



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

November 2, 2025

If we have died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with him.

-- Romans 6:8



Daily Mass

Week of November 3rd – 7th

Monday: 8:00 George Niespolo+
Tuesday: 8:00 Douglas Foust+
Wednesday: 8:00 Jack Robert Nelson+
Thursday: 8:00 Theresa Joyce+
Friday: 8:00 Peter Boero+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Linda Peng, Georgia Pontoniere, Maria Corrales, Dan McDonald, Lorraine Heinemann, Lisa Wemple, Sarah Wren, Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Anil Siu, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collections

October 25, 2025	\$10,229.00
World Mission Sunday	\$1,320.00

Today's Readings

First Reading -- The souls of the just are in the hands of God, and no torment shall touch them (Wisdom 3:1-9).

Psalm -- The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading -- Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts (Romans 5:5-11).

Gospel -- This is the will of the Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes may have eternal life (John 6:37-40).

Altar of Remembrance



Again this year, there will be a Shrine of Remembrance. Please bring small framed photos of deceased loved ones to the Parish Office to be displayed at the Altar of Remembrance during the month of November. It is located on the credenzas in the Church. Please put your name and phone number on the back of the frame. Your photographs will be handled gently and **will not** be removed from their frame.



From
Father Leo

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

During the month of November, we are encouraged to reflect on the reality of death. We begin the month by celebrating All Saints Day and commemorating those who have died. They also help us focus on the fact that we, too, will one day die.

We all have questions about death and many of us prefer not to think about the subject at all. But, it is a topic that we can ill afford to ignore. An appreciation of the reality of death can give us a greater appreciation of the finiteness of life. Thinking about the inevitability of death is not an act of morbidity, rather it is an opportunity to reassess our lives.

If you knew that your days were numbered and that death was near, would you do anything differently? Would that knowledge change the relationships that you presently have with God, members of your family and the larger community? I believe that for many of us the answer would be YES!

During the month of November, we are invited to reflect on our lives and do what needs to be done, so that when our earthly life is over, we will find ourselves listed among the Communion of Saints.

Love, Fr. Leo

The Book of the Names of the Dead



Throughout November, we remember our beloved dead as we place the Book of the Dead near the baptismal font and inscribe their names on its pages. You are encouraged to write the names of your departed friends and relatives in the Book of the Dead. Such a simple act of writing their names focuses our attention on the fact that, though dead, they are not forgotten. We remember their names. They are still very real to us. May their good memories linger on and may the Lord bless them with the glory of his Saints.



Begin With Ardor!

If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new ardor.

-- St. Charles Borromeo

No Us and Them, Just Us!

Join the Oakland Catholic Worker on Saturday, December 6th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Bishop O'Dowd High School for a powerful and inspiring event, featuring distinguished guest speaker, Fr. Gregory Boyle. Fr. Boyle is a best-selling author and founder of Homeboy Industries, the world's largest gang rehabilitation and re-entry program based in Los Angeles. Attending this event supports the Oakland Catholic Worker and immigrant families in East Oakland during these challenging times. See the flyer on the credenzas in the Church or go to: OaklandCatholicWorker.org for more details and/or to purchase tickets. Hope to see you there!

Magnificat (Ministry for Catholic Women)!

Please join Magnificat in their upcoming Prayer Meal on Saturday, November 15th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at their new location, St. Joan of Arc Church, 2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd. in San Ramon. Fr. Ramon Urbina will be the speaker. He was born and raised in Antioch where his parents still live and worship. He will share his journey from art student to parish priest as he sought to serve the Lord more fully. Tickets are \$35 online registration by November 10th to: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ca-walnut-creek/>. For more information, contact Michelle Heckle at (925) 818-3111.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

For those of Mexican heritage, November 2nd means celebration of *el Día de Los Muertos*, or "the Day of the Dead." One of the most important days of the year for many, they join All Saints and All Souls together, visiting the graves of babies and children on All Saints, since they are *santitos* (little saints) or *angelitos* (little angels). Flowers, their favorite toys, favorite music and so on are taken to them. The following day, people spend time -- some of them all day -- at the cemetery with their loved ones who have died. From the ancient customs of the Indians, the families pray, talk with them and take them their favorite food. It is a most solemn but joyful day. It is a day to celebrate Christ's victory over death: "Death, where is your sting?" There is a mocking of death as people make skeletons, candy that represents death, and *Pan de los Muertos* (bread of the dead) and consume them in a kind of role reversal.

One of the customs is to build an *altarcito* (little altar) where one places mementos and pictures of those who have died. There are also favorite foods, candles, statues or pictures of favorite saints, books and Bibles. Some parishes have begun to build an *altarcito* where all parishioners can join in honoring the deceased.

***Readings For The Week
November 3rd -- 8th***

Monday: First Reading Romans 11:29-36;
Psalm 69;
Gospel Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday: First Reading Romans 12:5-16b;
Psalm 131;
Gospel Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday: First Reading Romans 13:8-10;
Psalm 112;
Gospel Luke 14:25-33

Thursday: First Reading Romans 14:7-12;
Psalm 27;
Gospel Luke 15:1-10

Friday: First Reading Romans 15:14-21;
Psalm 98;
Gospel Luke 16:1-8

Saturday: First Reading Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27;
Psalm 145;
Gospel Luke 16:9-15

***Archdiocese For the
Military Services Collection!***

Next weekend, November 8th and 9th, the second collection will be for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. This collection supports those who serve in all six branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, are enrolled in U.S. military academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders and their families. It is AMS's mission for these men and women to seek sacramental preparation for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, penance and marriage; to benefit from consultation with a priest, and to receive the sacrament of penance as they defend our rights of freedom, speech, and face constant transition and uncertainty. They are the Catholic military men and women, Veterans and their families who are part of this global Archdiocese. Thank You for your help!

Please Note!

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