

All Soul's Day, November 02nd, 2025

Intentions:

November 02 - For **Special Intentions**, requested by Denise Brownlee.

Mass Intentions: \$15.00

Offertory Collection

October 19 - T.B.A.

October 26 - T.B.A. Thank You

November 02

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day):

Since the early Church, Christians have prayed for the dead. By the 7th century, some monastic foundations reserved this day to pray for deceased members and benefactors. In 988, Odilo, abbot of the great monastery of Cluny in France, established the tradition of keeping, "with joyous affection, the memory of all the faithful departed who have lived from the beginning of the world until the end." By the 14th century, the commemoration had spread through Europe and was universally accepted in the Latin Church.

Happy are those who have died in the Lord. Let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Revelation 14:13

Mass during the week: Please note: all weekday masses will be in the chapel except on days we have school masses.

School masses in November are as follows - 5th, 19th & 26th.

On Saturday November 8th there will be a funeral mass for the repose of Fran Bernard, venue St. Gabriel church, time 10am prompt. We encourage parishioners to attend.

Pastoral Council meeting on Wednesday November 5th at 11.00am. Venue church sacristy.



Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Roy Campbell, Linda Cassidy, Patricia Cassidy, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley, and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

Pope's Intentions for the Month of November

For the prevention of suicide - Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Gospel Reflection: Remembering our departed loved ones in our prayers on this feast day of "All Souls" is a way of keeping them close to us. Also, praying for the dead, and to the dead, is an important part of the grieving process. Just as we grew in our relationships with our loved ones during their lifetime, so do we continue to deepen our love for them as we remember them in prayer after their death. Praying for the dead reminds us that death isn't an end but a beginning of new life. Our prayers can be a concrete expression of our belief in everlasting life. (Living Liturgy, p.242)



Administrator's Corner

The Body of Christ: The Church

Dear friends, when we think of the Body of Christ, we reflect on how the physical body parts work together in harmony. Each part has a unique role, and when all are healthy, it affects the entire body. The Body of Christ is the Church, comprising three components: the triumphant church, the militant church, and the suffering church.

The Triumphant Church: these are our loved ones we celebrate with great joy who have made it to heaven. Having lived like us in all things and been sanctified by the blood of the Lamb, they are now rejoicing in heaven. We celebrate their triumph and thank God with them, seeking their intercession for the militant church and the suffering church.

The Militant Church: As pilgrims on earth, we are still on the journey to heaven. In every experience, we are not disappointed, but rather, we ask deeper questions about what God is teaching us. Pilgrims have great opportunities to repent and readjust to follow God's ways in all things. The triumphant and militant church joins hands to pray for the suffering church.

The Suffering Church: The suffering church consists of those who have died in God's friendship but still need to be purified before entering heaven. This is where the doctrine of Purgatory comes in – a temporary state meant to sanctify them, so that they can enter heaven. Some might ask, "Where's Purgatory in the Bible?" A better question might be, "Where else can we make sense of God's mercy and justice together?"



However, the scripture provides clues, Jesus' words in Matthew 12:32 suggest forgiveness is possible beyond the grave, but not in heaven or hell. There must be a middle place, a state of purification.

In Revelation, it says, "Nothing unclean will enter heaven" (Rev 21:27), yet St. Paul reminds us that "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). If nothing unclean can enter heaven, and most of us die imperfect, then divine mercy must provide a way to cleanse us. That mercy is Purgatory – God's finishing school for the imperfectly holy.

The doctrine of Purgatory is rooted in God's justice and mercy. Purgatory is a state where those who are good but not good enough to enter heaven can be sanctified.

There's this old story of St Catherine of Siena, a 15th century mystic who once described Purgatory as "not a dungeon of despair, but a place of Love's final cleansing." She said, "The souls in Purgatory are not sad, they burn with love for the God whom they would soon behold. The fire that purifies them is the fire of mercy."

Adding his voice St. Gregory said "the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the poor souls in Purgatory is of great benefit to them, and they long for it with grievous wailings." Similarly St. Jerome teaches that "The souls who are suffering in Purgatory and whom the priest prays for on the Altar during Mass do not feel the tortures of Purgatory during the time that the Mass lasts. They ask for nothing more, they wish for nothing more than this bloodless Sacrifice."

The early Christians believed in praying for the dead, too. Tertullian wrote, "It was the custom of the church to make offerings for the dead." St. John Chrysostom urged priests to offer Masses for the faithful departed, saying, "Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."

St. Monica pleaded with her son Augustine on her deathbed, "Don't think of burying my body in magnificent style... Only think of one thing, I beg of you, remember me at the Altar of the Lord and offer up the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the benefit of my soul." St. Augustine himself prayed, "You purified me in this life, O Lord, that I may not need the purging fire after death."

My dear friends from the above it is obvious from the earliest centuries, that the Church has prayed and continues to pray for the faithful departed because love does not end in the grave.

Let us not forget our dear departed but join hands in praying for their souls by offering Masses for them, visiting their graves, and making daily sacrifices for them. May our intercessions help them, and may we be mindful of our own journey towards heaven as we ask for the intercessions of the saints.

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St. Gabriel's (Constance Bay) **St. Michael's** (Fitzroy Harbour)

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	Sunday 9:00 am Mass
	Wednesday 8:00 am adoration/confession, 9am mass
	Thursday 8:30 confession, 9am mass
	Friday 8:30 confession, 9am mass

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