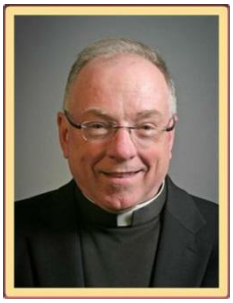
This Week's Message from Fr. Amesse November 1, 2026



Remembering Our Faithful Departed

November is a special month in the life of the Church. It is a time when we remember those who have gone before us in faith. We begin the month with All Saints Day on November 1, when we honor all those who now share eternal life with God. The following day, All Souls Day, we remember and pray for the faithful departed, especially our family members and friends.

I think November is a beautiful reminder that death does not have the final word. Jesus promised us eternal life. As Christians, we believe that our relationships with those we love do not simply end when they die. We miss them, of course. We remember their voices, their laughter, and the little things that made them special. Sometimes a familiar song, a photograph, or a particular place brings back a wonderful memory. But our Catholic faith gives us something more than memories. It gives us hope.

One of the beautiful traditions of our Church is praying for the dead. When we offer a Mass for someone, light a candle, or remember a loved one in our prayers, we are expressing our faith in God's mercy and the promise of the Resurrection. Here at St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, we remember our faithful departed in a special way throughout November. I encourage you to take a few moments this month to pray for those who have touched your life and are now with the Lord. And remember, someday we hope to be reunited with them in the presence of God.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

God bless you. I remember you at Mass.