November 2, 2025

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

Wisdom 3:1-9 / Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9 / John 6:37-40







## The Great Halloween Mistress

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

ne Halloween, the lady who lived in the big white house down the block gave out bottles of Coke for trick-or-treat. Not 6-ouncers, not 10-ouncers, but 12-ouncers! I remember going up to her door like we did at every other house, stomping up the steps, ringing the bell and waiting, then yelling, "Trick or treat!" for a piece of penny candy as the door opened. Instead, our eyes widened with disbelief as we gasped, "Wow! A bottle of Coke! Gee, thanks a lot." I remember her smile and the look of delight in her eyes at making some scraggly neighborhood kids so excited. Before long, word got out among that night's goblins and saints. Kids I had never seen before, kids from neighboring communities, all came streaming in, and she gave each of them a bottle of Coke. To me, it was unbelievable—such generosity. That year, nobody

dared "trick" her house. We made sure. Among us kids, such generosity did not go unrewarded.

On All Souls' Day, we remember those who have died, and we remember them with an awareness of the need we all have for God's mercy. Sometimes, I think that God is like that woman who lived in the big white house down the block. God is the Great Halloween Mistress. We come to her, armed with our tricks to get what we want, and she disarms us with her unbelievable generosity—the greatest "treater" of all time. God gives us everything undeserved—the most generous treats ever, all year round.

## -Reflect-

What experiences of God's generous blessings have I known? Have I taken any for granted?



## St. Theresa's Cathedral

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**Confessions:** By appointment only, at this time **Baptisms:** By appointment – 5 weeks in advance

Weddings: By appointment – 1 year in advance. Pre-Marriage Course is required for all weddings here or overseas

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DATES		TIMES		INTENTIONS	
Sat.	Nov. 1st	6:30pm	+	Robert & Bernice Sinclair	
Sun.	Nov. 2nd (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+ + + +	Mr.& Mrs. Albert Victor Soares Sr. Kevin Ledo, Carlos Almeida, Humberto Santos, Rogerio & Manuel Santos Bolarinho Jose & Amelia Andrade Almeida, Marshall Yokell Special Intentions of Natalie Yokell & Mr. & Mrs. Richard Senechal & family St. Theresa's Parish Family Oskar P. Lewnowski, Happy Birthday in Heaven	
Mon.	Nov. 3rd	7:30am		Natalie Skye Bongato, Thanksgiving & Birthday Wishes	
Tues.	Nov. 4th	7:30am			
Wed.	Nov. 5th	7:30am 12:10pm	+	Maude Bertrand	
Thurs.	Nov. 6th	7:30am 12:10pm			
Fri.	Nov. 7th	7:30am 12:10pm		Fr. Dandy Traje, early Birthday Wishes	
Sat.	Nov. 8th	6:30pm	+	For the Souls of the Maiato & Pacheco Family	
Sun.	Nov. 9th (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+	Antonio & Ernestina Rebello  Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Arminda Garrafa & Victor Moniz St. Theresa's Parish Family	

#### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY: November 8th & 9th, 2025

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Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm					
Proclaimer:	A. Farrell	H. DeSilva	L. LeFevre E. Mosley	H. Velasco					
Communion Ministers:	D. DeSilva J. Judd C. Johnson A. Machado	T. Sinclair I. Brackstone E. Cabral H. Cabral	G. Edwards M. Tan A. Tan	C. Sevilla A. Galea D. Robiso					
Song Leaders:	B. Baretto-Hogan	F. Wohlmuth	A. L. Garina	K. Delgado					

## ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS:

Can you assist for a couple hours on Saturday's? If so, please contact Joanne Smith at 292-0416 or <a href="mailto:joanneresmith@gmail.com">joanneresmith@gmail.com</a>.





**SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS WITH** ONLINE BANKING **PARISH** direct **ENVELOPES** Please make payments to St. Theresa's Cathedral at BNTB A/C #2000 6060 4827 32100 and include "Sunday Offering" in the memo field. Also, the parish encourages the use of Sunday Offering Envelopes to promote the concept of stewardship of treasure. Thank you for your continued support in remembering the needs of the Cathedral!

## **FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:**

#### St. Theresa's Cathedral

7pm 1st Friday of the month

## St. Patrick's Church

7pm 2nd Friday of the month

## St. Joseph's Church

11am 3rd Saturday of the month

## Stella Maris Church

7pm Last Wednesday of the month

ADORATION: Saturday Adoration in the Chapel of St. Theresa's Cathedral: 9:00am – Holy Mass in Portuguese followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration – 10:15am - Benediction

<u>LECTIO DIVINA:</u> Mondays at 7:30pm via Zoom. Please contact Franz Wohlmuth on, <u>fgwohlmuth@logic.bm</u> to join. Meetings are led by Bishop Wes.

### **ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:**

Please consider a direct deposit or cash donation to the SVDP Society.



**Direct deposit** to SVDP Society – BNTB BDA #2000 6060 4767 11100 or USD # 8400 7847 30010 or use the **SVDP envelopes.** 

**FOCUS:** Hope and trust in the Lord ease our sorrow for the loss of our loved ones.

The loss of a loved one brings with it sorrow due to a deeply felt absence in our daily life. We mourn the separation, even when it was not unexpected. But the pain of our loss is tempered and eased by our hope and trust in the Lord, in his mercy, and in his promise to grant eternal life to those who believe in him. We cooperate with him by praying for those who have died and asking the Lord to bring them swiftly to himself.

## **Steward's Sharing of Treasure**

**Date** Actual \$4,717.00 Collection: Oct. 25th & 26th \$1,965.00 **Electronic offering:** Oct. 25th & 26th 2025 Collection to Date: \$262,698.50 Week 44 Mission Sunday: Funds to date \$908.00

Thank you for your support!



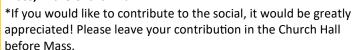
ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL November 2nd—8th, 2025 **Donation Given for Two 7 day Candles** In Loving Memory of Dennis Pacheco

**REFLECTION:** Today's Psalm makes clear that we and everything we think we own actually belong to God instead: "The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We are stewards, not owners, of our lives and all we possess!

## **PARISH COUNCIL COFFEE SOCIAL:**

Come join us for Coffee and baked goods





## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

#### **Christmas Food Voucher Program - 2025**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is providing \ Christmas Food Vouchers again this year for those less fortunate and would like your help in

registering people of your parish needing assistance.

Please provide the person's name and telephone number, along with your name and telephone number in case we need to follow up with you.

You can call 525-1191 and leave a message on the SVDP voicemail or speak to your SVdP parish representative, whose name is listed in your bulletin.

Deadline to receive names is 1st Dec 2025.

Many thanks and God bless. SVdP Society Committee

## KIDS (Children) SERVICE AT HOLY MASS:

Every 4th Sunday of the month at 6pm

Calling Children to serve as: Lector, Altar Server, &/ Choir

If your child/children is interested in volunteering, please e-mail: dytecp@yahoo.com; or eveloum@outlook.com

or call telephone no: 292-0607x3

## THE BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

November is the traditional month for prayer for the deceased, a time to remember our departed loved ones, and to pray for their eternal rest. It is



a pious practice in many Christian traditions, particularly Catholic ones. It is during the month of November that the Church meditates on the Communion of Saints, which is the link with the faithful who have already reached heaven (the Church Triumphant), the faithful departed who are still expiating their sins in Purgatory (the Church Suffering), and of the pilgrim faithful still here on earth (the Church Militant). As Pope Paul VI describes it in his Credo of the People of God: "We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always attentive to our prayers".

Praying for the dead is considered an act of mercy, as these prayers are believed to be helpful for the souls of the departed. The practice is also linked to the Christian hope in the resurrection and the belief that death is a transition to a new life with God. It is common to write the names of loved ones in a "Memorial Book". Visiting cemeteries is encouraged as a way to pray for the dead and reflect on their lives.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

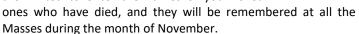
Have a serene weekend and a good week!

## Bishop Wes

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BOOK OF LIFE: November is the month of prayer for the deceased!

The Book of Life is on the communion rail. You are invited to enter the names of your loved



## "THIS IS MY BODY" - A Call To Eucharistic Revival:

Free copies of this wonderful book can be found at the entrances to the Cathedral. Please collect your

copy and read Bishop Robert Barron's attempt to assist all of us understand the Sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood.

### **CHRISTMAS FAIR & CAR BOOT SALE:**

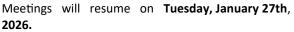
St. Anthony's Church will be holding their annual Christmas Fair and Car Boot Sale on Saturday, November 15th from 9am to 4pm.



To book a spot for the Car Boot Sale, please contact Pat Rodrigues at 524-1026 or email prodrigu@logic.bm

## MEN OF GOD MONTHLY GROUP:

Please be aware that the Med of God Monthly Group will be taking a hiatus until the New Year.





## Dear Padre,

# Do we pray for the dead on All Souls' Day for what we can do for them, or for what they can do for us?

On All Souls' Day, the Church celebrates the one body in Christ that unites its members on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven. For more than a thousand years, we've commemorated this transcendent bond on the second day of November, whether at Mass, in a cemetery, or on a home altar to the faithful departed. This bond of companionship between the living and deceased is



so vital to our spiritual well-being that All Souls' Day is celebrated even when November 2 falls on a Sunday.

Because Catholics are in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers, Masses, sacrifices, and works of charity can be offered up on behalf of the deceased. (See 2 Maccabees 12:38–46.) Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers on behalf of the living. Thus, our assistance to the deceased, and their intercession for us, is mutually beneficial! "A perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory, and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things" (*Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, 5; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1475, 954-955, 962). May perpetual light shine upon the souls of the faithful departed. •

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In a world wounded by violence and conflict.... I am convinced that if we are...free from ideological and political conditioning, we can be effective in saying "no" to war and "yes" to peace, "no" to the arms race and "yes" to disarmament, "no" to an economy that impoverishes peoples and the Earth and "yes" to integral development.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 19, 2025

## **Monday**

November 3 Weekday

Rom 11:29-36

Lk 14:12-14

## Tuesday

November 4

St. Charles Borromeo,

Bishop

Rom 12:5-16b

Lk 14:15-24

## Wednesday

November 5 *Weekday* 

Rom 13:8–10

Lk 14:25-33

## **Thursday**

November 6 Weekday

Rom 14:7-12

Lk 15:1-10

## Friday

November 7 *Weekday* Rom 15:14–21

Lk 16:1-8

## Saturday

November 8 Weekday Rom 16:3–9, 16,

22-27

Lk 16:9-15

## Sunday

November 9
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17

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Jn 2:13-22

