

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?

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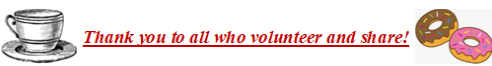
WELCOME! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRESENT OR PAST STATUS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NO MATTER YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST. GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.


RECONCILIATION: (Confession) available, following Mass, on Sunday and Wednesday – please contact Fr. Pedro, before mass, to confirm availability. Also by appointment.
BAPTISM: Please contact the Deacon or Pastor, at least one month prior to desired date.
SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE: Please contact the Deacon or Pastor at least six months prior to desired date.

Please remember St. Genevieve Parish in your Will


THANK YOU for your donations!

Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00
10/19/25: \$1,278.00
10/26/25: \$952.00
Building Fund Donations: \$10,700.00

CAFFEINE & CALORIES:
The weekly social hour continues, after Mass.

Thank you to all who volunteer and share!
Please consider hosting C & C. Contact Alicia Brown for info, 509-429-1621.

 **BUILDING COMMITTEE**
People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.

PARENTS: Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block retaining wall. Thank you!

 **The Cove is, again, in need of toilet paper. Donations can be left in the basket at the side door.**

MANGER MALL is coming soon. Drop off your unwrapped gifts at the church from **Oct 30 – Nov 30** or at the Cove until **Dec 4. THANK YOU!**

Mass Schedule:

Sunday, Nov 2 @ 11:00 am Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), Rosary @ 10:20 am
Wednesday, Nov 5 @ 9:30 am; Rosary @ 9:00 am;
ADORATION *Paused Until Advent*****
First Friday, Nov 7 @ 9:30 am; Anointing of the Sick & Benediction
Sunday, Nov 9 @ 11:00 am, Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Rosary @ 10:20 am



Liturgy of the Word

Wisdom 3:1–9 (1) No torment shall touch the souls of the just.
Psalms 23 (1) “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”
Romans 5:5–11 (1) Justified by his blood, we will be saved through Christ from the wrath.
John 6:37–40 (8) Everyone who believes in the Son will have eternal life.

Over thousands of years, God’s word has given comfort and hope to those who mourn. May our faith in a loving and merciful God, whom we hear portrayed in today’s readings, dispel our doubts and calm our fears of death. May our faith in the Resurrection and in the redemption, Jesus won for us assure us of the promise of eternal life in the kingdom. May the faith we share and the act of sharing it with each other console us in our grief.
Question of the Week: Who do I remember in a special way today? Throughout this coming week, can I commit to unite myself with them in prayer?



ANNOUNCEMENTS



The 2025 Bishop's Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is now! Please prayerfully consider how you can support the work of the Diocese. Donation envelopes are at church entrances and in the pews.

***** 2025 ACA Goal: \$17,773 *****

Parish Progress Report – Week Five | 10-26-2025
Total Pledged: \$16,285.00 % to Goal: 91.63%

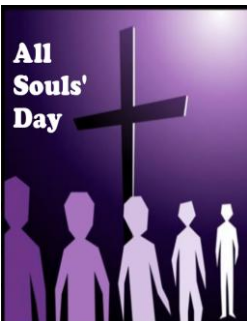


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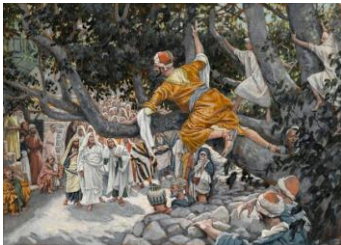
Please bring filled boxes no later than **Nov 16** or you can take the box yourself, the dates/times for drop off are posted at the rear entrance of the church.



Evangeline Grace Knox is scheduled for surgery at Children’s on Wed, Nov 5. Also, Wannita Knox is scheduled for surgery on Thurs, Nov 20. Please pray for the Knox family, and for these special members who will need extra prayers.



The story of Zacchaeus is an icon of the spiritual life. Even the worst of us have, deep down, a hunger for God and a desire to see Jesus. When we follow the promptings of that desire, wonderful things can happen. Of course, when Jesus enters our lives, he means business: “I am coming to stay at your house this day,” he says to Zacchaeus. Christ will not be a peripheral interest, one value among many. Once we invite him in, he will be the Lord of our lives. ~ Bp Robert Barron



Zacchaeus in the Sycamore awaiting the passage of Jesus



PRAY

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Aimee Budrow
Mark Crum
Wannita Knox
Roland Cruz
Duncan Bronson
Brooke Stendera
Lupe Garcia
Bill Wilburn
Sheila Kerr
Jonathan Kessler
Paul Budrow
Kyle Rogers
Fr. Sean Thomson
Thomson Family
Fred Nowicki
Evangeline Grace Knox
Teagan Maxwell
Melissa Larson
Jim Perra
Howard Burcham
Terry & Barb Anderson
Bernice Morgan



Repose of the Soul of

Fr. Paul Fitterer, SJ