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Solemnity of All Saints

Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14| 1 John 3:1–3| Matthew 5:1–12a **November 1, 2026**

Mass Schedule

Celebrant:
Fr. Rajan Thomas

Saturday - 5 p.m.
Sunday - 9 a.m.

Weekday Masses
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – 9 a.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Adoration and Confession

Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

Confessions are also available by appointment

Mass Intentions

Sat	Oct 31	Special Intention by S. Wojcik
Sun	Nov 1	✞Carol Witoski by Joss Family
Mon	Nov 2	✞For all deceased family members of Stanislawa Wojcik By Stanislawa Wojcik and Family
Tues	Nov 3	✞For all deceased family members by Stanislawa Wojcik and Family
Wed	Nov 4	✞Julia and Julian Kowalski by S. Wojcik and Family
Thurs	Nov 5	✞Lucja Maria Jerzak by S. Wojcik and Family
Fri	Nov 6	✞Wladyslawa Ewa Polanka by Sister and Family
Sat	Nov 7	✞Teresa Wielgosh by Al Wielgosh and Family
Sun	Nov 8	✞Don Kubish by Virginia Kubish

I MUST BE A SAINT- ALL SAINTS

Today we celebrate All Saints' Day. Saints are the ones who lived a holy life. So, in a way what we celebrate today is HOLINESS. Primarily its God's holiness that we celebrate. Because what the saints lived is nothing but God's holiness. For God has said: "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy" *Leviticus 19:2*. Saints have fulfilled these words in their lives. Today we call them holy because they have manifested God's holiness through their lives. Saints were not SUPER BEINGS with special powers but they were GOOD BEINGS with virtues.'

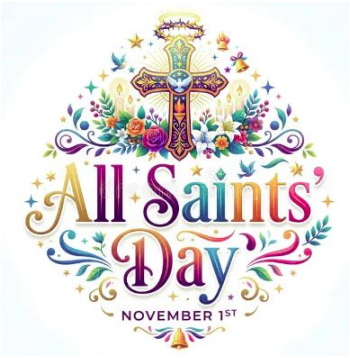
* Saints were HOLY but they too had their human WEAKNESS.
* The saints are in HEAVEN but they are made on EARTH.
* Saints are with GOD yet they are close to US when we seek their intercession.
* Saints are not just the STATUES to be honoured but they are BIOGRAPHIES to be imitated.
* Sainthood is not a RANK reserved for few but a CALL for everyone.

Very often, seeking God's mercy we acknowledge "I am a sinner" but we never say "I am a saint". No doubt we are sinners but we cannot remain in that state all throughout. We have to strive to be holy. Every time we fall in our human weakness we have to rise for God's holiness.

And that's exactly what the saints did. Hence today's feast reminds us that we are called to be "saints" (to be holy). We may not be able to say "I am a saint" but we must certainly say "I must be a saint".

While we are the members of the "Church Pilgrim" still living on earth. The saints are the members of the "Church Triumphant" who are in full union with God and make up the "Communion of Saints" in Heaven. Once they too were a part of "Church Pilgrim" but now they have gone before us and are showing us the way to "Church Triumphant". They are truly the CHAMPIONS OF FAITH. And in this regard, they are our strong support both by their life example and by their intercession. As we thank God for giving us saints lets pray to them saying: "Help us to live as you lived and arrive where you are".

+ In Christ Jesus,
Fr. Rajan Thomas, IVDei



Announcements

All Souls Day Masses

Monday, November 2 -- Join us as we gather in prayer and remembrance on All Souls Day, a sacred time when the Church commends to God's loving mercy all the faithful departed. **Mass Times: 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The PPC will be meeting on **November 5 at 7:00 p.m.**

Father Rajan Will Be Away - Nov 9 – Dec 16

Father Rajan will be travelling to India to defend his PhD thesis, an important milestone in his studies and he needs our support. Please keep him in your prayers for safe travels, a successful thesis defense, and God's guidance and strength during this important time. We look forward to welcoming him home!

Book of Life

In November, a time when the Church especially remembers and prays for the faithful departed, parishioners are invited to add the names of deceased loved ones to our **Book of Life**, located near the baptismal font. Please take a moment before or after Mass to write the names of those you wish to remember.

Good Shepherd Campaign Launch

Archbishop Albert LeGatt has launched the annual Good Shepherd Campaign. We invite all parishioners to prayerfully consider supporting this year's campaign and thank you for your continued commitment to the mission of the Church.

CWL Meeting

The next CWL meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 10 at 1:00 p.m.**

Knights of Columbus Charity Dinner

Supporting the Communities of Poplar River & Berens River
Friday, November 13, Garson Centennial Community Centre Doors Open: 5:00 p.m. Dinner Served: 6:00 p.m. Tickets: $20 - Helping provide food, clothing, school supplies, and everyday essentials to families and elders in two northern Manitoba communities.

CWL Sunday

Join us for **CWL Sunday** on **November 15 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass**. Members of the Catholic Women's League will participate in the liturgy as lectors, gift bearers, and collection ushers. Following Mass, refreshments will be served in the parish hall downstairs. Everyone is warmly invited to stay for fellowship and conversation. We look forward to celebrating with you.

Prayer Requests

In our Thoughts & Prayers, Let Us Pray for:

Loki Fox Eyolfson
Zenon S.
Connie Quenett
Shireen Nevistiuk
Cecelia Szajewski
Theresa Buss
Sandy Denchuk
Teresa & Michele Melillo
Families facing health and mental health challenges





All Souls' Day

Remember • Pray • Hope

November 2

All Souls' Day is a special day when the Catholic Church remembers and prays for all the faithful departed, especially those who are being purified in purgatory before entering the fullness of heaven.

Death does not destroy our relationship with Christ or our communion with one another.



1. What is All Souls' Day?



All Souls' Day is a day of prayer and remembrance for those who died. The Catholic Church teaches that we are united through the **Communion of Saints:**

- **Church Militant:** Christians still living on earth.
- **Church Suffering:** Souls being purified in purgatory.
- **Church Triumphant:** Saints who are already in heaven with God.

We remember the dead not simply because we miss them, but because we believe in God's mercy, the resurrection, and eternal life.

2. What is Purgatory?



Purgatory is not another hell, and it is not a second chance to choose God. According to Catholic teaching, purgatory is a final purification for people who die in God's friendship but still need to be purified from the effects of sin before entering heaven.

Think of it this way:
A person may love God and be forgiven, but still need spiritual purification.

Important: Souls in purgatory are already assured of heaven.

3. What Does the Bible Say About Praying for the Dead?



Catholics find biblical support for this practice in several passages:

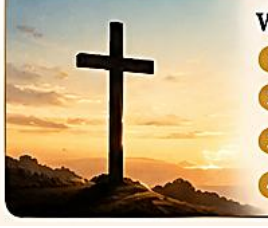
- **2 Maccabees 12:44–46** – Prayers and offerings were made for deceased soldiers, so they might be freed from their sins.
- **1 Corinthians 3:13–15** – A person's work may be tested through fire, and still be saved.
- **Matthew 12:32** – Forgiveness in this age and the age to come.
- **Revelation 21:27** – Nothing impure can enter the heavenly Jerusalem.

4. Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell

Heaven	Purgatory	Hell
Eternal communion with God.	Final purification for those destined for heaven.	Definitive separation from God.
Full joy and peace.	Hope and assurance of heaven.	The consequence of definitive rejection of God.
No suffering or sin.	Temporary purification.	Eternal separation from God.

Catholic teaching emphasizes that God desires everyone to be saved, but respects human freedom.

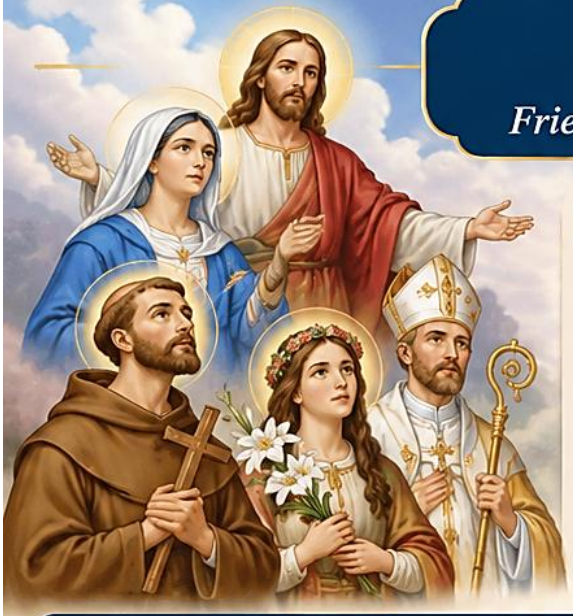
5. Why Do Catholics Pray for the Departed?



We pray for the dead because:

1. **Love continues beyond death.** We remain united in Christ.
2. **We trust in God's mercy.** We ask God to purify and welcome the departed.
3. **We practice spiritual charity.** Prayer is an expression of love for those who have died.
4. **We believe in the Communion of Saints.** Death does not break our unity in Christ.

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."
— James 5:16



Saints

Friends in Heaven, Guides on Our Journey

What is a Saint?

A saint is a man or woman who lived a life of faith, loved God and others, and is now in heaven with God. The Church recognizes them as holy and worthy of our respect and imitation.

Biblical Foundation

"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."
— Leviticus 19:2

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..."
— Hebrews 12:1

"Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us..."
— Hebrews 12:1

Why Are Saints Important?

- **They** show us what it means to live a life of faith.
- They **intercede** for us — they pray for us in heaven.
- They **inspire** us to grow closer to God.
- They help us through their example, especially in difficult times.

"The saints, our brothers and sisters, are models of holiness and signs of God's love."
— Catechism of the Catholic Church, §946

Categories of Saints (Some Examples)

Apostles



St. Peter
The first Pope

Martyrs



St. Agnes
Died for her faith

Doctors of the Church



St. Thomas Aquinas
A great teacher

Holy Men and Women



St. Teresa of Avila
A reformer and mystic

Other Notable Saints



St. Francis of Assisi
A lover of creation

How to Learn from and Venerate Saints

Pray to them
Ask for their intercession and learn from their example.

Read about their lives
Discover how they loved God and others.

Celebrate their feast days
Join the Church in honoring their witness.

Follow their example
Grow in faith, charity, and holiness.

The saints remind us that holiness is possible for all of us.
— With God's grace, we too can become saints!

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