

# Dear Padre,

## I exercise my civic duty to vote. How should my Catholic faith inform my voting choices?

**F**or Catholic voters, the selection of candidates and the policies they may enact are best exercised within the sanctity of a well-formed conscience.

The Catholic approach to faithful citizenship relies on moral principles found in Scripture and on four major principles of Catholic moral and social teaching that don't "easily fit ideologies of 'right' or 'left,' 'liberal' or 'conservative,' or the platform of any political party" (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 55).

These four principles include the life and dignity of the human person (all human life is sacred, from conception to natural death); subsidiarity (the family as the basic unit of human society); the common good (protecting basic human rights and social conditions for all, and a duty to care for God's creation); and global solidarity (especially a preferential option for the poor).

Because the Church cannot compromise these basic principles or moral teachings, our cause is the defense of human life and dignity, and the protection of the weak and

vulnerable—not a particular party or candidate (*FCFC* 58).

Moreover, the faith-filled voter is urged to choose candidates who not only integrate the tenets of Catholic social teaching, but who also reject intrinsically evil acts. According to St. John Paul II, those acts include "any kind of homicide, genocide, abortion, euthanasia and voluntary suicide; whatever violates the integrity of the human person...whatever is offensive to human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution and trafficking in women and children" (*Veritatis Splendor*, 80).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Christians are called to promote political dialogue, especially where it is threatened and where conflict seems to prevail. Christians are called to restore dignity to politics and to view politics as a lofty service to the common good, not a platform for power....To be a leader demands thoughtfulness, training, and experience.

—ADDRESS TO BISHOPS' CONFERENCES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, OCTOBER 28, 2017



## Calendar

**Monday**  
NOVEMBER 2  
*All the Faithful Departed*  
(All Souls' Day)  
Wis 3:1-9  
Rom 5:5-11  
Jn 6:37-40

**Tuesday**  
NOVEMBER 3  
*Weekday*  
Phil 2:5-11  
Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday**  
NOVEMBER 4  
*St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*  
Phil 2:12-18  
Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday**  
NOVEMBER 5  
*Weekday*  
Phil 3:3-8a  
Lk 15:1-10

**Friday**  
NOVEMBER 6  
*Weekday*  
Phil 3:17-4:1  
Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday**  
NOVEMBER 7  
*Weekday*  
Phil 4:10-19  
Lk 16:9-15

**Sunday**  
NOVEMBER 8  
*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Wis 6:12-16  
1 Thes 4:13-18  
or 4:13-14  
Mt 25:1-13

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 1, 2020

*All Saints (A)*  
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14  
1 Jn 3:1-3  
Mt 5:1-12a

## Who Wants to Be a Saint?

**T**his question can be understood in two very different ways. On the one hand it asks: Who might step forward to accomplish this feat? On the other hand, it wonders: Who wants to bother putting forth the effort? Perhaps we have read too many of the wrong "lives of the saints" to want to be one of them. So often those stories describe extraordinary feats of physical punishment. Anyone who thinks that such abuse is what makes a saint should listen to St. Irenaeus of Lyons. He insists, "The glory of God is man [Christ] fully alive." Sainthood is allowing the sanctifying grace of God to dwell habitually in us and make us like he who is fully alive—Jesus Christ. However, what does "fully alive" really mean?

To be fully alive means to be people of faith; to have deep principles and to live by them, regardless of the cost. It means to realize that we are part of the

wondrous creation of nature, and we must respect our place in it and our responsibilities for it. It means to care for others as well as for ourselves. All of this is grounded in faith in God, who loves us enough to make us and who made us to be fully alive. However, it is not always easy to live this out. Here is where the struggle comes in. We don't have to create struggle; life will do that for us. Still, to be fully alive is well worth the price we might be asked to pay. Isn't it?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ What challenges do your life circumstances present to you?
- ★ What prevents you from standing up for principle in those circumstances?



[Jesus said,]  
"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."  
MATTHEW 5:10





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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday, Nov. 2</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>All Souls</b>
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 3</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Favorable Weather</b>
<b>Thursday, Nov. 5</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Friday, Nov. 6</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Pastor’s Intention</b>
<b>Saturday, Nov. 7</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>For the three parishes</b>
<b>Sunday, Nov. 8</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Bill Horsch</b>

**VOCATION VIEW**

Let go of worry. Go to God in prayer. Then the peace of God will dwell in your heart and mind. Ask God to show you how to follow Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-9). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at [www.dcdiocese.org/vocations](http://www.dcdiocese.org/vocations).

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

Like the sensible bridesmaids in today’s parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

October 31, 4:00 p.m.	Tom Bachman
November 1, 9:00 a.m.	Alvin Berkamp
November 7, 4:00 p.m.	Karen Burden
November 8, 9:00 a.m.	Mike Broeckelman
November 14, 4:00 p.m.	Gwen Waechter
November 15, 9:00 a.m.	Julie Kaps
November 21, 4:00 p.m.	Debbie Frederick
November 22, 9:00 a.m.	K of C Members
November 28, 4:00 p.m.	Tom Bachman
November 29, 9:00 a.m.	Alvin Berkamp

*Thank you so much for your ministry!*



**A FEW WORDS FROM THE PASTOR**

My Dear Parishioners: Greetings in the Lord on this Solemnity of All Saints.

Have you ever faced a task so daunting that you never even got started? I know I have. It happens probably more often than I would like to admit. One that comes to mind is the need for me to go through some personal things and toss out what I don’t need --- old canceled checks, bank statements, books I’ll never read again, clothes that haven’t seen the light of day in years --- I think you know what I mean. What do these situations look like for you? Maybe you’ve been putting off painting the house, or trying to lose those extra fifty pounds, or going through all those boxes of old photographs. Sometimes, if a task seems a little too daunting, a little too overwhelming --- we never even get around to making an attempt.

And it even happens in matters of faith. Living the Christian life can seem to be more than a little unrealistic, an impossible task set before us. Today we celebrate All Saints, a day on which we look to the Saints for examples of what faithful discipleship looks like. We give thanks to God for these men and women who have gone before us, and we ask for their prayers. And these men and women whom the Church acknowledges by name, are held up for us to imitate because of their “heroic virtue” --- their ability to do something or many things with an extraordinary amount of love and perseverance.

My friends, this is the day for each of us to pledge to do something heroically --- whether that something is large or small. We should never let the prospect of failure dissuade us from doing our best to love every person and in every situation. Do we want to be saints? Do we want to be more tomorrow than we are today? If the answer is, “Not really,” then, well, that’s precisely what will happen. But if our answer is, “Yes, absolutely,” who knows what might be possible? Who knows what heroic acts of love might pour forth from us --- not despite us, but through us --- through the love of our incredible God who believes in us more than we believe in ourselves.

The Saints? Men and women not unlike you and me --- but people who were able to say “yes” a little more often, “love” a little more deeply, “forgive” when they least wanted to, and “give” without counting the cost. Perfect? Hardly. Examples for us to imitate and to draw strength and inspiration from? Without question. What small thing are you going to do heroically today, and tomorrow, and the next day? I know I have plenty of places I can begin. All holy men and women . . . pray for us.  
 Peace and good health to you all. Fr. Peter

**COLLECTION** for October 25, 2020: Envelopes: \$600.00; Loose: \$153.00; Online Giving: \$188.17; Total \$941.17; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,989.55. Income over/under (-1,048.38) *Thank you so much to our faithful stewards for supporting our parish, diocese, and worldwide Church.*

**NINE CONSECUTIVE DAY PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION** From Monday, October 26 through Tuesday, November 3 our parish will have an hour of Eucharistic Adoration and prayers for the election and our nation. Except on Saturday and Sunday the prayer service will start at 7:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm. Sunday and Saturday we will start the service right after Mass.

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NOVEMBER MEETING** There will be a Knight of Columbus meeting at 7:30 pm on **Wednesday evening 11/4/2020**. We hope to see all members there. Thank you!

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** During the month of November we hold in prayer all who have passed away in our parish in the past years. Located in our church vestibule is a Book of Reembrance to which parishioners may add lists of names of deceased friends and loved ones. All names will be remembered at our upcoming Masses in November.

**BUDGET SHOP** We will be working on **November 21st and Nov 24**. Please keep these dates on your busy calendars and try to save a few hours to help us. We are open on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 10 a.m.—3 p.m. Any help will be greatly appreciated. And thank you ahead of time.

**NOVEMBER CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES** Confirmation class: **Nov. 8, 15, & 22 right after Sunday morning Mass. There will be no Class on 29. First Communion class: Nov. 4, 11, 18 at 6:30 p.m. There will be No Class on 25.** Please keep our First Communion and Confirmation students, their parents, and their Catechists in our prayers for their safety and perseverance.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** Catholic Charities staff members want to help if you are in need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Call our helpline at 620-272-0010 or send us an email at [COVID19help@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org](mailto:COVID19help@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org). We can help with food assistance, non-food pantry items, tracking down your stimulus check, health insurance paperwork, basic taxes, housing, counseling and other basic living needs.

#### **UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK (MATTHEW 5:1-12a)**

**Up the mountain** Moses went up Mount Sinai to bring the law down to God's people. Jesus likewise goes up the mountain to teach. Matthew thus presents Jesus as an authority figure as significant as Moses. Jesus, however, is not a mediator of God's law but the Son of the law-giver. He teaches on his own authority. He freely interprets the law so that it most clearly reveals what life is like in God's kingdom. Jesus also teaches from a seated position, the customary posture of a teacher at that time.

**What's a beatitude?** Beatitude comes from the Latin word for blessed. In the Old Testament people are happy because God has blessed them for acting uprightly (see Psalm 1, Proverbs 3:13, Sirach 14:1-2). Jesus called blessed people who felt left out from God's promises, such as those who were destitute, had bad reputations, or were ridiculed for trying to live as God wanted. Jesus surprised them all by saying that God welcomes them into his kingdom.

**Good news** People are blessed for having attitudes or behaviors that conform to God's will. Such people can rejoice that God will bring them into his kingdom. These beatitudes also challenge people to act differently so that they will be included in God's reign. (Jewish law forbid people from saying God's name, so Matthew uses the phrase kingdom of heaven.) • the poor in spirit and the meek fully trust in God; they wait rather than try to force God to act • those who long for righteousness yearn for God to set things right in the world • the clean or pure of heart think, speak and act uprightly; they aren't, for example, kind on the outside but mean on the inside • Verses 11-12 probably reflect the animosity that grew between Jews and the followers of Jesus. Matthew wrote his Gospel when Christianity was separating from Judaism. <https://oursundayreadings>

#### **FEAST DAY OF THE WEEK**

**NOVEMBER 2—ALL SOULS** This year, as we mourn the scores of those in our country and around the world who are dead from the pandemic, All Souls' Day has a uniquely terrible gravity. We are not only grieving the loss of so many human lives but also the loss of what our lives were like before, and we are doing it without the same emotional support we might have had in physically closer times. Today is an opportunity to pray and remember, and acknowledge the deep sadness that is so important to the healing process. Invite the God of hope to wipe away your tears.

**NOVEMBER 4—ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO** During the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, bishops dispensed Catholics from their Sunday obligation to attend Mass. While there were worries about the future of the Eucharist, some leaders found ways for parishioners to be the church in the world, helping the needy, feeding the hungry, and even doing such things as sending baked goods to local hospitals. During the plague of 1576, Cardinal Charles Borromeo took to the streets of Milan to feed the hungry, going into personal debt to do so. Patron saint of cardinals, seminarians, and catechists, Saint Charles pray for us until the day when it is safe for all to gather again to share in the Eucharist.

#### **PRAYER OF THE WEEK (Prayer for the Solemnity of All Saints)**

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, today we rejoice in the holy men and women of every time and place. May their prayers bring us your forgiveness and love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## NOVEMBER INDULGENCES FOR “THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY”

Please pray for the faithful departed throughout the month of November, and especially on, November 2nd. The Church gives us ample opportunities today to help those suffering in Purgatory. All the baptized faithful in the state of grace can seek to obtain a plenary indulgence for a soul in Purgatory. We would certainly want people to help us through their prayers if we go to Purgatory. And if we help get someone to Heaven, you can be sure that they will help us and pray for us before the Throne of God.

**What is an indulgence:** “Indulgences are a part of the Church’s teaching on the forgiveness of sins. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we receive forgiveness for our sins, and all punishment is remitted. Through the Sacrament of Penance, sins are also forgiven, and the eternal penalty that is due to sin—namely, damnation, the eternal loss of the presence of God—is taken away. However, consequences still remain that the sinner must bear. This is what is traditionally called the temporal punishment for sin. This consequence of sin disrupts our relationship with God, with the Church and with others. Those who have received forgiveness for their sins may still have an obligation to undergo a process of purification to restore these disrupted relationships. The necessary and painful process that brings this reconciliation and purification can take place in this life or in Purgatory, because whatever part of the process remains unfinished at death must be completed in Purgatory” (Indulgences and our Spiritual Life). An indulgence (full or partial) is what we receive when the Church lessens the temporal (lasting only for a short time) penalties to which we may be subject even though our sins have been forgiven.

### **Plenary (full) Indulgence available on All Souls Day (Nov. 2nd)**

- Piously visit a church to pray for the faithful departed
- Say one “Our Father” and the “Creed” in the visit to the church
- Say one “Our Father” and one “Hail Mary” for the intentions of the Pope and worthily receive Holy Communion (ideally both on the same day but may precede or follow by several days)
- Make a Sacramental Confession within 20 days of (before or after) All Souls Day

### **Plenary Indulgence available from Nov. 1st to Nov. 8 th (partial any other time during year)**

- Devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the dead, even if the prayer is only mental
- Say one “Our Father” and one “Hail Mary” for the intentions of the Pope and worthily receive Holy Communion (ideally both on the same day but may precede or follow by several days)
- Make a Sacramental Confession within 20 days of (before or after) All Souls Day

A **partial indulgence**, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, can be obtained when the “Eternal Rest...” is prayed especially during the month of November: “Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”

### **THE GENERAL CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR GAINING A PLENARY INDULGENCE:**

- All attachment to sin (i.e. any sin which the soul is not willing to renounce, a refusal to amend the situation), even venial sin, must be absent. This does not mean we do not sin through human weakness or repeat sins before overcoming them. If one's disposition is less than perfect or if some of the above conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence becomes partial.
- You must remember that you can acquire only one plenary indulgence a day, but many partial indulgences can be acquired each day.
- The above indulgences are applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory.
- Several Plenary Indulgences may be gained on the basis of a single Sacramental Confession; only one may be gained, however, on the basis of a single Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the Pope’s intentions.

(<https://www.ctkcc.net>)

## **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME GET IN THE RING**

Catholic activist Mary “Mother” Jones famously urged: “Pray for the dead—and fight like hell for the living.” She did both, especially fighting for miner’s rights and against child labor at the turn of the 20th century. Called the “most dangerous woman in America” for her clout with the laboring class, she spoke for those who weren’t heard. Mother Jones won’t ever be a saint on the books, but she did as saints do: listened carefully to the concerns of her times, then went in punching for the needs of the oppressed. Who needs your voice—and maybe your boxing skills?

(Prepare the Word)

## **TRIGÉSIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO SUBE AL RING**

La activista católica Mary "Madre" Jones fue famosa por aconsejar: "Reza por los muertos— y muchísimo por los vivos." Hizo ambas cosas, especialmente luchando por los derechos de los mineros y contra el trabajo infantil a principios del siglo XX. Llamada la "mujer más peligrosa de América" por su influencia en la clase trabajadora, habló por quienes no eran escuchados. Madre Jones nunca será una santa en los libros, pero hizo lo que hacen los santos: escuchó atentamente las preocupaciones de su tiempo, y luego fue a dar pelea por las necesidades de los oprimidos. ¿Quién necesita tu voz— y tal vez tus habilidades de boxeo?