

The Solemnity of All Saints

November 1, 2020

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1

OUR HOPE AND GOD'S PROMISE

The Church uses these waning November days and darker skies as the season to remind us of the last things. Today's feast, the Solemnity of All Saints, is the centerpiece of three days that point to doctrines we proclaim each time we say the Apostles' Creed: "We believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." And while the days and our hearts may be dark, the readings today are bright with the light of faith. John's vision in the book of Revelation reveals dazzling angels and white-robed saints gathered in triumph around the throne of God. In the responsorial psalm we sing our longing to see God's face, and in the second reading John writes that we are God's children and will, in fact, see God "as he is" (1 John 3:2). This is our hope. This is God's promise. Today we celebrate the triumph of those who already gaze on the face of God. Tomorrow we cry out for mercy with those in purgatory, who, like us on earth, still long to see God's face.

Mass Intentions



Sat., Oct. 31, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Willo Lindsey Crawford, Jack Sharp, Stewart, Lou and Larry Plauche, Byron and Murdis Guilbeau, Evelyn White, Gene Leblanc and for the living: Jason Stein, special intention, Karge Family, Clark Family

Sun. Nov. 01, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri

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Sun., Nov. 01, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

Mon., Nov. 02, 8:00 a.m. Harold Baur (L)

Tues., Nov. 03 NO MASS

Wed., Nov. 04, 8:00 a.m. David Tucker

Thurs., Nov. 05, 8:00 a.m. Nick Sita

Fri., Nov. 06, 8:00 a.m. Dewey Nassar Jr.

PRAYER LIST

Rosalind Baham
Fred Kopfler
Kenneth Vicari
Roy M. Piazza
Pam Strander

Scott St. Romaine
Louise Cashmere
Yolanda Bourgeois
LeLe Kopfler
Roxanne Troxclair



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THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary: Jason Stein

Blessed Mother: Nick Peters

St. Joseph: Russell Bergeron

St. Ann: Gary Joseph Treuil

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE IN MEMORY OF *All Saints and All Souls*

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome all newcomers to St. John's Church and invite you to register as members of our parish family. Please complete a Parishioner Form" located on a table in church and drop it in the collection basket.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS LET US PRAY,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power, and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. **AMEN**

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus is conducting its annual thanksgiving food drive from now until November 22nd to benefit the Northshore Food Bank. This charitable organization is making a positive impact in our communities by helping to feed hungry families, especially during the pandemic. They can do this through the help and support of individuals like you and they are incredibly grateful for your help. St. John's has been extremely generous by donating food items to the food bank on an ongoing basis. We, again, appeal to your generosity and ask you to support this year's thanksgiving food drive. Please pick up an empty food bank paper bag from the tables near the entrances of Jonathan hall, fill it with non-perishable food items, and return the bag by Sunday, November 22nd. Items particularly needed are canned goods, dry beans, peanut butter, and rice, but any non-perishable food would be really appreciated.

PIVOTAL PLAYERS

Because of the great impact and popularity of Archbishop Fulton Sheen, our Pivotal Players' study of him will take place over a period of three weeks. The first part will be a viewing of Bishop Barron's DVD on Sheen and will take place on Sunday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m. in Odilo Hall. On the following two weeks (November 15th and November 22nd) we will view actual footage from Sheen's "Life is Worth Living." Sheen's innovative radio and television programs, beamed out to believers and skeptics alike, reached upwards of 30 million people per week. Sheen had a gift for spreading the faith clearly and persuasively, and he paved the path for today's media evangelists.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
1538 – 1584

November 4 – Memorial

Patron Saint of bishops, cardinals, and seminarians
A young nobleman becomes a Cardinal, exemplifies holiness, and reforms the Church.

Saint Charles Borromeo was born in a castle to an aristocratic family. His father was a count, his mother a Medici, and his uncle a pope. This last fact was to determine the trajectory of Charles Borromeo's entire life. Pope Pius IV (1559–1565) was the brother of Charles' mother. At the tender age of twelve, Charles received the external sign of permanent religious commitment, the shaving of the scalp known as tonsure. He was industrious and extremely bright and received advanced degrees in theology and law in his native northern Italy. In 1560 his uncle ordered him to Rome and made him a Cardinal at the age of just twenty-one, even though Charles was not yet ordained a priest or bishop. This was brazen nepotism. But in this instance it was also genius. The Cardinal-nephew was a man of rare gifts and his high office afforded him a wide forum to give those gifts their fullest expression.

A NEW BEGINNING

The St. John's Men's Group will begin a new study program on Thursday, November 19th. We will be studying Fr. Mitch Pacwa's book; How To Listen When God Is Speaking. All men of the Parish are invited. For more information, call Cham Mehaffey at 985-264-5660.

REMINDERS

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thurs. 7 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meet Thurs., Nov. 12th, 7 p.m. in Odilo Hall

PSR classes every Wednesday, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.

On Monday, November 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall, our Church history class will study the reformer popes of the 11th century and the influence of St. Peter Damien, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. We, will, also look at the Great Schism in 1054 in which the eastern and western Churches separated over theological and political issues. And finally, we will study the First Crusade launched by Pope Urban II.