THE RECTOR'S NOTE

And just like that, November is upon us. That was quick! Already there are many leaves that have fallen, so much that Peter and his crew will do a special cleaning on Monday morning in preparation for Monday evening's lighting of the Soul Lights. This year's response has surpassed last year's, meaning that more of our beloved family members and friends who have died will be remembered. Make sure that you drive by at some point Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evening to witness the powerful scene of hundreds of burning flames. More than just taking in a moving sight, offer that simple, quick, and yet powerful prayer for the dead that can be prayed anytime, but which gains the fruit of an indulgence in November:

> *Eternal rest, grant unto them, oh 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.*

There is another prayer that I brought to your attention last year that I am doing again this year, especially since all of us are celebrating All Saints together on a Sunday. It is the prayer in the older Roman Missal, Requesting the Intercession of the Saints. While not indulgenced (at least not to my knowledge), all of us can use the extra help of the heroic women and men:

<u>Requesting the Intercession of the Saints</u>

Defend us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from all dangers of mind and body; that through the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of God, together with blessed Joseph, Thy blessed apostles Peter and Paul, blessed N. [titular saint of the church], and all the saints, mercifully grant us safety and peace, that all adversities and errors being overcome, Thy Church may serve Thee in security and freedom. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son…

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints
After the Noon Mass – Saint dress up and presentation

Monday, November 2 – All Souls
6:00 PM – Sung Mass (1962) followed by recitation of Bede Roll and refreshments

Tuesday, November 3
7:00 PM – Dante Reading Group (Canto 13)

Friday, November 6 – First Friday
8:30 AM – Holy Mass (1962) followed by Exposition
9:00 AM – 8:00 PM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 PM – Holy Mass (1962) *Coram Sanctissimo* (in the presence of the exposed Sacrament) with Sermon: "The Thoughts of the Lord's Heart." Concludes with the Litany of the Most Sacred Heart and Benediction

Saturday, November 7
8:30 AM – Holy Mass (1962) – Mass will be followed by First Saturday devotions & Gaudete Market planning meeting.
9:30 AM – Gaudete Market Planning Meeting in Pryor-Hubbard Hall

OFFERTORY

- **October 24 & 25**
  - **Sunday Offertory** **$1,897.00**
  - **Online Giving** **<u>$432.10</u>**
  - **Total** **$2,329.10**

QR Code for online giving

The Sanctuary Candle burns for Larry Helstern requested by Lee Helstern.

MASS INTENTIONS

October 31 – November 8

Saturday, October 31
8:30 AM – Int. of Neil Natividad
4:00 PM – Members of the Georgetown Oratory Community
Sunday, November 1
7:30 AM – Int. of John Joseph Pendergast V
9:00 AM – Int. of Rev. Felix Quarshie
10:30 AM – Int. of Rev. Michael Novajosky
12:00 PM – Int. of the Rollo Family
Monday, November 2
6:00 PM – Timothy Burns +
Tuesday, November 3
8:30 AM – Charlotte Sarnowski +
Wednesday, November 4
6:00 PM – Deceased Members of the Jankowski Family
Thursday, November 5
8:30 AM – INTENTION AVAILABLE
First Friday, November 6
8:30 AM – Int. of Colleen Slaiby
7:00 PM – INTENTION AVAILABLE
First Saturday, November 7
8:30 AM – Colleen Wishall +
4:00 PM – INTENTION AVAILABLE
Sunday, November 8
7:30 AM – Int. of Edwin Gonzales
9:00 AM – INTENTION AVAILABLE
10:30 AM – INTENTION AVAILABLE
12:00 PM – Deceased Members of the Karwowsky Family

PRAYER INTENTIONS - Each week in the Oratory Bulletin we include the names of those who need our particular prayers. Please contact the office if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.
Kathy Romano, Joe & Lucille Faugno, Anna DeLuca, Susan Brown, Elise Burns, Emily Dexter, Jorge Chiavirria, Matthew Krakowiak, Michael Majoris, David Knapp, Brian O'Donnell, Ralph Nilson, Michael Jansen, Andrew B. Slagle, Jim Jagodinski, David Whitehead, Sr., Gina & Matthew Bouvier, Tom Kelly, Ligia Monsalve, Henry Banks Bourtin, Susan Kleinmann, Margaret DeFine, Alexander Whitman, Deborah Marino, Jim Cote, Morris Cote, Jim Jagodinski.

Repose of the souls: Theresa Truffini, Timothy Burns, David Robert Majoris, Jr., Allen Brings, Linda Jagodinski Flynn

ORATORY NEWS

SAINTS CELEBRATION FOR KIDS

Celebrate the saints! On Sunday, November 1, at Convivium following the Noon Mass, children are invited to bring a "saint's costume" and gather for a group guessing game in Pryor-Hubbard Hall. Each child may read three facts or stories from the life of their saint. (Please feel free to write these notes on an index card for the child to read off, or for someone else to read aloud for them.) Costumes should be put on over clothing after the Mass.

GAUDETE MARKET MEETING AND REGISTRATIONS

Reminder about the next Gaudet Market Meeting on Saturday, November 7 in Pryor-Hubbard Hall at 9:30 AM, following First Saturday devotions.

The Market will be on **Gaudete Sunday, December 13, 2026.** Vendors can sign up online at the website. Printed vendor registration forms are available in the Oratory Office. For more information or to register, call the office at 203-544-8245 or email: office@gtoratory.org

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION AND PREACHING

This Friday, November 6, is the first of the month. We will follow our typical schedule. As part of increasing our devotion to Our Lord's Most Sacred Heart, Fr. Novajosky will be preaching at the evening Mass on topics related to the Sacred Heart. This month's sermon is entitled, "The Thoughts of the Lord's Heart," which is taken from the Introit or Entrance Antiphon of the Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart: "The thoughts of His Heart are from generation to generation: to save their souls from death, and to feed them in famine."

PROCESSIONAL

1. Jerusalem, my happy home
   Name ever dear to me,
   When shall my labours have an end,
   Thy joys when shall I see?

2. Thy saints are crowed with glory great;
   They see God face to face;
   They triumph still, they still rejoice
   In that most happy place.

3. Our Lady sings Magnificat
   With tunes surpassing sweet,
   And all the virgins join the song
   While sitting at her feet.

4. Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
   Around my Saviour stand'
   And all I love in Christ below
   Will join the glorious band.

5. Jerusalem, my happy home,
   When shall I come to thee?
   When shall my labours have an end?
   Thy joys when shall I see?

6. O Christ, do thou my soul prepare
   For that bring home of love;
   That I may see thee and adore,
   With all thy saints above.

Words: Based on British Library Add MS 15225 c. 1580
Inspired by St. Augustine's *Meditations* ch. 25
Tune: LAND OF REST

MASS READINGS

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All Saints
November 1, 2026

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
7:30 AM (1962) 9 AM 10:30 AM 12 Noon (1962)

Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 AM

Wednesday
6 PM (1962)

Friday
8:30 AM (1962)

Saturday
8:30 AM (1962)
4:00 PM (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS (in the oratory)
Wednesday 5:15 – 5:45 PM
Saturday 7:00 – 8:15 AM

OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday – Friday 9 AM – 1 PM

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