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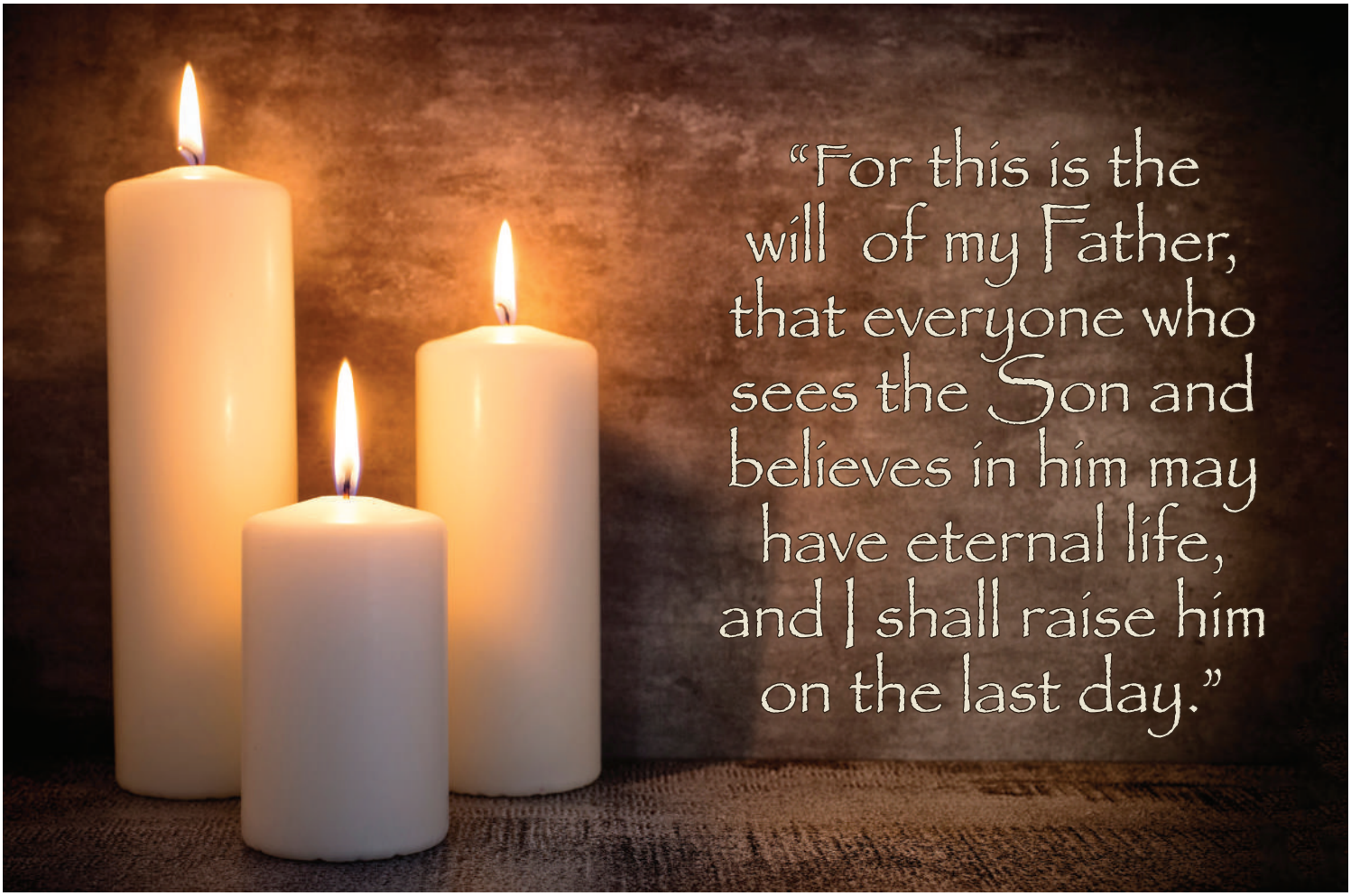

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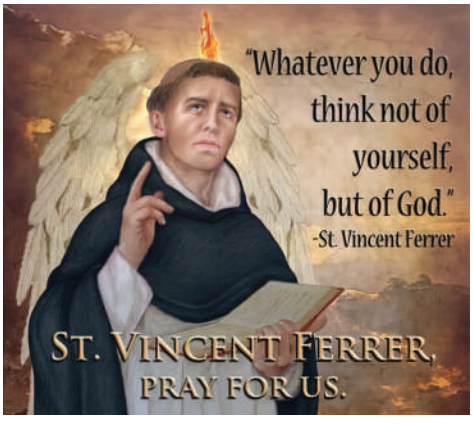

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time/All Souls' Day
November 2, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, November 1st — 5:00 p.m.
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Octave of All Saints
For the Souls of the Faithful Departed of the Parish

Sunday, November 2nd — 8:00 a.m.
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Octave of All Saints
For the Souls of the Faithful Departed of the Parish

11:00 a.m.
For the Souls of the Faithful Departed of the Parish

Monday, November 3rd — 9:00 a.m.
Saint Martin de Porres, Religious
Octave of All Saints
Rev. Father Gary P. Rogers — In Memoriam
Requested by Mrs. Pearly Gopaul and Family

Tuesday, November 4th — 9:00 a.m.
Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Octave of All Saints
Selvon Gopaul —In Memoriam
Requested by Mrs. Pearly Gopaul and Family

Wednesday, November 5th — 9:00 a.m.
Octave of All Saints
Yvrose Auguste — Birthday Memoriam
Requested by Marie Bernier

Karl H. Joseph — In Memoriam
Requested by the Joseph Family

Thursday, November 6th — 9:00 a.m.
Octave of All Saints
Kaylee Flambert — Blessings and Deliverance

Friday, November 7th — 9:00 a.m.
Octave of All Saints
The Briffault Family
Requested by Marie Coutard

Saturday, November 8th — 9:00 a.m.
Octave of All Saints
Shirley Mercury — Blessings and Peace

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Roy Redhead — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Monica Walker — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Johan Payne — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Karl H. Joseph — In Memoriam

Mary's Chapel
All the Souls in Purgatory

Annunciation Chapel
All Those Who Have No One to Pray for Them

SECOND COLLECTIONS

The second collection next weekend (November 8-9) is **My Thanksgiving Offering.**

The second collection the weekend of November 15-16 is for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

Please be generous.

WITH OUR THANKS

The **In His Light Charismatic Prayer Group** sincerely thanks everyone for their support and help for the Annual Prayer Breakfast and Revival. It was a great success, coming together to glorify God!

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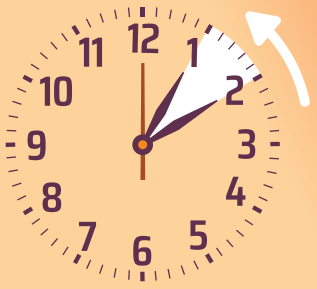

THIS WEEKEND
DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME ENDS
DON'T FORGET TO
Fall Back
SET YOUR CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR
NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: John 6:37-40.

Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Scripture Reflection

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

I will not reject anyone who comes to me. When have I rejected others? When have I felt rejected?

This is the will of the one who sent me. How can I better discern God's will for my life? How can I support the Church's mission as a faithful disciple?

I shall raise him on the last day. For what do I hope after death? How am I preparing my soul to meet the Lord?

Closing Prayer

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the LORD a
ll the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
and contemplate his temple.

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call;
have pity on me and answer me.
Your presence, O LORD, I seek.
Hide not your face from me.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD!

(From Psalm 27)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE 31ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, November 2
Wisdom 3:1-9 Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Romans 5:5-11 (or Romans 6:3-9) John 6:37-40
The souls of the just are in God's hands (1). Christ, the Good Shepherd (Ps), died for us while we were still sinners (2). He is the resurrection and the life (3).

Monday, November 3
Romans 11:29-36 Psalm 69:30-31, 33-34, 36
Luke 14:12-14
Sinful humanity is mysteriously redeemed by God's mercy and love (1, Ps). No one is to be excluded from the table of the Lord (2).

Tuesday, November 4
Romans 12:5-16ab Psalm 131:1bcde, 2, 3 Luke 14:15-24
Serve one another in love (1), in humility and simplicity of heart (Ps). All are invited to share in the Lord's banquet, especially the poor (2).

Wednesday, November 5
Romans 13:8-10 Psalm 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 Luke 14:25-33
Discipleship entails both prudence and the renouncement of attachments (2). But above all, it entails love (1, Ps).

Thursday, November 6
Romans 14:7-12 Psalm 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 Luke 15:1-10
We are to wait in hope for the Lord (Ps) whose judgment is a divine prerogative (1). The Father seeks out the lost and delights in repentance, in those who have been found (2).

Friday, November 7
Romans 15:14-21 Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Luke 16:1-8
The Lord has revealed to the nations (Ps) the gospel of Jesus Christ (1). As his disciples, we are to be in the world but not of it (2).

Saturday, November 8
Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9 Psalm 27:1,4,7, 8b, 9a, 13-14
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 John 5:24-29
The Lord will lift the veil (1) so that we may gaze upon him (Ps). We do not grieve like those who have no hope (2), because the Lord has given us life through his son (3).

HOW YOU CAN OFFER A PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY NOV. 1-8

Every November, the Church gives the faithful the opportunity to offer a plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory. This means we can release souls from their temporal punishment in purgatory so they can immediately go to heaven!

You can offer one year-round, but the Church recognizes this specific plenary indulgence from Nov. 1-8. This method is a partial indulgence any other time during the year.

It is possible for the person offering the indulgence **to release one soul from purgatory per day** during this time period.

Steps to Obtain a Plenary Indulgence for Souls in Purgatory:

1. **Pray at a cemetery.** It doesn't matter which cemetery, as long as you pray at one. Some suggested prayers are the Prayer of Saint Gertrude or the Eternal Rest prayer.

2. **Visit a Church on All Souls' Day (Nov. 2).** According to *The Manual of Indulgences, fourth edition, 1999*, "On All Souls' Day (or, according to the judgment of the ordinary, on the Sunday preceding or following it, or on the solemnity of All Saints), **devoutly visit a church** or an oratory and recite an **Our Father and the Creed**."

3. **Go to Confession.** Receive the sacrament of confession. In order for one to obtain a plenary indulgence, whether it be for the poor souls or for oneself, the person working to obtain it **must be detached from all sin**. If the soul is not detached, a partial indulgence will be applied. *(You only have to go to confession once during this time period)*

4. **Receive Holy Communion.** Simple as that! (Just please do it in the state of grace!)

5. **Pray for the Pope.** The Church suggests praying one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary" for the Holy Father.

Additional Requirements for Indulgences

The Church asks that if possible, "the sacramental Confession, and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed."

However, since this is not always possible, **one must perform the above within approximately 20 days before or after praying at a cemetery.**

If you wish to gain more than one plenary indulgence for the poor souls in purgatory, you must receive communion, visit a cemetery, and pray for the pope each time you wish to grant the plenary indulgence. This must take place between Nov. 1-8. Only one confession is required for all indulgences, as long as the other requirements are fulfilled.

Click here to learn more about the importance of praying for the souls in purgatory

Click here to learn more about indulgences.

Scripture Reflection

Forever Easter People

Hope does not disappoint. I carry the promise of St. Paul with me to the cemetery.

It's tradition for the Benedictine community to process from the funeral to the final resting place. We move through the church corridor, out the back door, and down a stone path. A few birds chirp. Wind rustles the branches of a nearby tree. Otherwise, the natural world grows quiet. Perhaps it, too, feels the magnitude of this moment, the weight of burying a beloved.

One of the monks starts singing as we near the burial site, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow…" The ancient hymn reminds me: We are forever an Easter people.

As we grieve those who have died, may we find some solace in the Easter truth—hope does not disappoint. Death does not have the final say. It never will. Jesus ensured this fate when he suffered, died, and then rose to new life. The Son of God paved the way for people to enter the glory of the Kingdom of God when their time on earth ends.

Today's Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed celebrates the gift of everlasting life. It also offers space to lament the changes in proximity and relationship that happen when a loved one dies. It is a hard and heavy transition; grief is not to be glazed over. We are called to come together as a praying community, to rejoice and to weep, to wonder and to remember the Easter promise: Hope does not disappoint.

— Jessie Bazan

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2025

	Saturday 5PM Mass	Sunday 8AM Mass	Sunday 11AM Mass
	November 1	November 2	November 2
Lector # 1	Cynthia	Daisy	Donald
Lector # 2	Jamie	Anna	Marina
	November 8	November 9	November 9
Lector # 1	Fritz	Lancine	Marina
Lector # 2	Cynthia	Jeri	Charmaine
	November 15	November 16	November 16
Lector # 1	Mattheus	Anna	Marcia
Lector # 2	Jamie	Carolle	Gloria
	November 22	November 23	November 23
Lector # 1	Alison	Jared	Geralda
Lector # 2	Alana	Anna	Donald
	November 29	November 30	November 30
Lector # 1	Jocelyne	Carolle	Aiden
Lector # 2	Fritz	Daisy	Donald
	December 6	December 7	December 7
Lector # 1	Alana	Jared	Elaine
Lector # 2	Alison	Jeri	Lester

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2025

Saturday 5PM Mass	Sunday 8AM Mass	Sunday 11AM Mass
November 1	November 2	November 2
Mary	Ignatius	Gloria
November 8	November 9	November 8
Doris	Francesca	Camille
November 15	November 16	November 16
Marie Ange	Cllaudia	Eric
November 22	November 23	November 23
Jocelyne	Brenda	Gloria
November 29	November 30	November 30
Pat	Daisy	Kim
December 6	December 7	December 7
Mary	Roxanne	Joan

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Litany of the Faithful Departed

Join us in praying the Litany of the Faithful Departed, asking for God to have mercy on those who have gone before us. This is a great prayer to offer for your loved ones who have passed away or anyone who has passed away.

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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/ALL SOULS DAY

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Zacchaeus climbed up a tree. Jesus said, "Zacchaeus, I will stay at your house today!"

Connect the dots.
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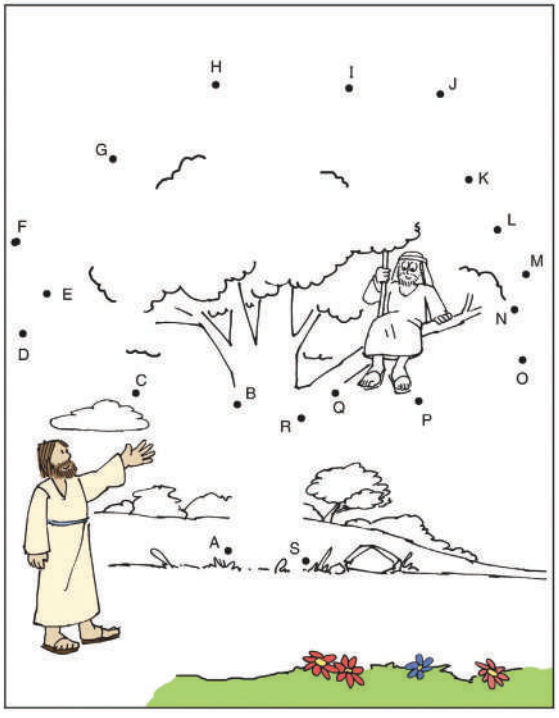
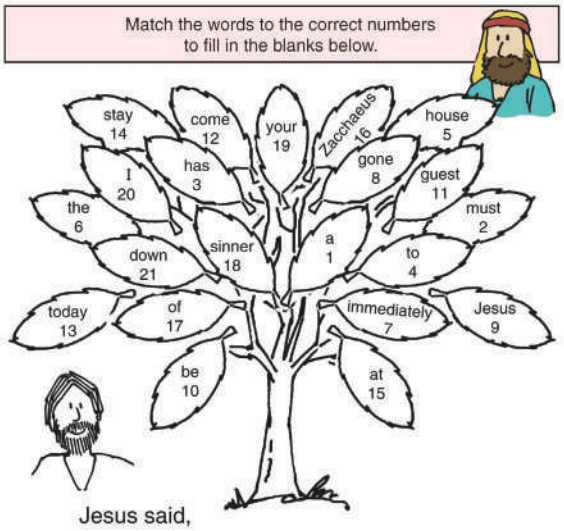


Jesus saw Zacchaeus. What happened next?

Match the words to the correct numbers to fill in the blanks below.



Jesus said,

"_____ (16), _____ (12) _____ (21)
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_____ (14) _____ (15) _____ (19) _____ (5)
_____ (13)." Then the crowd said, "_____ (9)
_____ (3) _____ (8) _____ (4) _____ (10) _____ (6)
_____ (11) _____ (17) _____ (1) _____ (18)."

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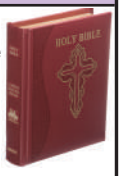

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