

From the Desk of the Pastor

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THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED *ALL SOULS*

This celebration is rooted in ancient Christian Tradition. St. Odilio of Cluny established a memorial of all the faithful departed in 988. It was accepted in Rome in the 13th century.

Today the Church presents to us a dynamic and moving set of readings. We come from God, and we return to God. He made us, we belong to Him.

Prophet Isaiah takes up the banquet theme with particular vividness. The Book of wisdom reflects on what could be more appropriate, since our physical death is the door through which we pass into the banquet hall of heaven?

Isaiah is able to see far ahead to that day when Israel will be restored to greatness and enjoy the blessings of happy life together under the provident hand of God.

The passage from the prophet is poetic, and invites us to savor and relish the images of choice foods and good vintages of wines. God will wipe away all tears and remove all reproach and make us His people again.

The Gospel passage is comforting. It is by God's loving initiative that we are saved, and bound for eternal happiness with our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

God's compassion draws us to this moment, this time of remembrance. At this liturgy we recall those who have gone before us, awaiting His call to rise to Everlasting life.

On this day we come together to pray for them. We seek God's consolation in time of grief. We pray relying on his promise of great mercy to us.

We raise our hearts and voices and proclaim our faith to grant admittance into heaven to those whose presence has touched us in this earthly life.

The love of God is stronger than death. Let us turn to the Lord, who is kind and merciful.

CONMEMORACIÓN DE TODOS LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

Esta celebración tiene sus raíces en las antiguas Tradiciones Cristianas. San Odilio de Cluny estableció un conmemorativo de todos los fieles difuntos en 988. Fue aceptado en Roma en el siglo XIII.

Hoy la Iglesia nos presenta una serie de lecturas dinámicas y conmovedoras. Venimos de Dios y regresamos a Dios. Él nos hizo, le pertenecemos a Él.

El profeta Isaías toma el tema del banquete con una particular viveza. El libro de la Sabiduría nos dice: ¿Qué podría ser más apropiado, puesto que nuestra muerte física es la puerta por la que pasamos al salón de banquetes del cielo?

Isaías es capaz de ver de lejos a ese día cuando Israel será restaurada a la grandeza y disfrute las bendiciones de una vida feliz juntos bajo la mano providente de Dios.

El pasaje del Profeta es poético y nos invita a saborear y disfrutar de las imágenes de los alimentos de elección y buenas cosechas de vinos. Dios limpiará todas las lágrimas y eliminará todo reproche y nos hará suyos de nuevo.

El pasaje del Evangelio es reconfortante. Es por la iniciativa amorosa de Dios que somos salvados y destinados a la felicidad eterna con nuestro Creador, Redentor y Consolador.

La compasión de Dios nos trae a este momento, este tiempo de recuerdo. En esta liturgia recordamos a aquellos que han muerto, esperando Su llamado a la vida eterna.

En este día nos reunimos para orar por ellos. Buscamos el consuelo de Dios en tiempo de duelo. Oramos confiando en su promesa de gran misericordia para nosotros. Levantamos nuestros corazones y voces y proclamamos nuestra fe para concederle el recibimiento en el cielo a aquellos cuya presencia nos ha tocado en esta vida terrenal.

El amor de Dios es más fuerte que la muerte. Caminemos al Señor, quien es bondadoso y misericordioso.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

October 25 – 26, 2025

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 543.50

Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$2,382.00

All Souls' Novena.....\$ 370.00

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

November 1: All Saints' Day

November 2: All Souls' Day / Reserve Fund

November 9: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

November 16: Campaign for Human Development

AAA 2025 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$31,021.00
YTD we paid:	\$22,657.04
Balance we owe:	\$ 8,363.96
Pledges Balance	\$ 225.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 8

SATURDAY ALL SAINTS' DAY	SUNDAY ALL SOULS' DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
November 1, 2025	November 2, 2025	November 3, 2025	November 4, 2025	November 5, 2025
<u>9:00am</u> All Soul's Novena ✠ Maria Antonieta Rivera ✠ Crisanto O. de la Torre	<u>8:00am</u> ✠ Eufracio & Medina Ermitaño <u>10:00am</u> David & Gilda Steinbruner ✠ The Deceased Members of the Berry Family ✠ Luis & Tranquilina Baron and Amado S. Pinlac Jr. ✠ Manuel Simpliciano ✠ Mary Redublado ✠ Elena Sanchez ✠ The Deceased Members of the Galang Family <u>12:00pm</u> Parish of St. John	<u>9:00am</u> Young Men's Institute	<u>9:00am</u> The deceased members Of our Parish	<u>9:00am</u> ✠ Benjamin Caceres
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
November 6, 2025	November 7, 2025	November 8, 2025		
<u>9:00am</u> ✠ Pedro Mendoza, Jr.	<u>9:00am</u> ✠ Zilpah Taglucop Kahikina ✠ Azer Roque	<u>9:00am</u> ✠ Eduardo S. Genoves ✠ Alejandro Gaitán ✠ John Murphy <u>4:30pm</u> ✠ Rufino Labari		

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