

Veterans Day

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POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER
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 at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world. Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th.

Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction will be on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm, and each Sunday evening, up to and including, Sunday, December 20th. All are welcome.

The **2027 Mass calendar** is open for scheduling Masses. You can come in to the office, M-Th, 9-4, call the office 814-787-4151 x3, drop your request in the collection basket at Mass, or mail your request.

Book of the Beloved Dead A special **Book of Remembrance** will be available in the back of the Church. *Throughout the month of November*, please feel free to write down as many names as you wish. The book will continue to be displayed in our Church so that all of the names you write in the book will be included in our prayers.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments: November is designated National Homeless Youth Awareness Month, a critical time to raise awareness about the challenges facing young people experiencing homelessness. Annually, approximately 1.2 million children under age 6 and 4.3 million youth and young adults experience homelessness. Youth without stable housing face a high risk of trauma, violence, substance abuse, sex trafficking, and mental health issues. Homeless high school students are nearly twice as likely to consider suicide and over three times as likely to attempt it compared to housed students. You can help by supporting local shelters, outreach programs, and advocating for policies that protect vulnerable youth. For more resources, visit: www.eriercd.org/childprotection/.

Music and Saint Cecilia *and* Music in the Psalms

My brothers and sisters, I share with you an art that all of us enjoy, music. Music is an arrangement of sounds put into a structured art form that all of us can relate to and appreciate. I would even say that when songs and musical pieces are created by the best of composers, they are sounds of life, hope, and love; in the language of written musical notes, played or sung together and expressed in an organized timing value of each note. In addition, we can appreciate songs that are just instrumental pieces and songs that have both singing and a musical arrangement. Most likely, the important thing we can receive in listening to music and the lyrics is the message the song is giving. This can truly determine how often a person will listen or sing along with a particular song.

During this month, on November 22nd, we celebrate St. Cecilia's Feast Day. She is known to be the Patron Saint of singers and musicians. There is basically a tradition in the Catholic Church that St. Cecilia loved to sing the praises of God. She is known as a most perfect example of a Christian woman because of her holy life and the martyrdom she suffered for her love of Christ. Often times, she is portrayed in Christian art and stained glass windows, as playing a harp or an organ.

In addition to this theme of music, I share with you at this time, St. Augustine's understanding of music and of singing as expressed in the Book of Psalms. He shares his thoughts in one of his writings entitled; From A Discourse on the Psalms by Saint Augustine, Bishop.

In this writing, St. Augustine begins to compare the joyful heart that sings of a new man (person) who has found a new life in their relationship with God, as opposed to the old man who is not able to sing and who has not found a new life yet in God, because of their fallen, sinful condition. The person who has found new life in Christ has found the reason for their happiness. God has forgiven them of their sins, and they no longer feel oppressed and heavy-burdened by the sins they have carried, because they have found forgiveness and a new life in God that causes them to sing to God a new song of praise and thanksgiving!

The Psalms that capture this expression of a joyful heart of a person who is striving to live a holy, faithful life in God are the following Psalms:
*(Psalm 144: 9): "O God, I will sing a new song to You; with a ten-stringed lyre I will chant Your Praise."

*(Psalm 146: 1-2) "Alleluia! Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live."

continued

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 08, 2026

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, November 09, 2026 **8:30 a.m. Mass**	Virginia & Stanley Gralak, Sr.	Family	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2: 13-22 (671)
Tuesday, November 10, 2026 **8:30 a.m. Mass**	Lena Volpe	Doug & Leanne Siple	Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	Ti 2: 1-8, 11-14 Lk 17: 7-10 (492)
Wednesday,November 11, 2026 **No Mass** **VETERAN'S DAY**			Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop	Ti 3: 1-7 Lk 17: 11-19 (493)
Thursday, November 12, 2026 **8:30 a.m. Mass**	Rose A. Youngmark	children--Julie & John	Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr	Phlm 7- 20 Lk 17: 20-25 (494)
Friday, November 13, 2026 **No Mass**			Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin	2 Jn 4-9 Lk 17: 26-37 (495)
Saturday, November 14, 2026 **No AM Mass**			Weekday *BVM*	3 Jn 5-8 Lk 18: 1-8 (496)
Saturday, November 14, 2026 **5:30 p.m. Mass**	Living & Deceased members of St. Joseph Church		Vigil of the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, November 15, 2026 **9:15 a.m. Mass**	Leo & Andrea Calliari wedding anniversary	Kathy & Leon	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Prv 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thes 5: 1-6 Mt 25: 14-30 or 25: 14-15, 19-21 (157)

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MASS TIMES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:15 am
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm
DAILY MASS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30 am
Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

*(Psalm 147: 7) "Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise with the harp to our God."

This, my brothers and sisters, is some of the greatest blessings and healings in our lives, to be able to sing praise to God for His Love working in our life.

In the next bulletin, I will continue to share further of St. Augustine's discourse on the Psalms. In this coming week, let's think about how God has helped us to be happy.

God Bless, Father Mark

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