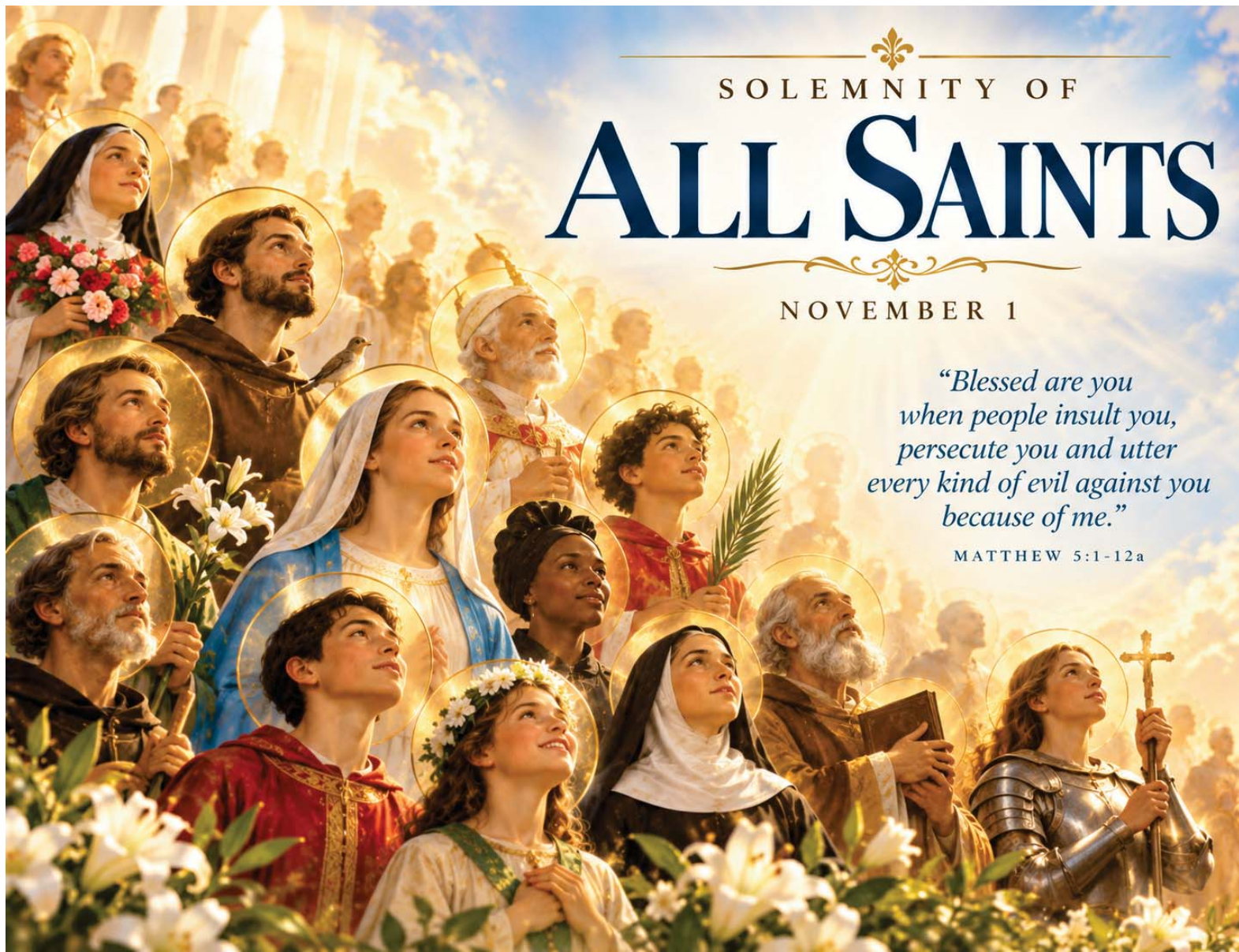




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SOLEMNITY OF

ALL SAINTS

NOVEMBER 1

*"Blessed are you
when people insult you,
persecute you and utter
every kind of evil against you
because of me."*

MATTHEW 5:1-12a



WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM | 10:00 AM*
12:00 PM | 5:00 PM
*Family Mass



DAILY MASS

Monday – Saturday
9:00 AM
preceded by the
Daily Rosary at 8:30 AM



RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:15 PM
before the 4:00 PM Mass



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From Our Pastor



Today we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. It happens to fall on a Sunday this year. If not, it would still be celebrated at Mass as it is an important Holy Day on the Church Calendar.

At the 10:00 AM Family Mass, hosted by our fifth-grade Faith Formation students, we will hear about some of the children's favorite saints. Following Mass, I invite everyone to join us in the Lower Church for our "Called to Be Saints" celebration, featuring a Saint Gallery prepared by our students, refreshments, and a special family activity. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity for parishioners of all ages to come together and celebrate the saints who inspire us.

In addition to those saints we know, and to whom we feel a connection, this feast acknowledges the countless men and women whose virtuous lives have merited them an eternal place in God's kingdom. All Saints' Day is not simply a celebration of extraordinary people who lived long ago. It is a celebration of what God's grace can accomplish in ordinary human lives.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick Saturday, November 7 | 4:00 PM Mass

All are warmly invited to join us for this special Mass as we come together in faith and prayer, seeking God's healing grace, strength, peace, and comfort.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a beautiful expression of God's compassion and loving presence in our lives. Through prayer and anointing, those facing illness or significant health challenges are offered spiritual strength, comfort, and the reassurance that they are never alone in their struggles.

Whether you are seeking healing for yourself or wish to offer prayers for someone you love, we invite you to share in this meaningful celebration of faith and hope.

May we find comfort in God's presence, strength in His love, and peace in knowing that He walks beside us always.



Mass of Remembrance



“Please join us for a special Mass of Remembrance as we prayerfully remember and honor all those whose funerals were celebrated at St. Oscar Romero Parish during the past year.

Together, we will give thanks for their lives, cherish the memories they leave behind, and entrust them to God's loving care.

As Catholics, we believe that death is not the end, but the beginning of eternal life with God. Through the promise of Christ's Resurrection, we find hope and consolation, even in the midst of sorrow.

This special liturgy offers an opportunity for families, friends, and fellow parishioners to come together in prayer, remembering those who have gone before us and offering support to one another.

All are warmly invited to gather in faith, prayer, and remembrance as we offer comfort and support to those who mourn.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Our Parish. Our Family. Our Future. 2026 Parish Stewardship Program

In the coming weeks, you will hear more about our annual stewardship program and the important role each of us plays in the life and mission of St. Oscar Romero Parish.

Through your faith, generosity, and commitment, our parish continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families throughout our community. Together, we share God's love through worship, faith formation, outreach, and service to others. Every act of generosity, large or small, helps strengthen our parish and ensures that we remain a welcoming spiritual home for all who seek Christ.

As we prepare for Commitment Weekend, November 14–15, we invite every parish household to spend time in prayerful reflection on the many ways our parish touches lives and how each of us can help sustain its mission for the future. Your continued support allows us to nurture the faith of future generations, care for those in need, and create opportunities for our parish family to grow together.

Together, we are building a vibrant parish family rooted in faith, generosity, and love.

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OUR FUTURE.**

STEWARDSHIP 2026



Next weekend, we will have a special second collection to support the continued care and beautification of Saint Mary Cemetery, a sacred place where we remember, honor, and pray for our loved ones who have gone before us.

We have recently expanded the Saint Robert Section to Randolph Street, adding 50 new burial lots. We have also made improvements to the Columbarium area, including the planting of evergreen shrubs and fall perennials, fresh landscaping, and the trimming of trees and gardens surrounding the Columbarium Prayer Garden. The second phase of these improvements is planned for spring 2027.

Your continued support helps us preserve the beauty, dignity, and peaceful surroundings of this special place for generations to come.

Donations may be made online or using the collection envelopes available in the pews for those who do not receive envelopes at home.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support and generosity!

The Sacrament of Baptism

Welcome to Our Parish Family!

With great joy, we welcome John Doyle Shaughnessy, who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism.

As John begins his journey of faith, we celebrate with his family and pray that he will always know God's love and the blessings of belonging to our Catholic community.

May God bless John and his family as they grow together in faith and love!



Called to Be Saints - Holiness Begins at Home

On this Solemnity of All Saints, we celebrate the countless men and women who have gone before us in faith. Their lives remind us that holiness is not found only in extraordinary accomplishments, but also in the simple, everyday choices we make to love God and one another.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, a beautiful reminder that true happiness is not measured by wealth, success, or recognition. Instead, He calls blessed those who are merciful, humble, pure of heart, and willing to work for peace. Through these teachings, Jesus shows us a different way of living — one rooted in compassion, forgiveness, and love.

For families, the Beatitudes offer a wonderful guide for everyday life. Our homes are often the first places where children discover what it means to follow Jesus. They learn about mercy when someone offers forgiveness, about kindness when a family member needs encouragement, and about peace when disagreements are met with patience and understanding.

These moments may seem small, but they are powerful expressions of faith. A child sharing with a

sibling, a parent offering comfort after a difficult day, grandparents passing along traditions of prayer, or a family reaching out to someone in need — each becomes an opportunity to reflect God's love.

Living the Beatitudes does not mean that family life will always be easy. There will be moments of frustration, disappointment, and disagreement. Yet even these challenges offer opportunities to grow in patience, practice forgiveness, and begin again with love.

As we celebrate All Saints' Day, perhaps we can take a moment to reflect on the example we set for one another. Are we teaching our children to recognize the needs of others? Do our words and actions reflect the kindness and compassion Jesus asks of us? Are we making room for prayer and gratitude in our busy lives?

The beautiful promise of the Beatitudes is that God is present in these everyday moments. Each time we choose mercy over judgment, kindness over indifference, or peace over anger, we take another step along the path Jesus has shown us.

Holiness begins with love, and every act of love brings us one step closer to God.





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Matthew 10:8

Mass Intentions for the Week

Weekend Masses

Weekday Masses at 9:00AM

Next Weekend

Saturday, October 31

9:00AM
4:00PM - Thomas & Gladys
Callaghan, Memorial

Sunday, November 1

8:00AM - Ferrara & Colarusso
Families, Memorial
10:00AM - Gerardo LoPilato,
Memorial
12:00PM - Ann Peebles,
Memorial
5:00PM - People of the Parish

Monday, November 2

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, November 3

Rosaleen Close, Memorial

Wednesday, November 4

Thursday, November 5
James and Virginia Gorman,
Memorial

Friday, November 6

St. John School Families

Saturday, November 7

9:00AM
4:00PM - Ellen Marie McCabe
Gaskell, Memorial

Sunday, November 8

8:00AM - Nicholas Colantuano,
Memorial
10:00AM - Francisco Andrade,
Memorial
12:00PM - For all those whose
funerals were celebrated at our
parish this past year
5:00PM - Marie & Charles Mulin,
Memorial



Please remember in prayer
those who have entered eternal life.

Edward Harding
Mary Ann
Kinnealey
William Vogel
Janet Walrod

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them."
REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



Sacraments & Parish Resources

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office.

Baptism

Twice a month, 2nd and 4th Sundays.
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