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All Saints Day

November 1st



November - The Month of the Holy Souls



"It is a holy
and wholesome thought
to pray for the dead."

(2 Mac. 12:46)

November 2nd - All Souls Day

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St. Francis de Sales - Pray for Us

All Saints Day

November 1, 2026

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Psalms 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12a

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Mass Times

Monday thru Saturday: 8:15 a.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Anticipated Mass

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12-Noon

Confessions: 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays

Baptisms and Weddings:

Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

SFDS Parishioner Registration & Information Form

FAMILY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: (_____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

ADULT NAME: _____ BAPTIZED CATHOLIC: Yes _____ No _____

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CHILD'S NAME: _____ BAPTIZED CATHOLIC: Yes _____ No _____

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(If you wish to become a parishioner, please register online at: www.sfdsparish.com
or by filling-out this form and drop-it in the Collection Basket.)

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- Sunday - Nov 1 **All Saints Day;**
National Vocation Awareness Week;
Daylight Saving Time Ends:
(Set clocks 1-hour back to Standard Time,
if you have done so.)
- Monday - Nov 2 **All Souls Day --**
The Commemoration of All
the Faithful Departed
- Tuesday, Nov 3 **St. Martin de Porres, Religious;**
Mid-term Election Day
- Wednesday - Nov 4
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
- Saturday - Nov 7 **Saturday of the Blessed**
Virgin Mary

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
and let Your perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all faithful departed rest in peace.

Amen



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:

Rick Monroe, Catherine Burkheimer, Rosie Wys,
Kathleen Wheeler, Mary Lena Waldheim,
Alberto Chavando, Sonia Hernandez Chavando,
Sean Aguirre, Gisele Hayek, Susan Ho,
Angela Samona, Denise Loren, Leticia Romero,
Carmel Rattigan, Kathy Molloy, Glenn J. Lawlor, Jr.,
Olga Oshiro, Maria Berreondo, Tanya Valazquez,
Catherine Crews, Deanna Domsten, Mary Ann Bleses,
Kerry Wyse, Louise Brancale, Charlie Ho,
Jackie Ward-Smith, Ann Murcia, Rosemary Schreiber,
Deb Marsdale, James Armstrong, Sr.,
Catherine Mwamba, Kathy Polk, Pat Yahnke,
Linda Mauleon, Sandra Mitchell, Sharon Crigler,
Samiee Nejad, Mary Bailey, Eric Duran, Tina McConnell,
Patrick McDougall, Tish Mc Daniel, Nina Barnes,
Jana Rattigan, Jezebel Todd, Lauren Britton,
Jen Welch, Bob Dixon, Tony Guadagno, John Proscetto,
Dexter Gray, Annie Salazar, Jim Earnhart,
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Lindsay Dean, Davis Weld, Kevin Hogan,
Catherine Sweeney, Jeffrey Paynton, Tommy Fitzpatrick,
Doris McNary, Marilyn Sidley, Karin Quinn Forward,
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Virginia Johnson, Fran Hurton, Amaud Gregori,
Mary Henriksen, Dominic Mantel, Edith Reeves,
Stefanie Gabler, Jake Patterson, Rose Rios,
Anita & Austen Canzano, David Bell, Marie Schewe,
Tom & Judy King, Jonathan Masse, Steve Dee,
Darya Williams, Gus Calderon, Robert Willing,
Josue Meza, Thomas Oliver, Philip Graber, & Blake Cline

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday - Oct 31

8:15 AM In Memory of Fr. Patricio A. Sánchez Molinari

5:00 PM In Memory of Noelle Kozell Mullen

Sunday - Nov 01

8:00 AM In Memory of Catherine "Kit" Dunne

10:00 AM In Memory of Zoltan and 2 Brothers Horosny

12:00 PM In Memory of Yrma M. Aragon

Monday - Nov 02

8:15 AM All Souls Novena

Tuesday - Nov 03

All Souls Novena

Wednesday - Nov 04

8:15 AM All Souls Novena

Thursday - Nov 05

8:15 AM All Souls Novena

Friday - Nov 06

8:15 AM All Souls Novena

Saturday - Nov 07

8:15 AM In Memory of the Deceased Members
of the Legion of Mary

5:00 PM All Souls Novena

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Weekend: 10/23 - 10/25/2026

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All Saints Day - Sunday, November 1st

All Saints' Day is celebrated annually on November 1st. Remember the triple dimension of the Church? The Church Militant (the Church on earth), the Church Suffering (the Church in purgatory), and the Church Triumphant (the Church in heaven). The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#954) describes the three states of the Church: "When the Lord comes in glory, and all His angels with Him, death will be no more, and all things will be subject to Him". But at the present time some of His disciples are pilgrims on earth (the Church Militant). Others have died and are being purified (the Church Suffering), while still others are in glory, contemplating 'in full light, God himself triune and one, exactly as He is.' (the Church Triumphant). The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven. The Church rejoices in her sons and daughters of every time and place who have attained heaven.

All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs. Pope Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints.

The holy day was eventually established on November 1 by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics.

Can Saints Hear Our Prayers? Many non-Catholic Christians reject the idea that the saints in heaven can hear our prayers. However, it's often not considered that those in heaven are far more alive than those on earth. Ultimately, it is through God's divine power that souls in heaven hear our prayers, and are able to intercede on our behalf. After all, the Bible supports praying to saints. In Hebrews, Paul makes it clear that there is a crowd of believers in heaven cheering us on.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." (Hebrews 12:1)

Book of Angels

All Saints Day is Sunday, November 1st

All Souls Day is Monday, November 2nd

The Mass with Book of Angels is Monday, November 2nd, All Souls Day, at 10:15 a.m.

The procession with candles will begin a few minutes prior to 10:15 a.m.



November – the month of All Souls

During the month of November, we pause to recall more intently our beloved dead and all the dead. With our lively Catholic imagination, the Church, our Mother, who never forgets any of Her children, gathers her dead children into her arms, holds them up to the LORD and sends her keening for them ricocheting across the hear, praying for all her children, especially those in purgatory.

All Souls' Novena envelopes will be in the pews this weekend to enroll your deceased loved ones in the *All Souls' Novena of Masses*. If you wish you may E-mail the names to me and I will place them on the Altar Monday morning, November 2nd, All Souls' Day ---- mwakefield@sfdsparish.com

Our parish *Book of the Dead* will be on the side Altar of St. Joseph on Saturday, October 31st



Did You Know?

Mandated and Ethical Reporting

Mandated reporters are persons who are legally required to report suspected cases of abuse, or instances where a child has disclosed abuse. These reports must be made to child protective services or law enforcement officials. Most professions that make a person a mandated reporter involve close interactions with children, like a teacher, school administrator or nurse. But regardless of the law, we all have an ethical obligation to report suspected or known child abuse, in order to keep children safe.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Facts about Mandated and Ethical Reporting" at: lacatholics.org/did-you-know



**Join us for Thanksgiving Mass
on Thursday, November 26th
at 9:00 A.M.**

Thanksgiving

November 26th

Thanksgiving in America revolves around giving thanks and the centerpiece is gathering with family and friends to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. The background of Thanksgiving Day may be a little long, but it establishes the context for much of what is wonderful and beautiful about the United States of America.

Our Thanksgiving story begins with the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England (1558 - 1603). Queen Mary I (1553 - 1558) restored the Catholic Faith in England. Queen Mary died childless and was followed by her half-sister Elizabeth. England was bitterly divided between Catholics and Protestants. Internationally, Queen Elizabeth I maneuvered between the powers of France and Spain. The Elizabeth I Religious Settlement was the religious and political arrangement made for peace within England. This arrangement, implemented from 1559 to 1563, marked the end of the English Reformation. It permanently shaped the Church of England's doctrine and liturgy, laying the foundation for the unique identity of Anglicanism and established the Church of England as a conservative Protestant Church. During this time, the Book of Common Prayer (1559) was authorized as the Church of England's official worship and the Thirty-nine Articles as its doctrinal statement.

The Settlement failed to end religious disputes. While most of the population gradually conformed to the established Anglican Church, a minority of recusants remained loyal Roman Catholics. Within the Church of England, leading Protestants sought to purify the Church of England from what they considered papist abuses from the church's liturgy, and to replace bishops with a Presbyterian system (as in Scotland) in which all ministers were equal. These more radical Protestants lived in a state of tension between Catholic structure and Protestant theology. After Elizabeth I's death, the Puritans were challenged by a Conservative Party in the Church of England that gained power during the reign of King Charles I (1625 – 1649). Some of the more radical Puritans saw no future in England and left.

They sailed across the English Channel and settled in Leiden, Holland desiring the freedom to worship God as they wished. They soon discovered that their children were adopting the language and customs of Dutch children. Appalled at this distillation of their Puritan lives, these Puritans returned to England, and made plans to sail to the New World. 102 Puritans set sail on the Mayflower from Southampton on September 06, 1620. Their destination was Virginia. Blown off-course, they arrived at what is now Provincetown, Massachusetts at the beginning of what would be a bitter harsh Winter.

Only half of the original 102 Pilgrims survived their first Winter in the New World. If not for the help of the local indigenous peoples to teach them food gathering, farming, and proper housing, all the Puritans might have perished. The following Autumn those 53 who survived celebrated the colony's first Fall harvest along with 90 Wampanoag Native American people.

That Fall Harvest Feast lasted only a few years.

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Thanksgiving - November 26th

The first national Thanksgiving celebration was observed in honor of the new U.S. Constitution. In 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation designating November 26th of that year as a “Day of Public Thanksgiving” to recognize the role of providence in creating the new United States and the new federal Constitution.

Between 1846-1863, influential author and editor of Godey’s Lady’s Book, Sarah Josepha Hale (author of Mary Had a Little Lamb), petitioned Congress and five different presidents (Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan and Abraham Lincoln) to create a national annual holiday for Thanksgiving. Hale was from New England where, by the mid-19th century, celebrating and giving thanks for abundant autumn harvests was an established tradition. She finally had success when in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday on the last Thursday in November. Lincoln’s proclamation urged the nation to heal its wounds and restore “peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.”

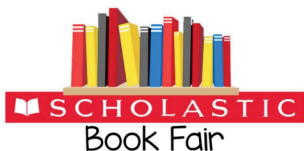
Sarah Josepha Hale prevailed upon President Lincoln to declare Thanksgiving a national holiday and he did in 1863. Thus, Sarah Josepha Hale can be termed the “Godmother of Thanksgiving.”

The Battle of Gettysburg (July 1-3, 1863) was the turning point of the Civil War pointing to an eventual Union victory. President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November, November 26, 1863, as a day to thank God and thank the Army for emerging successfully from the Battle of Gettysburg and called upon his countrymen to “set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise.”

The last Thursday of November settled in American’s minds as Thanksgiving. The day after Thanksgiving became the day of shopping in preparation for Christmas. But, in 1939 when the last Thursday of November was the fifth Thursday in November leaving only some 24 days for Christmas shopping, President Franklin Roosevelt declared the third Thursday of November as Thanksgiving at the behest of business leaders. That created such a controversy that in 1941 the President and Congress fixed Thanksgiving as the fourth Thursday of November where Thanksgiving remains to this day.

St. Francis de Sales School

Mark your calendars...**The Book Fair is coming!**



November 8 (after the Sunday Masses) **from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.**

We will have a wide variety of children’s books and books for adults, too.

It’s a great time to start your holiday shopping and with free gift wrapping available.

The Scholastic Book Fair will also be open during the school days on:

Monday - Nov 9, Tuesday - Nov 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and Thursday - Nov 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 12-Noon in the School Auditorium. All proceeds will benefit our St. Francis de Sales Library.

For questions, please feel free to call Ms. Gleason at **(818) 784-4112**

or visit the webpage for more information at: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/sfds>

MEMORIAL CONCERT Sunday, November 8, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

SFDS Choir, under the direction of Jeannine Wagner, will perform its annual **All Souls Memorial Concert** in the SFDS Church Sanctuary. The program features Gabriel Fauré's beloved Requiem in D minor, with chorus, soloists and orchestra.

You will have the opportunity to remember your loved ones at this special event.

The names of all those memorialized will be printed in the program and read aloud at the opening of the concert.

Submission deadline is October 25--for the names, photographs and biographies of those to be memorialized.

To Buy Tickets, go to: <https://www.sfdschoir.org/upcoming/memorialconcert2026>

or E-mail Maureen Cullum: mlcullum@yahoo.com

All Souls Mass

The annual All Souls Day Mass will be offered at the San Fernando Mission Cemetery on Monday, November 2nd at 10:00 a.m.

Twice a year, Mass is offered at our twelve cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles --- on All Souls Day and on Memorial Day.

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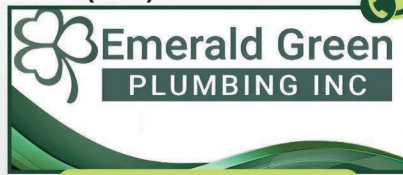
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