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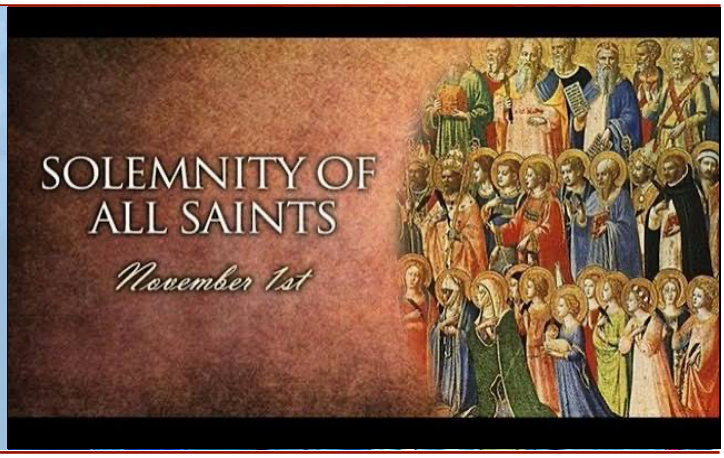

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Wednesday & Thursday 8A to 825A
Friday 8A to 825A and 430p to 545p

Mass Times

Sunday 1030A
Domingo Misa en español 1230p
Tuesday 6P
Wed., Thursday, Friday 830A

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

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

Esta es la clase de hombres que te buscan, Señor.

2nd Reading 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1ST

Sunday; November 1	*For the Holy Souls in Purgatory †*	*1030A*
Domingo; 1 de noviembre	*Por las benditas almas del purgatorio †*	*1230P español*
Tues.; November 3	*For the Holy Souls in Purgatory †*	*6P*
Wed.; November 4	*For the Holy Souls in Purgatory †*	*830A*
Thurs.; November 5	*For the Holy Souls in Purgatory †*	*830A*
Friday; November 6	*For the Holy Souls in Purgatory †*	*830A*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR

Rod Montgomery
Bernhard Family
Mary Anne Durant
Andrea Inzunza
Kimberly Laird
Leo Benedetti
The Mortenson Family
Michael Coronado
Joan Memmer
Beverly Brown
Peg McMahon

Samia Zumout
Carrie Sonsteng
Art Sanchez
Santiago Ávila
Carlos Torres
Tony & Francene Packett
Larry Young
Kim DeFretias
Mark Jimenez
Bob Gallagher

Bryant Smith
Ron Keyes
Theresa Durant
Dolores Costello
Rosemary Peterson
David Brown
Gloria Klinger
The Ginn's Family
Rafael Baez
Humberto Bozzo

NOVEMBER INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service, the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

INTENCIONES DE NOVIEMBRE DEL PAPA LEÓN XIV

Por el uso adecuado de la riqueza

Oremos por el uso adecuado de la riqueza: que, sin sucumbir a la tentación del egoísmo, esta se ponga siempre al servicio del bien común y de la solidaridad con quienes tienen menos.

This Week's Readings

THE 31ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday; November 2nd *Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)*
1st Reading:Wisdom 3:1-9
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you are with me.
2nd Reading: Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9
Gospel: John 6:37-40

Tuesday; November 3rd
1st Reading: Philippians 2:5-11
Psalm 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32
I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
Gospel: Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday; November 4th *Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop*
1st Reading: Philippians 2:12-18
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Thursday; November 5th
1st Reading: Philippians 3:3-8a
Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.
Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Friday; November 6th
1st Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
Gospel: Luke 16:1-8

Saturday; November 7th
1st Reading: Philippians 4:10-19
Psalm 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9
Blessed the man who fears the Lord.
Gospel: Luke 16:9-15

Sunday; November 8th

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

MEDITATION OF THE DAY

The Joy of the Saints

The joy of the saint transcends that of all other men. *Inevitably, he is as his divine Lord was, a man of sorrows. But the joy of all other men, and the glory of all other loves, is as pale as the flame of a candle in the sunlight, beside the joy of the saint on earth. For his life is the experience in his own soul of the unutterable bliss of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit in their knowing and loving one another.*

"The ultimate 'joy of the saints' comes in knowing that the Savior pleads their cause, 'and no one can conceive of the joy which [will fill] our souls [as] we [hear Jesus] pray for us unto the Father.'"
D. Todd Christofferson

When Christ bowed his head and slept the sleep of consummated love, deep in the black bowl of the darkest night arose the morning star. *And when he came forth out of the tomb to the splendor of his risen life, Christ came forth to ascend to his Father; the dawn of everlasting day had come silently upon earth, the spring of immortal life had put forth its flower unnoticed. The shame and sorrow of Christ with the guilt of the whole world upon him had been seen by the eyes of the world, but the exquisite secret of the first breath of his risen life was kept. He went up to his Father and sent the Paraclete to flood the heart of man with his risen life.*

When the saint wakens from that dark night of love in which self has died, he too comes forth, he too knows the wonder of the Trinity in himself. *Christ has risen in him, Christ is formed in him, the Holy Spirit descends upon him and his life is the breath of the Spirit of love. Sanctity is man's integrity, the fullness and the wholeness of his humanity; in it suffering and joy are one thing, love; and love is Christ.* — Caryll Houselander

Caryll Houselander († 1954) was a British author, poet, and spiritual teacher. / From Guilt. © 2022, Cluny, P.O. Box 1664, Providence, RI.

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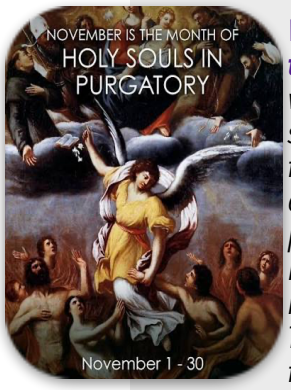
HOMILY NOTES



¡Bienvenidos a noviembre! Este mes está dedicado a las almas del purgatorio. *La transición de los tonos vibrantes del otoño a la llegada del invierno posee un significado sagrado en la tradición católica. A medida que caen las hojas y los días se acortan, se nos recuerda que toda vida terrenal llega a su fin; la atención se desplaza entonces hacia la profunda y solemne devoción por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio, quienes no pueden orar por sí mismas y, por tanto, ¡dependen de cada uno de nosotros!*

El Catecismo enseña: «Todos los que mueren en la gracia y en la amistad de Dios, pero imperfectamente purificados, aunque están seguros de su eterna salvación, sufren después de su muerte una purificación, a fin de obtener la santidad necesaria para entrar en la alegría del cielo».(CCC 1030)

Las almas que atraviesan esta purificación conforman la Iglesia Padeciente y son parte de la «comunión de los santos». Habiendo concluido su vida en la tierra y su oportunidad de reparar sus pecados, ya no pueden obtener mérito espiritual alguno. Ahora dependen totalmente de las oraciones y la generosidad de la Iglesia Militante: nosotros, que aún permanecemos en la tierra librando la batalla contra el mundo, la carne y el demonio. Por esta razón, a menudo nos referimos a ellas como las «benditas almas» (o «pobres almas»). En el Purgatorio, no hay nada que puedan hacer para aliviar su propio sufrimiento ni el de las otras almas que allí se encuentran.

La Sagrada Escritura, los concilios de la Iglesia, el Catecismo y los santos enseñan que es una práctica buena y piadosa orar y hacer penitencia por los difuntos
(2 Macabeos 12, 45; Concilio de Trento, canon 13; Catecismo, n.º 1032)

Principales festividades católicas en noviembre

- *2 de noviembre: Conmemoración de los Fieles Difuntos; es la razón por la cual dedicamos el mes de noviembre a orar por las almas en el Purgatorio, la «Iglesia Padeciente».*
- *15 de noviembre: Santa Gertrudis la Grande; se honra a esta monja benedictina, quien estuvo profundamente dedicada a las almas del Purgatorio. La oración por las benditas almas, que Santa Gertrudis recibió de Jesús, conlleva la promesa de liberar a 1000 almas cada vez que se recite con devoción.*
- *22 de noviembre: Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo; se celebra el último domingo del año litúrgico, justo antes del tiempo de Adviento, para honrar a Jesucristo como Rey de toda la creación y del universo.*

¿Sabías?*… La Iglesia concede una indulgencia plenaria (bajo las condiciones habituales) cualquier día del año por cualquiera de las siguientes cuatro prácticas piadosas:*

1. *Lee la Sagrada Escritura durante 30 minutos.*
2. *Reza el Rosario en grupo (por ejemplo, en familia, o en la parroquia STM el primer y cuarto domingo a las 10:00 a. m.).*
3. *Reza el Vía Crucis en una iglesia.*
4. *Pasa 30 minutos en adoración ante el Santísimo Sacramento.*

Si obtienes una indulgencia mediante cualquiera de estas prácticas, puedes aplicarla a ti mismo o a las almas del Purgatorio. Pero, independientemente de si logramos o no obtener la indulgencia, nuestras oraciones por las almas les brindan consuelo durante su purificación y, potencialmente, reducen la duración de su estancia en el Purgatorio.

FUENTE: https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/october-dedicated-to-the-holy-rosary/

Welcome to November! This month is devoted to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. *The transition from the vibrant hues of autumn to the onset of winter holds a sacred significance in the Catholic tradition. As the leaves fall and the days grow shorter, we are reminded that all earthly life comes to an end, the focus shifts to the profound & solemn devotion to the Holy Souls of Purgatory who cannot pray for themselves and therefore rely on each of us!*

The Catechism teaches: "All who die in God's grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death, they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven."(CCC 1030)

The souls undergoing this purification make up the Church Suffering and are a part of the "communion of saints." Having completed their life on earth and their opportunity to make reparation for their sins, they are no longer able to gain any spiritual merit. They are now completely dependent upon the prayers and generosity of The Church Militant – those of us still on earth fighting the battle against the world, the flesh, and the devil. This is why we often refer to them as the poor souls. In Purgatory, there is nothing they can do to alleviate their own suffering or the suffering of other souls there with them.

Sacred Scripture, the Church Councils, the Catechism, and the saints all teach that it is a good and pious practice to pray and do penance for the dead
(2 Maccabees 12:45), (Council of Trent, Canon 13, Catechism #1032)

Key Catholic Feast Days in November

- *Nov. 2: All Souls Day - the reason we devote November to praying for the souls in Purgatory—the Church Suffering.*
- *Nov. 15: St. Gertrude the Great honors the Benedictine nun devoted to the souls in Purgatory. St. Gertrude's prayer for the Holy Souls was given to her by Jesus with a promise to release 1000 poor souls each time it is devoutly recited.*
- *Nov. 22: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe — honoring Jesus Christ as the King of all creation & the universe is celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, just prior to the Advent season.*

Did you know? *… The Church grants a plenary indulgence (under the usual conditions) any day of the year for any one of the following four pious practices:*

1. *Read Sacred Scripture for 30 minutes*
2. *Pray the Rosary in a group (like family or 10A 1st & 4th Sunday at STM.)*
3. *Pray the Stations of the Cross in a church*
4. *Spend 30 minutes in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.*

If you gain the indulgence from any one of these practices it can be applied to yourself or to the poor souls.But whether or not we obtain the indulgence, our prayers for the poor souls bring comfort to them during their purification & potentially reduce the duration of their stay in Purgatory.

Source: https://covenantcatholic.org/devotion-of-the-month/november-dedicated-to-the-poor-souls/

ADORATION

Friday; Nov. 6 | Follows 830A Mass

MEN'S MINISTRY

Friday; Nov. 6 | 930A | Church Hall Mtg Rm.

ATTENTION WOMEN OF ST. THOMAS MORE

SAVE THESE DATES: February 5,6 & 7 for the STM Women's Parish Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center.

Questions? Call Cathy Keesling: 530-828-0278 or Cheryl Barron: 530-514-8859 for more info.

Be sure to watch the STM Bulletin for details!

PARISHIONER UPDATE: *We regret to inform you that parishioner Donna Mae Cass passed away on October 25. A Funeral Mass is scheduled at St. Thomas More on Saturday,November 6 at 11A. Please keep Donna & her family in your prayers.*

HELP! 20 Couples Needed to Make This Workshop Happen!

A powerful couples workshop is now available to St. Thomas More parishioners. Your participation matters — in fact, its critical — not only for your own relationship, but for building a parish community where couples encourage, support, and grow together. We need at minimum 20 couples to participate. Please sign up, invite other couples to join you and let's make this experience possible! Questions? See Sandra Rodriquez or Father Chuck. Sign up now for **Navigating Us** using the QR code below!

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(La escuela)
13 NOV | 7-9 P. M.
14 NOV | 10 A. M. - 2 P. M.
15 NOV | 10 A. M. - 12 P. M.

LIVE THE LIFE

¡Necesitamos al menos 20 parejas para poder llevar a cabo este taller!

Su participación es importante, no solo para fortalecer su propia relación, sino también para construir una comunidad parroquial donde las parejas se animan, se apoyan y puedan crecer juntas. ¡Inviten a otra pareja a participar y juntos ayudemos a hacer posible esta experiencia!

¡Inscríbanse hoy a Navigating Us!

Women's Bible Study

Meets every Thursday at 130P in the Parish Hall Meeting Room.

The weekly women's Bible study meets in the Parish Hall Meeting Room. We are studying the gospel of Mathew. Questions? Call Gail Crowley (530) 570- 8474. All ladies are welcome!

Faith-based Voter Guide Online Now!

A Biblically & faith-based voter guide for the Nov. 3 elections is available online at **iVoterGuide.com**. Un Guía para votar según nuestra fe el 3 de noviembre se encuentra en este enlace: **iVoterGuide.com** Arriba a la izquierda se puede cambiar de inglés al español.