



No Soul Is Beyond God's Reach

From time to time, we hear of people who take their own lives. It breaks our hearts — a young person overwhelmed by pressure, a parent crushed by failure, an elderly soul weary of pain. Suicide leaves behind so many questions, tears, and guilt among family and friends. But one of the deepest questions that troubles our hearts as believers is this: What happens to their souls? Will they be saved? The Church has faced this question with compassion and truth for centuries. Once upon a time, suicide was often seen as an unforgivable sin. But through prayer, reflection, and deeper understanding, the Church has come to see that behind such acts, there is often not rebellion, but deep suffering, confusion, or illness. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that taking one's own life is a serious matter, because life is a gift from God, and we are called to love and care for it — our own life and the lives of others. When someone commits suicide, they are, in a sense, turning away from that gift. But the Church also teaches something very important and full of hope: we must never give up hope for that person's soul. The Catechism says, "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives." This means that even if someone ends their life, we should not assume they are lost forever. God's mercy is much greater than we can ever imagine. Only God truly knows what was happening in that person's heart at that painful moment — the fear, sadness, confusion, or illness that might have clouded their mind. And because of that, God can find ways to save them, even in their final moment — "by ways known to Him alone." Think of it like this: imagine a person lost in a dark forest at night. They panic, stumble, and fall into a pit. From above, it may look like they are lost forever. But God sees deeper — He knows there's a hidden tunnel that leads out, a way of escape that only He can see. In the same way, even when we think a life is lost, God can open a path to mercy that we cannot understand. For example, someone who ends their life might, in their last breath, whisper, "God, I'm sorry," or even just think it in their heart. God hears that whisper. His love can reach them in that very instant — because His mercy is not limited by time or circumstance. There is a powerful example in Scripture that shows us this divine mercy. When Jesus hung on the cross, beside Him were two criminals. One mocked Him; the other, in his last breath, cried out, Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. And Jesus replied, Today you will be with me in Paradise. Even in the final moments, mercy triumphed. That same mercy extends to those whose lives end by their own hands. We must never assume that a soul is lost. Instead, we are called to pray, to intercede, and to trust in the boundless compassion of God. There are countless stories where loved ones have found peace through prayer. In one touching example, a mother who lost her son to suicide said she used to weep every night, but one day, while praying, she felt in her heart a quiet assurance — not of her son's condemnation, but of God's presence embracing him. That is what faith does: it teaches us to hope even where human logic fails. So dear friends, if someone we love has taken their life, let us not live in fear or guilt, but in faith and prayer. Let us entrust their soul to the One whose mercy is greater than all sin, whose understanding is deeper than all pain.

Amen.
Fr. Joseph Puthen

Saturday, November 1

5:00 p.m. † Frank Negri by the family
† Deceased family members by Tim & Raydell Boerjan
† Lazaro Arevalo, Jr. by the family
† Rogelio Salinas, Jr. (3rd anniv) by the family

Sunday, November 2

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS
9:30 a.m.(E) † Amancio & Rafael Garza by the family
† Paco & Margarita Huerta Calzado by the family

11:15 a.m. NOVENA MASS

Monday, November 3

NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, November 4

7:00 a.m. NOVENA MASS

Wednesday, November 5

7:00 a.m. NOVENA MASS

Thursday, November 6

7:00 a.m. NOVENA MASS

Friday, November 7

7:00 a.m. NOVENA MASS

12:05 p.m. †

Saturday, November 8

5:00 p.m. NOVENA MASS

Sunday, November 9

8:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS

9:30 a.m.(E) †

11:15 a.m. NOVENA MASS

Altar Society Schedule

For the Month of November:

Having the privilege of cleaning this month

Cleaning the altar & robes:

Nori C., Nori M. & M.T. H.

Cleaning the side altars:

Mary Beth M.

A PRAYER FROM ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

I believe, Lord, but let me believe more firmly. **I hope, Lord**, but let me hope more surely. **I love, Lord**, but let me love more warmly. **I repent, Lord**, but let me repent more deeply. **Lord**, give me humility, meekness, chastity, patience and charity. Teach me goodness, knowledge and discipline. Give me your love together with your grace and I will be rich enough. My God, my Jesus, my all in all.

Amen.

Parish Tithes and Offerings October 25 & 26

Sacred Heart Parish

Regular Collection: \$3031.00

Online Giving: \$616.00

St. Anne Mission

Regular Collection: \$324.00



Parish Meetings & Events

- Nov 02 All Souls Day
 Nov 02 Daylight Saving Time Ends. Fall back an hour.
 Nov 02-12 Novena Masses
 Nov 04 Knights of Columbus Officer Meeting: 7:00 pm
 Parish Hall
 Nov 05 Adoration from 8:00 am. to 7:00 pm. Schoenstatt Chapel
 Nov 08 Altar Society Meeting at 10:00 am Parish Hall
 Nov 10 CDA Meeting at 6:00 pm Parish Hall
 Nov 11 Guadalupe Meeting at 6:00 pm Parish Hall
 Nov 12 Adoration from 8:00 am. to 7:00 pm. Schoenstatt Chapel
 Nov 15 Sacred Heart Royalty Pageant after the 5 pm Mass.
 Parish Hall
 Nov 16 Youth Group Pie Fundraiser pick-up between 9am-1pm
 Nov 18 Knights of Columbus Meeting: 7:00 pm Parish Hall
 Nov 19 Adoration from 8:00 am. to 7:00 pm. Schoenstatt Chapel
 Nov 22 St. Anne's Altar Society Chili—Chalupa Supper 5-7 pm
 Nov 23 Raffle Ticket Drawing after 11:15 Mass in Parish Hall

The Catholic Daughters of America Court #2013

Will be selling this beautiful yard sign. The sign will come with the pic stand.



The price will be \$15.00. If you are interested in purchasing one please see any CDA member.



All Souls Day Prayer

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

Amen."



**Knights of
Columbus**

Family of the Month

Jesus and Jessica Lopez



Prayer Blanket Ministry

This ministry will be making blankets for people in our parish who are seriously ill. These blankets will be blessed and given to everyone on our list. Prayer is very powerful and we ask everyone in our parish to pray for these individuals on the prayer list:

11-2-25

Lily Garcia
 Alicia Garcia
 Estella Ansualda
 Aurora & Robert Rivera
 Yesina R. Ramirez
 Jacob Soliz
 Kindra Vannest
 Rosendo Garcia

10-26-25

Alberto Villarreal
 Johnny Perez
 Yolanda & Jesus M. Longoria
 Nori Garcia
 Irene Escalante

10-12-25

Madeline Inez Lopez
 Tina De Leon

10-19-25

Tim Boerjan

10-05-25

Esmeralda Hinojosa
 Agueda A. Garza
 Anna Martinez



ST. ANNE ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER NOVEMBER 22

PARISH HALL 5-7 PM
 SWEETS FOR SALE ALSO!



Sacred Heart Youth Group Pie Fundraiser

Sacred Heart Youth Group will be having a Pie Fundraiser on November 16th. You can pre-order pumpkin, pecan or pumpkin roll. Call or Text Elvie at 361-482-8055 or Pam at 361-474-3050 to place your order. All orders can be picked up between 9 am-1 pm at the Parish Hall. Last day to place orders will be Nov 10th.

Pecan: \$25 Pumpkin: \$20 & Pumpkin Rolls: \$20

VOCATIONAL CROSS



5:00 p.m. Mass

Nov 1-Nov 8 Melissa Escobar
Nov 8-Nov 15 Janie Cantu
Nov 15-Nov 22 Lisa Molina

8:00 a.m. Mass

Nov 2-Nov 9 Oralia & Rosendo Garcia
Nov 9-Nov 16 Connie & Arturo Garcia
Nov 16-Nov 23 Grace Charles

11:15 a.m. Mass

Nov 2-Nov 9 Gilbert & Dominique Alegria
Nov 9-Nov 16 Pam Cabrera
Nov 16-Nov 23 Rick & Cindy Salinas

St. Anne Misson

9:30 a.m. Mass

Nov 2-Nov 9 Dora Barrera
Nov 9-Nov 16 Connie Perez
Nov 16-Nov 23 Laura Gutierrez

Prayers Before Mass

Schedule for Saturdays at 4:25 pm

NOV 01 Jessica C. Lopez
08 Dora Garza
15 Esmeralda Hinojosa
22 Dora Garza
29 Edna Balderas
DEC 06 Dora Garza
13 Martha Ruiz
20 Mary Costley, Dora Garza
27 Esmeralda Hinojosa



Nov 1-2

5:00 Team 1: Ivan M. Edel A. Zitali S. Tayana S. Brooklyn A. Jason A. Aliyah M.
8:00 Team 2: Orlando C. Roel M. Katlyn M. McKenzie C. Bailey C. Carlos G. A'Bree G.
11:15 Team 3: Kaleb G. Kinley G. James G. Joshua G.

Nov 8-9

5:00 Team 4: Alex C. Natalie C. Roel H. Camilla V. Nicholas T. Audriana T. Charlie S.
8:00 Team 1: Ivan M. Edel A. Zitali S. Tayana S. Brooklyn A. Jason A. Aliyah M.
11:15 Team 2: Orlando C. Roel M. Katlyn M. McKenzie C. Bailey C. Carlos G. A'Bree G.

October 26-Nov 8



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church is burning for:

Eduardo Vela, Sr.

By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in the Guadalupe Chapel is burning

for:

Rudy Soliz, Sr.

By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in the Schoenstatt Chapel is burning

for:

Odelia Rodriguez

By the family

The Sanctuary Candle in St. Anne Mission is burning

for:

Baldemar & Delia Perez, Irene & Macie Barrera &

Norma Ramirez

By the family



Diocesan Prayer For Vocations

**NATIONAL VOCATION
AWARENESS WEEK
NOV 2-8**

O loving and gracious God, Father of all, You bless Your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through Your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of young men and women to offer their lives in service of the gospel as priests, sisters, and brothers. Open the hearts of Your sons and daughters to listen to Your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern Your invitation to serve You and Your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow Your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to You, "Speak Lord, for Your servant is listening." Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, teach those who are called by Your Son to give a joyful "YES!" as you did to the Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.