

November 2025 Update

Dear Friends,

November is here, and it is always good to begin the month with the reminder of who we are called to be as we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. Wow! After the celebration of Halloween (All Saints Eve), it is our privilege to remember and honor all the saints, both known and unknown, as **the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1**. On this holy day of obligation, we celebrate those whom the Church has declared to be in heaven, rejoicing in their blissful view of God for eternity. Oh, what an indescribable sight it will be! Do you too not want to be there to gaze upon the face of God forever? This great feast reminds us that holiness is not optional. It is our destiny and our calling. You too can be a saint!

The saints who went before us cheer us on as we run the race of faith, showing us that eternal life with Christ is possible for each of us. In the joyful All Saints Day celebration this weekend, we will give thanks for the countless witnesses to Christ and ask for their prayers. **We will honor those heroic men and women with a vigil Mass on Friday, October 31, 2025 at 6 p.m. followed by Alan Ames' healing service.** On **Saturday, we will have a Mass at 10 a.m.** during which our children will come dressed as little saints as we work to change our culture, which loves to engage in morbid things. We can be the guide through the fog of all things spooky and the steady hand on the flashlight revealing Christ to the world.

The church in her wisdom celebrates **the Commemoration of All Souls Day soon after the Solemnity of All Saints**, inviting us not to forget to pray for those who have gone before us but may still be “on the way” of Purgatory. For some of us, losing our loved ones might still be very difficult to fathom, and our grief may still be raw. Others of us may have moved to a state of peace, knowing that the souls of the just are in the hand of God. Praying for all souls every day, and especially this month, is a critical part of our faith, as it is rooted in the belief in the everlasting life promised by Jesus. If you can, visit the cemetery to pray for your loved ones and, most especially, those who have no one to pray for them. **One day, those forgotten souls in purgatory may pray for us when we need prayer the most.**

I would like to thank each of you for your generosity for so many things related to our Silver Jubilee. Our Jubilee is a time to rejoice and thank God for all the blessings we have received during our first 25 years. And as our Jubilee theme expresses, it has been a journey of grace. This parish and all it has been granted are not the result of our merit, but have come through the gift of God's grace.

Our Jubilee is also a time for sharing as an act of thanksgiving. **We begin with the Farm Workers food drive on the weekend of 2nd November. This is followed by our first Day of Giving Back, when we will visit Matthew's Hope on the 18th of November** to distribute meals to over 400 friends in need who will visit that facility. More about this will be provided in the coming weeks.

November also gives us an opportunity to celebrate **Thanksgiving Day** with our family and friends. Our primary focus is on **THANKING GOD** for all that he has done and continues to do for us. We will have **two Thanksgiving Masses: on Wednesday, 26 November at 7 p.m. and on Thursday, 27 November at 10 a.m.** As you prepare for this holiday, you can perhaps mull over this Thanksgiving Prayer offered by Ralph Waldo Emerson:

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything thy goodness sends.

As for me, I thank God for EACH of YOU. You are the reason for my being here. Fr. Martin and I are happy to thank God every day for you, your kindnesses, and generosity.

Believe it or not, **the Advent Season begins on the 30th November!** I will be back with you before then. Let us savor each day of this month as a special gift from the Lord.

Have a Grateful November!

With love,

Fr. John

Now let us turn our attention to the events happening around our parish in the month of November

1 November All Saints Day Mass & First Saturday Rosary will begin at 10 a.m.

1 November Gratia Plena Thanksgiving Lunch at 12 p.m. in the Hall.

2 November **ALL SOULS' DAY**

The souls of the just are in God's hands.

Outreach Weekend.

2 November Notre Dame Club Hesburgh Lecture by Rev. Paul Kollman, C.S.C., in the Hall following the 11 a.m. Mass.

4 November SAIL (Senior Adventures in Learning) begins at 9 a.m. in rooms 1-4, 8, 9, 11, the Hall, and the Kitchen.

4 November GriefShare at 12 p.m. in the Father Patrick Peyton Room.

4 November SJE Rosary Fitness every Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. in the Hall.

5 November SAIL (Senior Adventures in Learning) begins at 9 a.m. in rooms 1-4, 6-9, 11-12, and the Kitchen.

6 November SJE Kids at 8:00 a.m. in the Father Patrick Peyton Room and all the classrooms.

6 November Christmas Ornament Set Up at 9 a.m. in rooms 6-7.

6 November Mom's Ministry Bible Study in Rooms 1-2 at 9:30 a.m., day care in Rooms 8-9, every Thursday in November.

6 November Flourish Our Faith at 12:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. in the Hall. Will continue on the remaining Thursdays in November.

7 November First Friday Holy Hour Devotion on November 7th at 3 p.m. in the Church.

7 November W.I.N.G.S. Fellowship Meeting from 6-9 p.m. in Room 5, with child care in Rooms 1-2.

8 November Annual Remembrance Mass from 11-1 p.m. followed by Luncheon until 3 p.m. in the Hall.

9 November **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus is the living sanctuary, and we his living body in the Spirit.

9 November Sensory Friendly Mass at 1:00 p.m. in the Hall.

10 November Men's Discipleship Night 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Hall.

11 November GriefShare Final Session 12 p.m. in the Hall.

11 November SJE4Veterans Veterans Day celebration, 4-7:30 p.m. in the Hall.

11 November SJE Seedlings of Hope, 4-5 p.m. in the Church.

12 November Sunshine Ministry in Rooms 3 & 4 from 1-3 p.m.

14 November Kerygma Prayer Service and Adoration from 7-9 p.m. in the Church.

14 November Feed my Flock Annual Potluck Dinner from 7-9 p.m. in the
Father Patrick Peyton Room.

15 November Welcome Dinner for New Parishioners in the Hall from
5:30-9 p.m. in the Hall

16 November **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.**

*Through their perseverance, they will emerge victorious when
the Lord comes again.*

18 November Our first of three Days of Giving Back at 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
at Matthew's Hope.

18 November GreifShare's Surviving the Holidays at 12 p.m. in the Father
Patrick Peyton Room.

19 November CCW General Meeting at 1 p.m. in the Hall.

21 November Mass for the Presentation of our Mother at the Grotto from 5-6 p.m.

21 November W.I.N.G.S Fellowship Meeting from 6-9 p.m. in Room 5, with Rooms
1-2 reserved for child care.

22 November Madrigal Dinner, doors open at 5:30 p.m. and begins at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

23 November **THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Through his cross we have passed from darkness into the kingdom of light.

23 November Tamil Mass at 1 p.m. in the church; lunch after Mass in the Father Patrick Peyton Room.

26 November Thanksgiving Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.

27 November **THANKSGIVING DAY – OFFICE CLOSED
THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY.**

27 November Thanksgiving Mass from 10-11 a.m. in the Church.

28 November SJE Monica Ministry meeting from 7-8 p.m. in the Father Patrick Peyton Room.

29 November St Nicholas Advent Celebration from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Hall.

30 November **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**