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November 1, 2026

Solemnity of All Saints

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 | 1 Jn 3:1-3 | Mt 5:1-12a

Written by
THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today's feast reminds us that we were not made for this world. We are destined to live with God in his heavenly kingdom. Our first reading from the Book of Revelation contains a vision John received which gives us a glimpse of what we'll see there: "a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue *standing* before the throne and before the Lamb," crying out his praise in a loud voice. For us on earth, the question is: How do we live so that one day, we will join that chorus of all the saints? The Gospel of Matthew gives us a road map to kingdom living. Those who will inherit the kingdom of heaven are those who are "poor in spirit," those "who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the peacemakers," those "who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness," and those against whom "every kind of evil *is uttered* falsely because of [Christ]." With these words, we're reminded of the many faces of holiness. May we strive to pattern our lives according to the Beatitudes and so take our place among the ranks of all the saints in heaven.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's responsorial psalm invites us to pray, "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face." There are so many longings in our hearts – longings for belonging, longing for love, longing for justice. But the ultimate longing of our heart is for the Lord, even if we don't yet realize it. Part of our work in evangelization is to help awaken people's awareness of the ultimate desire of their hearts. As St. Augustine famously wrote, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." Spend some time in prayer this week asking the Lord to increase your own longing for him, as well as that of anyone you want to come to know the Lord better.

PRAY

Being a saint, perhaps, has something to do with longing for the Lord as our greatest and highest good, preferring nothing to him. As St. Thomas was praying before a crucifix toward the end of his life, the Lord said: "You have written well of me, Thomas. What reward will you receive from me for your labor?" St. Thomas Aquinas responded, "*Domine, Non Nisi Te* – Nothing but you, Lord." May we pray to desire nothing but to be counted among the children of God. For so we are.

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OUR MISSION

'Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God
To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.'

MONTH of Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday November 1	Monday November 2	Tuesday November 3	Wednesday November 4	Thursday November 5	Friday November 6	Saturday November 7
10a Mass **12:30p Mass** **1:30p-4pm Adoration** **7p Mass**	**All Souls' Day Masses** 8:30AM, 12PM, 7PM **9:30a** CWL Quilters **6:30p** RCIC **6:30p** RCIA	**8:30a** Mass **6p** K of C Supper /Meeting	**8:30a** Mass **9:45a** Drop-in Bible Study **7p** Adoration	**8:30a** Mass **1:30a** 55+ Cards **6p** Youth Choir	**8:30a** Mass **9a-12p** Adoration **7p** Memorial Mass	**11a-12p** Confession **3p** Server/ Minister Training **5p** Mass **CWL Food Drive**

LIVE-STREAM MASS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10AM MASS FACEBOOK.COM/HOLYSPIRITSASK

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2026 — Living the Father's Will

WEEK SIX — ONE CHURCH, MANY GIFTS

The ministries supported by BAA may serve in different ways, but they all share one mission: bringing people closer to Jesus Christ.
Every retreat attended, every patient visited, every family supported, every young person inspired, every seminarian formed, and every act of service offered becomes part of God's work among us.
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The fundraising goal for Holy Spirit Parish has been set at $178,000. Our current total is $64,596.

Visit dscf.ca/baa or the BAA table in the Place of Welcome for more information and to donate!

Has a BAA funded ministry helped you? Pay it forward! Learn more... dscf.ca/baa-parish-resources

All Souls Day

Monday, November 2

Mass Times

8:30am, 12 noon, 7pm

Drop-in Bible Study

The Book of Revelation: a story about the past, present, and future

Wednesdays November 4, 18, 25

9:45AM | AFTER MORNING MASS

Memorial Mass

November 6 **7PM**

We will commemorate all those that have died in the past twelve months. If you wish, you may bring a photograph, or the memorial card of your deceased loved one for display during the liturgy.

LIVESTREAM

Holy Spirit Parish Facebook & saskatoomass.com

CWL Food Drive

November 7 & 8

In support of our sister parish
Our Lady of Guadalupe

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION

For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less. NOVEMBER 2026

"Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Mission"
CWL is open to all women of the parish 16 years or older.
Our next meeting will be November 10th, beginning with Mass at 6:30 pm. We will be having a special service to honour our deceased members.

President: Melanie Fauchoux (306) 220-9520
holyspiritcwl@gmail.com

Altar Server & Ministry Training
Saturday, November 7 **3pm**

It is essential that this be attended by altar servers, as this is the time designated for training because their role in the Mass is integral. Those new to this ministry will not be scheduled until they have attended training.
It is highly encouraged for other liturgical ministers to attend at least one or two of these refreshers.

Fundraiser for Campaign Life Coalition Saskatchewan

NOVEMBER 7 & 8 AFTER ALL MASSES

Christmas Cakes
1 lb. cakes $20.00 2.5 lb. cakes $30.00
Religious Christmas Cards
Packs of 10 for $15.00 or 3 packs for $40.00
Pro-life car magnets and license plate frames, too!
You can also order cakes or cards from John Cook 306-477-1748 and arrange pick up.

LET US PRAY

- **For the sick and all those who care for them, today we pray for:** Vera Wolkosky, Frederick Vizeacoumar, Vijaykumar Soupramania Modaliar, Evangeline Manzon, Adel Gorges, Mary Cody, Camilla Wren, Zelpha Rolph, Marygold Uchendi, Stephen Faytaren, Wayne Hackl
- **For all those who have died, today we remember:** Frieda Wiegers, John Slusar
- **And on the anniversary of death:** Marie Martens, Leopoldo Gonzales, Jim Lange

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generosity, support and contributions to the Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament. Special thanks to the tournament chair, Grant Devine and our pastor Fr. Joseph. Congratulations to the tournament winners, Linda Meidl, Ann Harver, Lana Spanier and Sherry Volk. *See the online bulletin or bulletin board for the full message.*

Quilted Items for Sale
November 9 **10AM-2PM**
Holy Spirit Parish Hall
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An offering from the Augustine Institute

MASS TIMES	ADORATION	CONFESSIONS
Saturday 5 pm	Wednesdays 7-8pm	Saturdays 11 am - 12 noon
Sunday 10 am, 12:30pm, 7 pm	Fridays, 9 am - 12 pm	*or by appointment.*
Weekdays Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am	Sundays, 1:30 - 4 pm	

For more news and events in our diocese, see the Diocesan Bulletin at rcdos.ca under the News and Events tab.



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Bishop's Annual Appeal 2026 — Living the Father's Will

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The Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus charity golf tournament is over for another year. At this time the Council would like to thank the parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish for their generosity, support and contributions, all of which helped with the success of the tournament.

The final financial numbers are in, and it was another very successful event. We had 95 golfers and 131 attendees at the supper gala, all of which contributed to a sizable return.

We now have sufficient funds to carry us through the upcoming year and can hopefully fund the many charities and requests we will receive in the year ahead.

We would like to thank our tournament chair, Grant Divine, for his hard work, dedication and leadership which led to our success.

Congratulations to our tournament winners, Linda Meidl, Ann Haver, Lana Spanier and Sherry Volk.

Finally, we would like to extend a huge thank you to Father Joseph for his support, encouragement and participation in this event. It was greatly appreciated.

God Bless and see you next year.

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In all things we are *rooted in Christ*,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.

Upcoming Events

Young working professionals ages 23-35 years are invited to join the Verbum Dei Missionaries for opportunities to grow in spirituality and community during nights of socialization, discussion, and learning, held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. every first Tuesday of the month, beginning **Tuesday, Nov. 3**, held at 1132 Temperance St., Saskatoon. Please RSVP by contacting either Sr. Marta Piano at mpiano@rcdos.ca or Sr. Sol Abala at mabala@rcdos.ca.

Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus – A gathering to pray, reflect and meditate upon the Holy Face of Jesus is held at 7:45 p.m. **Tuesday, Nov. 3** at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cres. East, Saskatoon.

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle, which includes adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various prayers, will be held at 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, Nov. 5,** at St. Michael Catholic Church, #18-33rd St. E., Saskatoon.

A Contemplative Mass led by Fr. Kevin McGee will be held at 5 p.m. **Friday, Nov. 6** at St. Mary Parish, 211 Ave. O South, Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion to allow space for reflection and recognition of the intimate Presence of Christ.

Catechist Connection is a one-hour online gathering that brings catechists from across the diocese together for encouragement, learning, and sharing. Choose either noon to 1 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for online sessions offered **Tuesday, Nov. 3.** For information and/or the Zoom link, please contact: Quin Kleiboer, diocesan Rural Catechesis Coordinator at (306) 659-5857 or e-mail qkleiboer@rcdos.ca. *(Rural Catechesis is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

The Catechetical Forum is a day to renew, encourage, and equip those who teach the faith in parishes across the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, offering focused teaching, round-table discussion, prayer and reflection, and the sharing of practical ideas and best practices. Upcoming 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. forums will be held for the Eatonia Deanery **Nov. 7** at St. Joseph Parish, Kindersley; for the Wadena Dearnery **Nov. 14** at St. Joseph Parish, Kelvington; and for the Kerrobert Deanery **Nov. 21** at St. Mary Parish, Macklin. For information and/or links to register, please contact diocesan Rural Catechesis Coordinator Quin Kleiboer, at (306) 659-5857 or qkleiboer@rcdos.ca. *(Rural Catechesis is supported the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Called to Respond: Living the Father's Will"

Find this year's video, information, and online giving at:

dscf.ca/baa

Featured Ministry - Hospital Chaplaincy

Supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Hospital Chaplaincy provides outreach at hospitals in the city of Saskatoon. Donations to the BAA help to provide hope, sacraments, and accompaniment to patients in hospital, as well as providing awareness and education about palliative care and end-of-life ministry.

Bishop's Annual Appeal - Diocese of Saskatoon Catholic Foundation, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, SK, S7S 1H1
https://dscf.ca/baa / **admin@dscf.ca** / **(306) 659-5851**

Hope in Health Care – Support for health care professionals: The Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan in partnership with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, invites healthcare professionals to "Hope in Health Care" to explore the challenges and opportunities in living their vocations in a health-care environment that includes practices such as medically-provided euthanasia (MAID). The next gathering is 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Tuesday, Nov. 24** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd Floor, Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. For more information, contact Jackie Saretsky, diocesan Coordinator of Hospital Chaplaincy at (306) 659-5839 or Dr. Mary Heilman, PhD, of CHAS at (306) 655-5197 or e-mail hope@chassk.ca. *(Hospital Chaplaincy in the diocese of Saskatoon is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*

Diocesan Prayer - We pray for parishes, rural and urban communities, diocesan ministries, clergy, religious and lay leaders: we pray as a diocesan family that all may work together as one Body of Christ, sharing time, talent and treasure for the good of all. As this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal continues, we pray that our generosity is a joyful response to God's generosity and a visible sign that we are committed to living the Father's will.

Message Board

Provincial Pro-Life Summit dinner and guest speaker Kyle Coffey, presented by Pro-Life Saskatchewan and the Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform, will be held **Monday, Nov. 9** at Saint Anne Catholic Church, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon, with doors opening at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are $50/person; $25/ages 4 to 11 years; free for those under 3 years. Tickets available via e-transfer to info@saskprolife.com or by calling (306) 992-6941 - credit cards and cheques accepted.

"Advocacy, Accompaniment & Education: A Pro-Life Response to Euthanasia" is the topic of the Carlton Trail Pro-Life banquet talk at 6 p.m. **Monday, Nov. 9** at St. Augustine Parish Hall, Humboldt, SK. Speakers are Jackie Saretsky of the diocesan Hospital Chaplaincy Office and Dr. Mary (Deutscher) Heilman, PhD, bioethicist for the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan. Tickets are $30/adult, $15/student and preschoolers free; available at the Danish Oven bakery in Humboldt, at St. Augustine Parish, or from Melanie Ramsay at (306) 231-4163; deadline is Nov. 2.

Join St. Mary Mission and Outreach This Winter - For the fourth year, St. Mary Parish Hall will serve as a winter warm-up location in Saskatoon, operated by the Salvation Army, offering shelter, warmth and dignity to people experiencing homelessness **starting again Nov. 1.** St. Mary Mission and Outreach Ministry is inviting volunteer assistance from those across the diocese in providing support and outreach to those who will seek shelter there this winter. Last year there were over 15,000 check-ins at the warm-up Centre and numbers are expected to rise this year. There is a place for everyone to help. Behind-the-scenes volunteer opportunities are available for people of all ages, while those volunteering directly with guests inside the warm-up location must be 18 years of age or older. For more information, contact Jennifer Nunes at jnunes@rcdos.ca or (306) 292-7592. Donations of blankets, jackets, men's boots and winter gear are also needed. Monetary donations to purchase items are also always needed and appreciated. Give online at **www.stmarysoutreach.com/donate** or by e-transfer to smaoutreach@rcdos.ca or by cheque payable to St. Mary's Parish Outreach and mailed or dropped off at 211 Avenue O South, Saskatoon, SK S7M 2R6.

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CWL Clothing Depot

The Catholic Women's League Clothing Depot is seeking donations of new items for their annual Christmas sale. The wish list includes new toys, socks, underwear, gloves, sheets, comforters, pillows, towels, teal towels, dish cloths, jewelry, health and beauty items, toasters, cutlery, kettles, frying pans, pots and pans, individual-wrapped candy. These donations help those with limited funds who are struggling to make ends meet: it gives them the joyous opportunity to shop and choose Christmas gifts and toys at affordable prices on their own for family and friends. **Donation drop-off hours** are Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the back alley of 619-20th Street West, Saskatoon (please ring the bell).

Thank you for your generosity and support!

"We are all Treaty people." In 1876, the Crown signed Treaty 6 with First Nations People at Fort Carlton, SK. Learn more about why, what was included, and what it means for us today with presenters from the Office of the Treaty Commissioner at "The Grass is Still Growing: Returning to the Spirit & Intent of Treaty," MCC Peace Conference from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Saturday, Nov. 7** at Station 20 West, 1120 20th St. W, Saskatoon. For more info and/or to register visit **https://mcc.org/events/2026-mcc-peace-conference** or call (306) 665- 2555 before Nov. 2.

Encampment - The Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice at St. Thomas More College is sponsoring an evening with author, Rev. Maggie Helwig who will discuss her book *Encampment* in a presentation at 7 p.m. **Saturday, Nov. 7** at McNally Robinson Booksellers, Saskatoon, reflecting on Rev. Helwig's experiences at an Anglican church in the core neighbourhoods of Toronto.

Pancake Breakfast will be held **Sunday, Nov. 8** starting at 10 a.m., held at St. Mary Parish Hall, 211 Avenue O South, Saskatoon ($10/adult.) Everyone is welcome.

A Search Youth Retreat for Grades 10-12 will be held Nov. 13-15 in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon at E.D. Feehan Catholic School; $100 *(includes food and accommodation, funding assistance is available).* Pre-register by Nov. 9 deadline at **https://saskatoonsearch.ca** or for more info, contact Evangelization and Mission Leader John Hickey at jhickey@rcdos.ca. *(Youth Ministry is supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.)*



Bringing Home the Word

All Saints
November 1, 2026

Who Wants to Be a Saint?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

This question can be understood in two very different ways. On the one hand, it asks: *Who might step forward to accomplish this feat?* On the other hand, it wonders: *Who wants to bother putting forth the effort?* Perhaps we have read too much about the lives of the saints to want to be one of them. So often, those stories describe extraordinary feats of physical punishment. But anyone who thinks that such abuse is what makes a saint should listen to St. Irenaeus of Lyons. He insists, "The glory of God is man [Christ] fully alive." Sainthood is allowing the sanctifying grace of God to dwell habitually in us and make us like he who is fully alive—Jesus Christ. However, what does "fully alive" really mean?

To be fully alive means to be people of faith; to have deep principles and to live by them, regardless of the cost. It means to realize that we are part of the wondrous creation of nature and that we must respect our place in it and our responsibilities for it. It means to care for others as well as for ourselves. All of this is grounded in faith in God, who loves us enough to make us and who made us to be fully alive. However, it is not always easy to live this out, and that is where the struggle comes in. We don't have to create struggle; life will do that for us. Still, to be fully alive is well worth the price we might be asked to pay. Isn't it? ✝



To be fully alive is well worth the price we might be asked to pay.

Sunday Readings

Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14

These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress.

1 John 3:1–3

Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

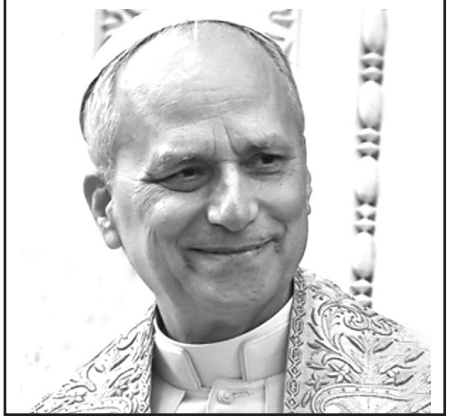
Matthew 5:1–12a

[Jesus said,] "Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

The mystery of the communion of saints…reminds us of the final destiny of humanity: a great celebration in which we rejoice together…admiring the multifaceted beauty of faces, all different and all resembling the face of Christ.… How this contrasts with the tragedies that the human family is suffering because of injustice and war.

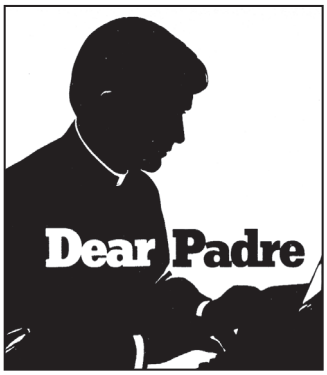
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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What challenges do my circumstances present?
- What prevents me from standing up for principles?

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Dear Padre,
I exercise my civic duty to vote. How should my Catholic faith inform my voting choices?

For Catholic voters, the selection of candidates and the policies they may enact is best exercised within the sanctity of a well-formed conscience.

The Catholic approach to faithful citizenship relies on moral principles found in Scripture and on four major principles of Catholic moral and social teaching that don't "easily fit ideologies of 'right' or 'left,' 'liberal' or 'conservative,' or the platform of any political party" (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 55). These four principles include the life and dignity of the human person (the sacred nature of all human life, from conception to natural death); subsidiarity (the family as the basic unit of human society); the common good (the protection of basic human rights and social conditions for all, as well as a duty to care for God's creation); and global solidarity (especially a preferential option for the poor).

Because the Church cannot compromise these basic principles or moral teachings, our cause is the defense of human life and dignity and the protection of the weak and vulnerable—not a particular party or candidate (*FCFC* 58).

Moreover, the faith-filled voter is urged to choose candidates who not only integrate the tenets of Catholic social teaching, but who also reject intrinsically evil acts. According to St. John Paul II, those acts include "any kind of homicide, genocide, abortion, euthanasia, and voluntary suicide; whatever violates the integrity of the human person…whatever is offensive to human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, and trafficking in women and children" (*Veritatis Splendor*, 80). ✝

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to ***DearPadre.org*** to send your question and to learn more about ***Dear Padre***.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From *Communion of Saints: Key to the Eucharist* by William H. Shannon

How appropriate it is for us to be aware that when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, many more are present and active than mortal vision is able to see. It is worth noting too that it is not they who join us, but we who join them. The saints and we are related as friends, especially friends around the altar, but also friends in carrying on the unfinished tasks they left to us.

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PRAYER

Lord, I am grateful for your life of humble service. Give me a humble, willing heart to serve the needs of your people.

From *Grateful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeny

WEEKDAY READINGS

November 2–7

Monday, Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls), Wis 3:1–9 / Rom 6:3–9 / Jn 6:37–40

Tuesday, Weekday, Phil 2:5–11 / Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday, St. Charles Borromeo, Phil 2:12–18 / Lk 14:25–33

Thursday, Weekday, Phil 3:3–8a / Lk 15:1–10

Friday, Weekday, Phil 3:17—4:1 / Lk 16:1–8

Saturday, Weekday, Phil 4:10–19 / Lk 16:9–15

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Sunday, Nov 01, 2026

Holiness starts here

In *Sister Wendy's Book of Saints*, art historian Sister Wendy Beckett writes about us: "Holiness can so easily appear as something remote from us, to be read about or . . . gazed at, but from afar. Yet to be a saint is a wholly practical and realistic growth into our own truth. It is what we are all meant to become, it is our deepest fulfillment, our own personal realization of what we have been potentially from birth. There is no play about sanctity. It starts from where we are and what we are." Move deeper into the saint you were born to be.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). *"They will be called children of God."*

Monday, Nov 02, 2026

An end and a beginning

A few years ago, a church document had this to say about death: "Death, while starkly real and total, is the vehicle of that final offering of self which calls for the supreme act of faith in the Lord of Life." Yes, death is final; we will never know the dead in the way we knew them on Earth, and that is sad. Death also challenges us. Do we really believe it is not the end, a terrifying abyss? Or do we see it as rebirth to new life and entrance into the peace of spirit that awaits resurrection? On this day, pray for those who have died. Pray also for the faith to see in death the final passage into full union with Christ.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40 (668). *"If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him."*

Tuesday, Nov 03, 2026

No excuses, please

Jesus tells the parable about the wealthy man who invites people to a great dinner, but the people reply with pathetic excuses that they had better things to do. Because we see the big picture, we know they are missing the boat—and the Kingdom. The same big-picture perspective applies when it comes to voting. Many people will have ready excuses for not voting, but those blessed with the long view of history know the negative consequences of a disengaged electorate. Our freedom is precious, but it can slip away if we don't guard it carefully. One of the first lines of defense is our vote. Though we are citizens of heaven, until we are welcomed there, we are called to play our part in working for peace and justice here on Earth. That includes participating in our civic life and thoughtfully choosing leaders who will serve the common good with honesty and integrity.

ELECTION DAY

Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24 (486). *"'Come, everything is now ready.' But one by one, they all began to excuse themselves."*

Wednesday, Nov 04, 2026

Best-laid plans

We've all had the experience of starting a project with great enthusiasm only to abandon it because we didn't think ahead about how much time or money it would cost to complete. Jesus gives us fair warning about the need to know what we're getting ourselves into as his disciples: "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first estimate the cost?" (Luke 14:28). Still, even with all the planning in the world, we can never really know for sure what our discipleship is going to require of us. We can only be prepared to be surprised.

Philippians 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33 (487). *"'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.'"*

Thursday, Nov 05, 2026

Join the search

"Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got till it's gone . . . ?" wrote singer/songwriter Joni Mitchell. Anyone who has lost their way in life, even for a short while, can relate. Scripture speaks of the rejoicing that goes on in heaven when such a life is turned around, when a lost soul is found. The world is filled with lost souls; what is needed is a larger supply of those willing to join the search party for the lost sheep or sweep for the lost coin. Are you ready to roll up your sleeves and join the effort? Someone out there will be most grateful.

Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10 (488). *"'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'"*

Friday, Nov 06, 2026

Master the art of making lemonade

In the short story "Greville Fane," author Henry James notes of his fictional character, the popular writer Mrs. Stormer, that "she had an unequalled gift, especially pen in hand, of squeezing big mistakes into small opportunities." Although Mrs. Stormer's story was fictional, we know all too well about making big mistakes in the nonfiction of our own lives. We can't avoid all mistakes, but we can learn from them and make amends for any harm caused. Like Mrs. Stormer, we can become gifted in our ability to squeeze big mistakes into small opportunities, the proverbial making lemonade out lemons. That takes practice and a willingness to admit both that we've fallen short and that we have the capacity to grow. What small opportunity might be waiting around the corner for you?

Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 16:1-8 (489). *"And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently."*

Saturday, Nov 07, 2026

Whose commands do you follow?

It may be that in the gospels money is often connected to evil because of the ease with which people can accumulate and wield wealth at the expense of others. Yet material wealth can be put to good or bad ends. At one level how much or little you have is a matter of great importance: "I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty," Saint Paul tells the Philippians. At a deeper level, however, lies the question of how you value money. Does it control you? Do you make decisions based on how they will affect your bottom line? Or is God your master with your decisions guided by love and concern for establishing his reign on Earth?

Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15 (490). *"You cannot serve God and mammon."*

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