

NOVEMBER 2026 PARISH UPDATE

Dear friends,

As we welcome November and turn our clocks back this weekend, we find ourselves entering a beautiful and meaningful month in the life of the Church. There is much to look forward to in the weeks ahead, beginning today as we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints.

For Catholics, November holds special significance as we remember our beloved dead, pray for the souls in purgatory, celebrate the saints who have gone before us, and renew our hope in the resurrection. As the liturgical year draws to a close with the Solemnity of Christ the King, November also turns our hearts toward the four “Last Things” — death, judgment, heaven, and hell — reminding us of the ultimate fulfillment of God's Kingdom. At the heart of this month is a beautiful truth: Love does not end with death. The communion of saints unites us in Christ, and our ultimate hope is eternal life with God. Of course, Thanksgiving Day gives us another wonderful opportunity to pause, reflect, and thank God for His abundant providence and countless blessings.

Today, November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. On this special day, we give thanks to God for all the saints in heaven, both those officially canonized by the Church and the countless holy men and women whose names are known only to God. Since All Saints' Day falls on a Sunday this year, we are celebrating our regular Sunday Mass schedule. May the example of the saints inspire us to live our own lives with greater faith, love, and holiness.

Tomorrow, November 2, we celebrate All Souls' Day. On this day, the Church remembers and prays for all the faithful departed. What a beautiful expression of our faith to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for our departed loved ones. We will have three opportunities to celebrate Mass that day: 8:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Please join us, write down the names of your loved ones, and offer them in prayer at the altar. We will continue to remember our beloved dead throughout the month of November. May our prayers bring comfort to those who mourn and be a loving offering for those who have gone before us.

On Saturday, November 7, we will honor those who have died during the past year with our Annual Remembrance Mass at 10:00 a.m. I am deeply grateful to our Funeral Ministry team and funeral sacristans for accompanying the families who grieve the loss of their loved ones, offering prayer,

compassion, and support during some of life's most difficult moments. Thank you for this beautiful ministry of presence and love.

On Friday, November 13, we have the privilege of hosting Monsignor Stephen Rossetti at 6:30 p.m. He will speak about the spiritual battles we face in today's world in his presentation, “Overcoming Darkness: The Ordinary Armor of the Faithful.” We encourage everyone to arrive by 5:45 p.m. and join us in praying the Rosary together before the program begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. My sincere thanks to Jason and Yleem Pobletes of the Order of Malta for coordinating this special event.

On Friday, November 20, our Lay Dominicans will present BACK FROM THE DEAD: THE SAINTS STILL SPEAK at 7:00 p.m. This promises to be another wonderful opportunity to encounter the wisdom and enduring witness of the saints. We are grateful to our Lay Dominicans for organizing and sharing this enriching presentation with our parish community.

On November 22, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, popularly known as Christ the King. This great solemnity concludes the Church's liturgical year and proclaims that Jesus Christ is Lord of history, creation, and our lives. It brings November's message into focus: we are pilgrims on earth, and our final destiny is to belong to Christ forever. His Kingdom is not built on domination or worldly power but on truth, justice, mercy, and self-giving love.

The following Sunday, November 29, we begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent — a new year of grace, a new beginning, and another opportunity to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord!

As we gather around our tables with family and friends on Thanksgiving Day, let us remember that gratitude is more than a holiday sentiment; it is a way of life. I take this opportunity to thank each of you for your presence in my life and for the many ways you enrich our parish family. Your faith, friendship, generosity, kindness, and love are blessings for which I am truly grateful, and I thank God for the gift you are to me!

May November be a month of remembrance, gratitude, prayer, and renewed hope. May we never forget that whether we are celebrating the saints, praying for our departed loved ones, or gathering around the Thanksgiving table, we are all held together in the loving embrace of God.

Have a blessed and memorable November!

With love,

Fr. John

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2026

Monday, November 2
All Souls' Day Masses (Church)
8:00 am, 12:05 pm, & 6:00 pm

Thursday, November 5
10:00 am: SJE Moms Child-friendly Holy Hour with Confession (Fr. Patrick Peyton Rm)

Friday, November 6
3:00 pm: First Friday Holy Hour, Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

Saturday, November 7
9:30: First Saturday Rosary before Mass (Church)
10:00 am: Remembrance Mass (Church)

Tuesday, November 10
4:00 pm: Veterans Day event with Seedlings of Hope (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, November 11
11:00 am: Veterans Day Mass (Church)

Friday, November 13
6:00 pm: Spiritual Combat: An Evening of Formation and Prayer with Msgr. Stephen Rossetti (Church)

Saturday, November 14
12:00 pm: Gratia Plena — Fall for Jesus Conference & Thanksgiving Luncheon with Clothing Drive (Parish Hall)

After 4:30 pm Vigil Mass: SJE4Farmworkers Food Drive

Sunday, November 15
After All Masses: SJE4Farmworkers Food Drive

1:00 pm: Sensory Friendly Mass (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, November 17
12:30 pm: GriefShare — Surviving the Holidays (Fr. Patrick Peyton Room)

Wednesday, November 18
7:00 pm: Behold the Lamb of God Eucharistic Adoration (Church)

Thursday, November 19
1:30 pm: SJE4Seniors — Senior Prayer at the Grotto

Friday, November 20
7:00 pm: Lay Dominicans — Back from the Dead: The Saints Speak (Parish Hall)

Saturday, November 21
9:00 am: Mass for the Presentation of Mary (Church)

Wednesday, November 25
7:00 pm: Thanksgiving Vigil Mass (Church)

Thursday, November 26
10:00 am: Thanksgiving Day Mass (Church)

Friday, November 27
12:00 pm: Friday Mass of Thanksgiving (Church)

Saturday, November 28
3:00 pm: Advent Family Festival (Parish Hall)
4:30 pm: Vigil Mass with Blessing of Advent Candles & Wreaths (Church)
6:00 pm: Light up Viera Fireworks & Christmas Parade (Outside, Stadium Pkwy)

Monday, November 30
12:00 pm: Mass for the Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle (Church)

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