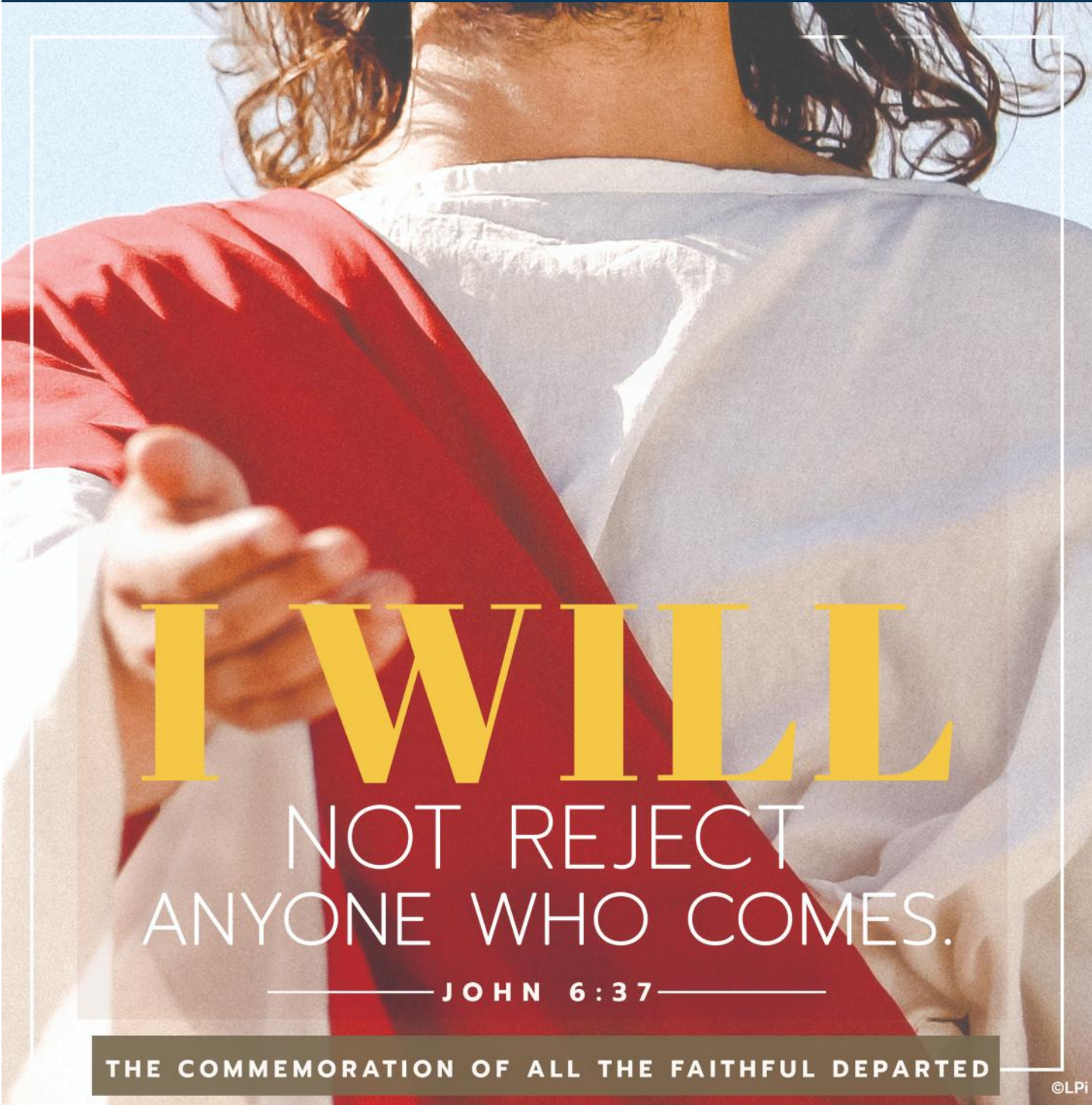


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— JOHN 6:37 —

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Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, also known as All Souls Day. This is the day when people around the world remember their ancestors and others who have left this world. We will remember our loved ones at this Sunday's Eucharist, and many will visit family graves, or celebrate special meals at home. Let us remember our living connections with people who are no longer present in this world. May they now share in the promised inheritance of eternal life!

As I write this on Tuesday morning, I'm very tired! Like many of you, I stayed up late last night to watch the Dodgers in game three in an epic battle of the World Series. The game ended a couple of minutes before midnight and of course, the game will go down as a World Series Classic! We all remember epic and classic moments in our lives and in the world of sports. For me, the year was 1968. I was an eighth grader living with my family in a suburb of Detroit and I was a die-hard Detroit Tigers baseball fan. The Tigers were in the World Series playing against St. Louis. In game seven, Mickey Lolich pitched against Bob Gibson of St. Louis and Lolich won his third pitching game of the Series. The Tigers clinched the World Series and that was the epic year when the Tigers pitcher, Denny McClain won 31 games and no other pitcher has ever reached that milestone.

Last night at Dodger Stadium was a classic going for 18 innings. Of course, the miracle was that most of the Dodger fans stayed till the end of the game and many of us watched it on TV. GO BLUE! LET'S GO DODGERS!!

During this month of November, we remember all our loved ones who passed away this past year and since November 1 of last year the following had their funeral here at St. Joseph's:

Rose Margaret Lozano
Anita Garza
John Munda
Joan Marlene Fitzpatrick
Frank Charles Sharkany
Gloria Sirotnak
Richard Eclarin
Edward Charles Derrico
Howard Reinard
Lolita Heilbron
Cletus Bodensteiner
Ted Hall
Lucita Remorca Garde
Vincent James Olson
Juanito Adanza Jane
Leland Johnson

MAY YOUR LOVED ONES AND THE SOULS
OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN
PEACE. AMEN!!

Remembering your faithful departed,
Msgr. Kevin

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love. (Wis 3:9)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)
OR
Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you
are with me.

Second Reading:

But God proves his love for us
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)

Gospel:

"For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:40)

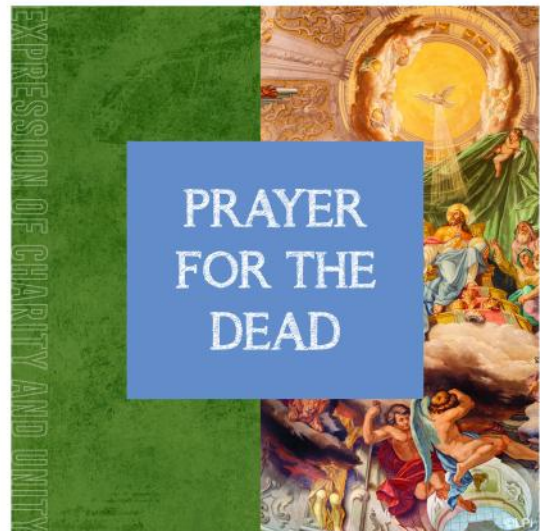
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

To live with Christ, we must die with him.
But what does this mean? What does this
look like in the ordinary life of a Christian?
We must ask God for the wisdom to see
our own crosses, so that we may carry
them into the newness of life.

Observances for the week of November 2, 2025

- Sunday:** The Commemoration of All the Faithful
Departed (All Souls' Day);
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Monday:** St. Martin de Porres, Religious
- Tuesday:** St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop; Election Day
- Next Sunday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



Devotions, *Explained!*

God is not subject to the
constrictions of time as we
understand them. Our prayers
for the dead are, like our prayers
for the living, an expression of
charity and the unity which exists
between all members of the Body
of Christ.

Prayer during Loss

O God,
In the midst of my grief, be with me.
Cover this season with Your
comfort and consolation,
help me to know Your presence
and Your grace.
Bring comfort to my affliction,
and hope to my heart.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of November 2, 2025

Sunday:

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Monday:

Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday:

Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday:

Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday:

Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/
Lk 15:1-10

Friday:

Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday:

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,
10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I lost my wallet this year. It was such an annoyance to replace everything in it. A friend, moved by sympathy, gave me a beautiful new one. One month later I lost that one, too, with all my newly replaced cards. No matter what I did, I couldn't find what I had lost. I resigned myself to never seeing either of my wallets again.

Fortunately, the Lord Jesus is not like me in this regard. In today's Gospel (John 6:37-40), he says, **"This is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me."** Jesus, unlike me, is ever vigilant with what the Father has given him. He searches for every lost soul — as the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to pursue the one lost sheep, or the woman rejoices upon recovering a lost coin — and even descends to the depths of loss on the cross and into the realm of the dead to recover that which seems forever lost.

On All Souls' Day, as we remember our faithful departed, these words kindle a hope beyond hope in our hearts. Even the dead are not lost to Jesus, though they may seem so to us. Nothing entrusted to him by the Father is ever truly lost. So, we may hope that every soul, no matter how wandering or forgotten in life, is secure in his loving care and destined to be raised on the last day. Of what the Father gives him, he loses nothing.

— *Father John Muir*



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“If you want peace, work for justice.”

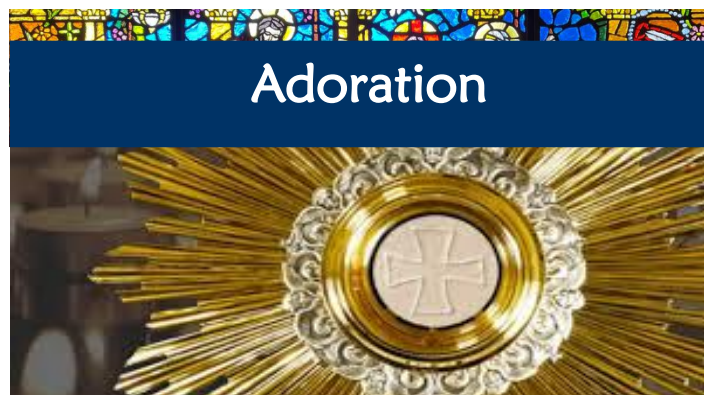
-Pope Paul VI

Blanket Drive: Thank you for the outstanding support of last weekend’s blanket drive! Over 200 blankets were donated and from the School. \$325 in cash donations will be used to purchase additional blankets in support of over 100 families for Thanksgiving.

Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: DRIVERS NEEDED. As a parish community, we will support 70 families for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter! Can you help us deliver? So meaningful to kids! Please contact Jill Salinaz (562) 822-7367 or jmsalinaz@yahoo.com.

Family Adoptions: Would you like to adopt a family to support Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter? Call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Rose Bauss rhbauss@gmail.com . For many opportunities to serve, call Tim Clark, (562) 431-4385

Please be extra attentive to Skip-a-Meal donations during the holiday season!



Come spend an hour with our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Enter what Catholic author Matthew Kelly calls “*The Classroom of Silence*,” and answer Jesus’ invitation:

“Could you not watch with me one hour?” (Matthew 26:40)

Join **Deacon Tom Halliwell** for **Eucharistic Adoration** this **Friday, November 7th at 8:00 a.m.**



Facts about physical grooming

The term “grooming” refers to the way in which a predator tries to mold and set up his victims and their families, in order to gain access to a child and cause harm, all while appearing innocent. The first of the three types of grooming is *physical*, and it involves touch. A predator starts with innocent touches — back pats, appropriate hugs — and then moves on to tickling, wrestling, hugging, conditioning the child to increasing levels of physical contact. Over time, the predator conditions the child to accept all forms of touch, progressing to sexual contact. For more information about physical grooming, read the VIRTUS® article “The Grooming Process” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



Senior Group



**Our next get together will be at the
El Dorado Restaurant on
Monday, November 10th at 9:30 am.**

Please join us for a nice time catching up with old friends and meeting new friends. When you arrive, tell the server that you are with St. Joseph and he/she will direct you to the area we are gathering in. Everyone will order and pay for his/her own breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there. For future reference, we meet there on the 2nd Monday of every month, at the same time. Looking forward to seeing you!



Meditation



St. Joseph's Meditation Group currently meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00PM via Zoom. Our weekly session is based on the teachings of Fr. John Main, OSB. Meditation is an age-old Christian practice and open to everyone. No experience is required and beginners are welcome. For more information, contact Frank McKown at (310) 633-1744 or frmckown@gmail.com



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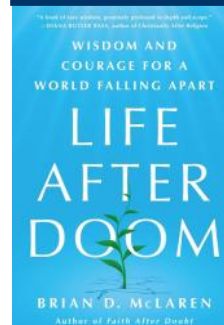
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Our next Book Club meeting is
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5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m.

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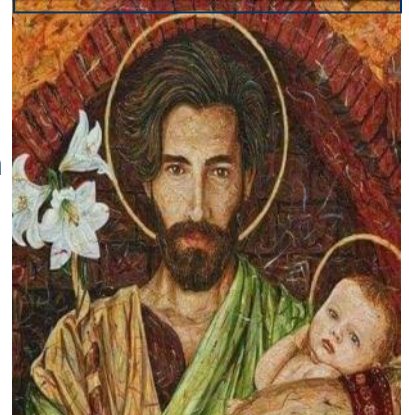
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First Fridays

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