



St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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St. Thomas Midkiff, TX St. Paschal Sterling, TX

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NOVEMBER 1, 2020 ALL SAINTS DAY (SOLEMNITY)



Mass Schedule

Monday, November 2 All Souls Day (St. Lawrence)

8:00 am + For the Faithful Departed. Blessing of Graves following mass

11:00 am For the Intentions of the Pope

6:00 pm +Souls in Purgatory by Mike & Denice Batla

Tuesday, November 3 (St. Thomas)

8:00 am + All Souls Novena

Wednesday, November 4 (St. Lawrence)

No Mass

Thursday, November 5 (St. Thomas)

No Mass

Friday November 6 **First Friday** (St. Lawrence) (St. Thomas)

7:00 am + Souls in Purgatory by Tommy & Karla Hoelscher

7:30 am-3:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:30 am: +All Souls Novena

9:00 am-10:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, October 31 (St. Lawrence)

6:00 pm +All Souls Novena

Sunday, November 1 All Saints Day

(St. Thomas, St. Lawrence, St. Paschal)

8:30 am + Sandy Wilson by Gary & Sharon Halfmann

10:30 am +All Souls Novena

(Live stream)

12:30 For the Parish & Missions

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;

Jn 6:37-40,

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;

Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9;

Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18

[13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

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St. Lawrence Church Ministries

Saturday, November 7

Sacristan: Mitchell Jansa

Readers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers

Sunday, November 8

Sacristan: Duane Braden

Readers: Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteers

Vocation Cross

Pray for all Seminarians, all Bishops, Priests, Deacons & all religious life. Please also pray for more vocations to the priesthood, religious life and Seminarians of the Diocese.

November 1

St. Lawrence— Jimmy & Carolyn Strube

St. Thomas – Dennis & Dee Matthesen

November 8

St. Lawrence— Kenneth & Shirley Braden

St. Thomas – Bo Eggemeyer Family



St. Lawrence

Birthdays: Mark Frysak, Wendell Jones, Hubert Frerich, Betty Jean Halfmann, Clara Balleza, Maria Munguia, Ismael Olveda and Tenley Hartl

Anniversaries: Bert & Shirley Bruton

St. Thomas

Birthday: Seara Eufrazio, Aurora Reyes and Bernardo Eufrazio Jr.

Anniversaries: None

November Worklist

Eugene & Marilee Jost- CH
Jerry & Arlene Hoelscher, Jesus & Christina
Montes, Bart & Charlene Belew, Anthony
& Hillary Wheat, Rodney & Madeline
Gully, Kenneth & Shirly Braden, Shawn &
Kayla Hartl, Daniel & Jean Ann Kujawski
Brian & Lorena Bejaran, Wayne & Barbara
Halfmann, Chais & Katrina Goodwin,
Leroy & Valeria Hoelscher, Eloisa DeLuna,
Darren & Kim Jost, Jesus & Gracie Sanchez

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

All Soul's Day Masses (November 2)

8:00 am Mass followed by the Blessing of
the Graves in the Cemetery
11:00 am Mass
6:00 pm Mass

Election Day

Election Day is this Tuesday November 3rd.



Vote as you please but Please Vote

CCD NEWS

The CCD program will be on Wednesday
November 4 at 5:45 pm.

National Vocations Awareness Week

November 1 – 7, 2020

We pray for all those discerning their vocations
as holy priests, deacons and consecrated men
and women.

Special Collection for the Diocese of Lake Charles, Louisiana Sunday, November 8, 2020

Hurricane Laura in August and the recent Hur-
ricane Delta brought devastation to communi-
ties along the Gulf Coast. The Bishop of the
Diocese of Lake Charles communicated to his
brother bishops that his diocese will need years
to recover from the damage caused by the hur-
ricane. Many of the diocese's churches,
schools, religious education buildings, and rec-
tories were severely damaged in the storm. In
addition, the diocese has been feeding thou-
sands through Catholic Charities of Southwest
Louisiana.

Please remember the people of the Diocese of
Lake Charles in your prayers and donate as
generously as possible to this collection as they
work to recover from these natural disasters.

The Young Family's Ministry

A new ministry is beginning at St. Lawrence Catholic
Church! The Young Family's Ministry will bring aware-
ness to and grow the Catholic faith in the young people
and families of our parish. Our mission is to engage
young people and families in our church community
through fellowship and Catholic faith study.

The kickoff event will take place next Sunday, Novem-
ber 7 immediately following mass in the parish hall with
a Potluck Fellowship Meal. All parish members, both
individuals and families, who have graduated and are
over the age of 18 are invited and encouraged to attend.
The main meat entree will be provided. Each attending
family is asked to bring a side dish or dessert. We will
have fellowship, a meal, and guest speaker Deacon
Floyd.

For questions, please contact Amy Halfmann at 325-895
-5511 or Amber Eggemeyer at 432-270-3462.

CATHOLICISM:

ALL SAINTS DAY / ALL SOULS DAY

All Saints Day (November 1) is a solemn holyday in the
Catholic Church. It celebrates all the saints, known and
unknown. While most saints have a particular feast day
on the Catholic calendar, not all of these feast days are
observed. Saints who have not been canonized—those
who are in Heaven, but whose sainthood is known only
to God—have no particular feast day. In a special way,
All Saints Day is their feast day.

The traditional name for All Saints Day was All
Hallows Day. (A hallow was a saint or holy person.)
The vigil or eve of the feast, October 31, is still com-
monly known as All Hallows Eve or Halloween.

All Saints Day is a surprisingly old feast. It arose out
of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom
of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. The
current date of November 1 was instituted by Pope
Gregory III (731-741), when he consecrated a chapel to
all the martyrs in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He or-
dered his priest in the Diocese of Rome to celebrate the
Feast of All Saints annually. Pope Gregory IV (827-
844) extended the feast to the entire Church and ordered
it to be celebrated on November 1.

Catholics do not worship saints. Catholics respect
and honor the saints and consider them to be the heroes
of the Church. Catholics ask the saints to intercede for
them here on earth. This is the Communion of Saints
which we profess every Sunday in the Creed.

All Saints Day is followed by **All Souls Day** (Nov.
2). On this day, Catholics not only remember those
souls who have died, but apply their efforts through
prayers, almsgiving and the Mass toward the release of
souls in Purgatory so that they can enter into the pres-
ence of God in Heaven. Praying for the dead is a Chris-
tian obligation.

Scott P. Richert

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

— 1 John 3:1

ALL SAINTS (SOLEMNITY)

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honor of all the
Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

Gloria

*(When it is prescribed, this hymn is either said
or sung:)*

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ev-
er. **Amen.**

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel come up from the
East, holding the seal of the living God. He
cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who
were given power to damage the land and the
sea, "Do not damage the land or the sea or the
trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of
the servants of our God." I heard the number of
those who had been marked with the seal, one
hundred and forty-four thousand marked from
every tribe of the children of Israel.
After this I had a vision of a great multitude,
which no one could count, from every nation,
race, people, and tongue. They stood before the
throne and before the Lamb, wearing white
robes and holding palm branches in their
hands.

They cried out in a loud voice:
"Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the
throne,
and from the Lamb."

All the angels stood around the throne and around the
elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated
themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and
exclaimed:

"Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiv-
ing,
honor, power, and might
be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who
are these wearing white robes, and where did they
come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one
who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who
have survived the time of great distress; they have
washed their robes and made them white in the Blood
of the Lamb."

The Word of the Lord

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

The Lord's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers. **R.**

Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord?
or who may stand in his holy place?
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
who desires not what is vain. **R.**

He shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a reward from God his savior.
Such is the race that seeks him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

1 John 3:1-3

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we
are. The reason the world does not know us is that it
did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children
now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We
do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this
hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord. *Mt 11:28*

Alleluia, alleluia.

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 perse-
cute 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord

DAILY MEDITATION: MATTHEW 5:1-12

Blessed are you. (Matthew 5:11)

Stroll the halls of any maternity ward, and you'll see parents beaming with happiness over the birth of their child. You'll also hear them saying things like “I hope he grows up to be successful in life.” “I'm going to make sure she has every opportunity I never had.”

Here are a few things you probably won't hear them say: “I hope she finds her way to sadness.” “I'm going to make sure he gets picked on in school.” No one wants that for their children! But these are the very types of characteristics Jesus blesses in today's Gospel.

Now, Jesus doesn't want us to actively seek out persecution and sorrow. But he wants us to know that following him may lead to such challenges. That's because the way of discipleship is often at odds with the ways of the world:

- In a world marred by resentment and vengeance, Jesus wants us to forgive and turn the other cheek.
 - In a world focused on money and power, Jesus wants us to live humbly and give generously.
 - In a world wounded by wars and divisions, Jesus wants us to love our enemies and work for peace.
- Every saint, both known and unknown, has experienced this tug-of-war between the world and the kingdom of God. And that's precisely why we celebrate them today: they “have survived the time of great distress” with their faith intact (Revelation 7:14). It's not just the saints. Every believer has their own times of “great distress” as well. Isn't it helpful to know that you aren't alone in the struggle? All the saints are praying for you. The Holy Spirit is in you to empower and guide you. And you have your brothers and sisters in Christ. It truly is possible to “survive” even the greatest of temptations and take your place with all the saints in heaven.

“Holy Spirit, give me the grace I need not only to survive but also to thrive as a disciple of Jesus!”

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Psalms 24:1-6

1 John 3:1-3

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

*(At the words that follow, up to and including and be-
came man, all bow.)*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings

May these offerings we bring in honor of all the Saints
be pleasing to you, O Lord,
and grant that, just as we believe the Saints
to be already assured of immortality,
so we may experience their concern for our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. *Mt 5:8-10*

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most
Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramen-
tally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy
and wonderful in all your Saints,
we implore your grace,
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of
your love,
we may pass from this pilgrim table
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.