

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

13360 VALLEYHEART DRIVE
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **November 15, 2026**

November - The Month of the Holy Souls



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

(2 Mac. 12:46)

Pray for the Souls in Purgatory this Month

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Proverb 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
1 Thessalonian 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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 Resgistration & Information Form

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ADULT NAME: _____ BAPTIZED CATHOLIC: Yes _____ No _____
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(If you wish to become a parishioner, please register online via our website or by filling-out this form and drop-it in the Collection Basket.)

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday - Nov 15 ***33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Monday - Nov 16 *St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin*

Tuesday, Nov 17
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Wednesday - Nov 18
The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Saturday - Nov 21
The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday - Nov 14
8:15 AM *In Memory of Salvador Lammatao Orastes*
5:00 PM *In Memory of Tim Siuta*

Sunday - Nov 15
8:00 AM *In Memory of Noelle Kozell Mullen*
10:00 AM *For the Intentions of Catherine Burkhimer*
12:00 PM *In Memory of Richard Martin O'Boyle*

Monday - Nov 16
8:15 AM *For the Intentions of Jason Kyle Plattner*

Tuesday - Nov 17
In Memory of Grace Schunker

Wednesday - Nov 18
8:15 AM *In Memory of J. R. Bobila*

Thursday - Nov 19
8:15 AM *In Memory of Roman Lobejko*

Friday - Nov 20
8:15 AM *In Memory of John Janofsky*

Saturday - Nov 21
8:15 AM *In Memory of Gerardo C. Dellosa*
5:00 PM *In Memory of Jim McDonald*

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



CONTRIBUTIONS to the CHURCH

Weekend: 11/06 - 11/08/2026

Collections: $10,174,00

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:

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Catholic Campaign for Human Development

"Working on the Margins"

November 14 - 15, 2026

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) was founded in 1969 by the bishops of the United States as a Catholic anti-poverty initiative. For more than 50 years, CCHD has addressed the problem of poverty by working on its root causes. CCHD funds projects that promote self-reliance to end poverty. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development was organized to end the cycle of poverty. CCHD works to make real, lasting changes in the lives and communities of the poor. CCHD provides funds to community-based programs that empower people who live in poverty to make permanent changes for themselves and their communities. Since beginning its work in 1970, CCHD has awarded nearly $465 million dollars in grants supporting more than 12,250 community-based, grassroots-led organizations. These projects aim to improve lives and promote financial stability through initiatives for fair housing, education, accessible healthcare and childcare, and vocational training.

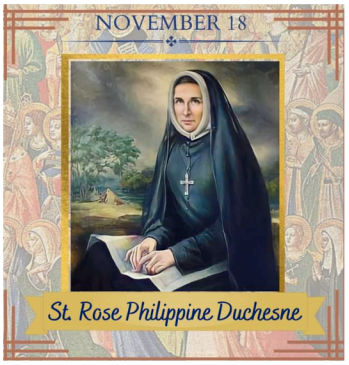
The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry-out the mission of Jesus Christ "... to bring good news to the poor ... release to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)

The belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insight into knowing how to change them is central to CCHD. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out.

Envelopes will be in the pews.

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

November 18



St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769 – 1852)
was a French missionary nun of the Society of the Sacred Heart,
celebrated for her education and service to Indigenous people
in the United States, and canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1988.

Early Life and Formation

Born August 29, 1769 in Grenoble, France, to Pierre-François Duchesne and Rose-Euphrosine Périer, she was the second of seven children. Rose studied at the Monastery of the Visitation of Holy Mary, but her father opposed her joining the order. Inspired by missionaries to Native Americans, she later entered the Visitation Order in 1788. During the French Revolution, she cared for the sick and poor, then joined the Society of the Sacred Heart in 1804 under its founder, St. Madeleine-Sophie Barat.

Mission in the United States

In 1818, at age 49, Rose was sent to the U.S. -- west of the Mississippi, arriving at St. Charles, Missouri, where she founded the first Sacred Heart Convent outside France. Rose opened the first free school west of the Mississippi and later established boarding schools, orphanages, and academies in Missouri and Louisiana. At 72, Rose opened a school for the Potawatomi at Sugar Creek, Kansas, earning the title "*the woman who is always praying*". Rose 's work was marked by perseverance in harsh frontier conditions, linguistic challenges, and a deep commitment to serving Indigenous communities.

Death and Veneration

Rose Philippine Duchesne died November 18, 1852 in St. Charles, Missouri, at age 83. Rose was beatified in 1940 by Pope Pius XII, and canonized in 1988 by Pope John Paul II. Her feast day is November 18, and she is patron of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and the Diocese of Springfield–Cape Girardeau.

Legacy

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne is honored as a patron saint of perseverance amid adversity. Her life exemplifies dedication to education, inter-faith service, and the mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart in the Americas. St. Rose Philippine Duchesne's shrine in St. Charles, Missouri, and remains a site of pilgrimage.

Thanksgiving Dinner For Those in Need Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 26th

Our Knights of Columbus #4956 will prepare and the 7th Grade students of St. Francis de Sales School will serve a Thanksgiving Dinner at 12:00-Noon, to the clients of Loaves and Fishes at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 14450 Valerio Street, Van Nuys. People are so good in being mindful of the poor and less fortunate among us at Thanksgiving.

Please bring donations for Thanksgiving to the Parish Center by Thursday, November 19 - a week before Thanksgiving Day.

Please donate canned or dry food items of the typical Thanksgiving meal and frozen turkeys. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Day **Thursday, November 26**

On Thanksgiving Day, the time of the 8:15 a.m. **Mass is moved to 9:00 a.m.** Please join us Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 to give our thanks to the LORD on our national day of Thanksgiving.



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.

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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. Sarah Hale was from New England where, by the mid-19th Century, celebrating and giving thanks for abundant autumn harvests was an established tradition. Sarah Hale finally had success when in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a National Holiday on the last Thursday in November. President 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 "*God-mother 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, 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 4th Thursday of November where Thanksgiving remains to this day.

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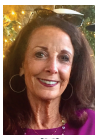
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