



## Month Dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.



# NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Mass Schedule:</b> <b>St. Thomas the Apostle -</b> Saturday 4 p.m. Vigil Sunday 11 a.m. <b>St. Bridget -</b> Sunday 8 a.m. TLM 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 2 p.m.	<b>Daily Mass Schedule:</b> M, T, Th & F - 8 a.m. in St. Thomas Chapel W - 8 a.m. St. Bridget W - 6 p.m. in St. Thomas Chapel S - 9 a.m. St. Bridget					<b>First Saturday</b> <b>Feast of All Saints</b> 7am Holy Hour & Confession 9:30am Bible Study
<b>All Souls Day</b> <b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>CCD (9:30 a.m.)</b> <b>Latin Mass</b>	Feast Day of St. Martin de Porres <b>* St. Vincent de Paul meeting (8:45am)</b>	Feast Day of St. Charles Borromeo <b>OCIA Class (6pm)</b>	<b>Holy Hour (5pm) &amp; Confession</b>	<b>* Men of St. Joseph &amp; Daughters of Mary meeting (8:30am)</b> <b>* Knights of Columbus meeting (7pm)</b>		7am <b>Holy Hour &amp; Confession</b> 9:30am Bible Study
<b>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b> <b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Veterans Day</b> <b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>CCD (9:30 a.m.)</b>	Feast Day of St. Leo the Great	Feast Day of St. Martin of Tours <b>OCIA Class (6pm)</b> <b>Thank you FOR YOUR SERVICE</b>	Feast Day of St. Josaphat <b>Holy Hour (5pm) &amp; Confession</b> <b>* Parish Council Meeting (7pm)</b>	Feast Day of Frances Xavier Cabrini <b>* Men of St. Joseph &amp; Daughters of Mary meeting (8:30am)</b>		Feast Day of St. Albert the Great 7am <b>Holy Hour</b> and Confession 9:30am Bible Study
<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>CCD (9:30 a.m.)</b> <b>Latin Mass</b>	Feast Day of St. Elizabeth of Hungary	Feast Day of the Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul <b>OCIA Class (6pm)</b>	<b>Holy Hour (5pm) &amp; Confession</b>	<b>* Men of St. Joseph &amp; Daughters of Mary meeting (8:30am)</b>	Feast Day of The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Feast Day of St. Cecilia 7am <b>Holy Hour</b> and Confession 9:30am Bible Study <b>St. Peregrine Mass 4pm</b>
<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> <b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>CCD (9:30 a.m.)</b>	Feast Day of St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc & companions <b>No OCIA</b> ~ OFFICE WILL BE OPEN ~			<b>Thanksgiving</b>		7am <b>Holy Hour</b> and Confession 9:30am Bible Study
1st Sunday of Advent <b>30</b>						
<b>No CCD</b>						

**Confession** is offered 30 mins. before each weekend Mass, during Holy Hour on Wednesdays from 5 to 6p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Chapel, on Saturdays during Holy Hour from 7 to 8 a.m. at St. Bridget and by appointment.



## WHY IS PRAYING FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY IMPORTANT?

Because it helps them with their purification, shortens their time in purgatory, and allows them to enter heaven sooner. It is an act of charity that extends God's grace, fulfills the Golden Rule, and allows those on Earth to aid souls who can no longer help themselves. Prayers and offerings help atone for sins, and once the souls are in heaven, they can intercede for us in return.

### **Why it is important to pray for the souls in purgatory:**

- To aid their purification: Purgatory is a state of purification for those who have died in God's grace but are not yet fully cleansed of their sins. Our prayers can help them be cleansed of remaining spiritual flaws.
- To help them enter heaven sooner: Prayers and Mass offerings can help shorten their time of purification, allowing them to enter heaven more quickly.
- Out of charity and mercy: Praying for the souls in purgatory is a way to show love and mercy to our spiritual brothers and sisters, just as we would wish others to pray for us if we were in their position. It is an act of charity that reflects God's mercy.
- Because they are helpless: Souls in purgatory are unable to help themselves because the time for earning merit has passed. They are "helpless" and rely on the prayers of the living.
- To foster their intercession for us: According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, our prayers not only help them but also can make their intercession for us more effective once they are in heaven.
- To fulfill Christian tradition: Praying for the dead has been a part of Christian practice for centuries, and it is seen as a holy and wholesome thought that is rooted in scripture.

### **A Few Sources:**

- [sfcatholic.org/bishopsbulletin/why-do-we-pray-for-the-souls-in-purgatory/](http://sfcatholic.org/bishopsbulletin/why-do-we-pray-for-the-souls-in-purgatory/)
- [www.cathstan.org/voices/why-do-we-need-to-pray-for-the-holy-souls-in-purgatory](http://www.cathstan.org/voices/why-do-we-need-to-pray-for-the-holy-souls-in-purgatory)
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