

From the Desk of the Pastor

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ALL SAINT'S DAY

The saints are not supermen, nor were they born perfect. They are like us, like each one of us. They are the people who, before attaining the glory of Heaven, lived a normal life, with joys and sorrows, anxieties, toil and hopes and dreams. They faced similar challenges of fears and doubts, temptations and anxieties, success and failures, ambitions and desires to excel in the world.

But what changed their life? When they came to know the love of God, they followed Him with their whole heart, unconditionally. They spent their life at the service of others, they endured suffering and adversities without complaining or hating, but always embraced them in love and responded to evil with goodness, spreading joy and peace.

This is the life of saints: persons who for love of God did not put conditions to Him in their life. They spent their life at the service of others to serve their fellow human beings. They suffered so many adversities, but without hating. The saints never hated. Because hatred does not come from God but from the devil! And the saints never gave in to the devil. The saints are men and women who have joy in their heart and transmit it to others. Never hate, but serve others, the neediest; pray and live in joy, this is the path of sanctity!

To be saints is not the privilege of a few, as if some had a great inheritance and upbringing. In Baptism all of us have the inheritance of being able to become saints. Sanctity or holiness is a vocation for all. Hence, all of us are called to walk on the path of sanctity, and this path has a name, a face: the face of Jesus Christ. He teaches us to become saints.

In the Gospel, he shows us the way: that of the Beatitudes (*Matthew 5:1-12*). The Kingdom of Heaven, in fact, is for those who do not put their security in things, but in the love of God; for those who have a simple, humble heart, who do not presume to be just and do not judge others, who are able to suffer with those who suffer and to be joyful with the joyful; they are not violent but merciful and they seek to be apostles of reconciliation and peace.

A saint is an instrument of reconciliation and peace; A Saint always helps people to reconcile with one another and always helps to establish peace. And so, sanctity is beautiful; it is a beautiful way!

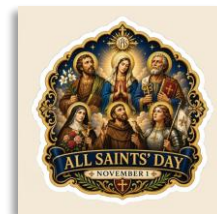
TODOS LOS SANTOS

El 1 de noviembre es la solemnidad litúrgica de Todos los Santos. Se trata de un popular y bien sentida fiesta cristiana, que al evocar a quienes nos han precedido en el camino de la fe y de la vida, gozan ya de la eterna bienaventuranza, son ya -por así decirlo- ciudadanos de pleno derecho del cielo, la patria común de toda la humanidad de todos los tiempos.

¿Y qué es ser santo?: "El santo es aquel que está tan fascinado por la belleza de Dios y por su perfecta verdad que éstas lo irán progresivamente transformando. Por esta belleza y verdad está dispuesto a renunciar a todo, también a sí mismo. Le es suficiente el amor de Dios, que experimenta y transmite en el servicio humilde y desinteresado del prójimo". Afirmaba el Papa Benedicto XVI.

Además, la fiesta de Todos los Santos es también una llamada apremiante a que vivamos todos nuestra vocación a la santidad según nuestros propios estados de vida, de consagración y de servicio.

Hace ya unos años el sacerdote y músico español Cesáreo Gabaraín, autor, por ejemplo, del popular "Tú has venido a las orillas", compuso una canción en la que nos describía lo que es la santidad. Decía la letra de la canción: "Un santo no es un ángel, es hombre de carne y hueso, que sabe levantarse y volver a caminar. El santo no se olvida del llanto de su hermano, ni piensa que más bueno subiéndose a un altar. Santo es el que vive su fe con alegría y lucha cada día pues vive para amar".



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

October 19 — October 25, 2026

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 90.26
Weekend Masses Offerings.....\$ 2,181.50
All Souls' Novena Envelopes.....\$ 135.00

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

November 4: Reserve Fund
November 8: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
November 15: Human Development Campaign
November 22: St. Patrick's Seminary

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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$ 32,295.00
YTD we paid:	\$ 23,873.06
Balance we owe:	\$ 8,421.94
Pledges Balance:	\$ 283.00

Thank you for your generosity!

THANKSGIVING DAY

November 26, 2026

MASS: 10:00am

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist invites you
to come to the Table of the Lord in Thanksgiving
for all the Blessings God has given us.

We look forward to seeing you!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31 TO NOVEMBER 7

SATURDAY	SUNDAY ALL SAINTS' DAY	MONDAY ALL SOULS' DAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
October 31, 2026	November 1, 2026	November 2, 2026	November 3, 2026	November 4, 2026
<p>9:00am Living Members of the Young Men's Institute</p> <p>4:30pm Parish of St. John</p>	 <p>8:00am ✠ Petra Eule Bargo ✠ Crisanto O. de la Torre</p> <p>10:00am ✠ Emy Santos & All Deceased Family Members ✠ Mel Ventura ✠ Caroline Costello ✠ Julie, Bob & Johny Piwowski</p> <p>12:00pm ✠ Maria Antonieta Rivera ✠ Z. Margarita Jones</p>	<p>9:00am ✠ The Rabara Berry Family ✠ Luis & Tranquilina Baron, & Amado Pinlac, Jr.</p> 	<p>9:00am Parish of St. John</p>	<p>9:00am Deceased Members of the Young Men's Institute</p>
		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		November 5, 2026	November 6, 2026	November 7, 2026
		<p>9:00am ✠ Benjamin Caceres ✠ Michael Valenzuela</p>	<p>9:00am ✠ Pedro Mendoza, Jr. ✠ Francisco Ocampo</p>	<p>9:00am Mila De La Torre & Family ✠ George Haisteing</p> <p>4:30pm Parish of St. John</p>

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