence; it is a warning from God about our ultimate end; let's not, therefore, play with life. "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom" (Mt 25:1). The end of each person will depend on the path chosen; death is a consequence of the life —wise or foolish— that has been led in this world. The, foolish ones are those who have heard Jesus' message but have not put it into practice. The wise ones, on the other hand, are those who have incorporated it into their lives —that's why they enter at the wedding feast of the Kingdom.

The parable is a very serious wake-up call. "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Mt 25:13). Never let the lamp of faith go out, because any moment could be the last. The Kingdom is already here. Light your lamps with the oil of faith, fraternity, and mutual charity. Our hearts, full of light, will allow us to experience true joy here and now. Those around us will also be enlightened and will know the joy of the presence of the long -awaited Bridegroom. Jesus asks us to always have that oil in our lamps.

Thus, the Second Vatican Council, choosing from the Bible the images of the Church, refers to this comparison of the bridegroom and the bride in these words: "[The Church] is described as the spotless spouse of the spotless Lamb, whom Christ 'loved and for whom He delivered Himself up that He might sanctify her', whom He unites to Himself by an unbreakable covenant, and whom He unceasingly 'nourishes and cherishes', and whom, once purified, He willed to be cleansed and joined to Himself, subject to Him in love and fidelity...." (Lumen Gentium, 6).





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Offering for Nov 01, 2026

Total Sum. Collection	**$3,905.00**
Capital Improvement	$1,720.00
Votive Candles	$ 146.00
All Saints	$ 680.00
All Souls	$ 530.00

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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 11/8: * Maria and all souls by Khien Cuc
* John the Baptist and Maria by Uyen Lot
* Ann and ancestors both sides by Minh Quý
Mon 11/9: * Ann Siem by Soan Nguyen
Tues 11/10: * Dominic, Andrew, ancestors, all souls & intention by Maria Uyen
Wed 11/11: * Raphael by Kim Anh
* Maria, ancestors, all souls and intention by 1 person
Thus 11/12: * Dominic, Andrew, ancestors, all souls and intention by Maria Uyen
* Andrew, Ann, Thomas, Peter, Maria, unborn babies and all souls by Luan Bui family
Fri 11/13: * All souls and peace for family by Luan Vy
* 3 Joseph, Maria and Ann by Maria Cao
Sat 11/14: * Cầu cho Quý Đức Cha và Các Cha by Cac So
* Joseph and Maria by Phuong