

This Week’s Scripture Readings

All Soul’s Day	Wisdom 3:1-9	Ps 23:1-6	Romans 6:3-9	John 6: 37-40
Week 31Mon	Romans 11:29-36	Ps 69:30-31,33-34,36		Luke 14:12-14
Week 31 Tues	Romans 12:5-16ab	Ps 131:1b-3		Luke 14:15-24
Week 31 Wed	Romans 13:8-10	Ps 112:1b-2,4-5,9		Luke 14:25-33
Week 31Thurs	Romans 14:7-12	Ps 27:1bcde,4,13-14		Luke 15:1-10
Week 31 Fri	Romans 15:14-21	Ps 98:1-4		Luke 16:1-8
Week 31Sat	Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27	Ps 145:2-5,10-11		Luke 16:9-15
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica				
	Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12	Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9	1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17	John 2:13-22

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions November: For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Praying for Our Clergy: Sunday, November 2nd Bishop Emeritus Michael J Hoepfner, Monday, November 3rd Bishop Emeritus Victor H Balke, Tuesday, November 4th Fr Todd Arends, Wednesday, November 5th Fr Michael Arey, Thursday, November 6th Msgr. David Baumgartner, Friday, November 7th Fr. Nate Brunn, Saturday, November 8th Fr Luis Buitron, Sunday, November 9th, Fr. Tim Bushy.

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4. THE EARLY CHURCH NEVER STOPPED

From the earliest centuries, Christians inscribed on tombs: “Pray for me.”

St. Augustine prayed for his mother, St. Monica, because she begged him:

“Lay this body anywhere ... but remember me at the altar of the Lord.”

For 2,000 years, Catholics have prayed for the departed, not because God is deaf, but because God is love, and love prays even when the grave is sealed.

It mirrors what the women did when Jesus was laid in the tomb (Luke 23:55–56; Mark 16:1).

On All Souls Day, Catholics around the world do something simple yet profound: we visit the graves of our loved ones, clean around them, lay flowers, and whisper prayers. Some think it is just culture, but it is actually faith in action.

Do you see what this act echoes? They carried spices, prepared His resting place, and showed love to His body. They did not abandon Him to decay; they honored Him in death, believing love continues beyond the grave.

They carried spices, prepared His resting place, and showed When Catholics clean the graves and pray, it is not “wasting time on the dead.” It is saying:

- Love does not end at death.
- We believe in the resurrection of the body.

- We care for our loved ones as the women cared for Christ.

The women at the tomb did not yet know Resurrection morning was coming. Yet they acted in faith and love. Similarly, we go to the cemeteries in faith, believing that one day Resurrection morning will break, and every grave will be opened by Christ’s victory (John 5:28–29).

So yes, when we honor our dead, we are not superstitious. We are living the Gospel. We are saying: Death is not the end. Love is stronger than the grave. And Christ, the Resurrection and the Life, will raise us up.

This is why All Souls Day is not sadness, but hope and love made visible.

SO WHY DO CATHOLICS PRAY FOR THE DEAD?

Because love is stronger than death.

Because Scripture shows it.

Because heaven demands purity.

Because the Church from her birth has never stopped.

When a Catholic kneels to pray for the dead, he is not wasting words.

He is standing in the stream of Scripture, Tradition, and Divine Love.

He is helping a soul run the last lap into the arms of God.

Next time you whisper a prayer for your loved one who has died, remember:

Your words echo the faith of Job, the prayer of Paul, the sacrifice of Judas Maccabeus, the tears of Monica.

Heaven hears. The dead are helped. And God is glorified.

Catholics Online Class

All Saints’ Day

November 2, 2025

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From the Desk of Fr. Adam Hamness: **A Word about the Antiphons**
Perhaps you may wonder, “What is an antiphon?” An antiphon is a short phrase or sentence that highlights certain themes present in the Sacred Liturgy. Each Mass has three antiphons assigned to it: 1) the Entrance Antiphon, also known as the Introit, 2) the Offertory Antiphon, and 3) the Communion Anti-
phon. When musicians wish to extend the length of these antiphons, verses of certain psalms which have a similar theme are sung, with the antiphon inter-
persed between the psalm verses. We already do this during Holy Commu-
nion.

To help you see how these antiphons highlight the themes of each week’s Mass, have a look at the three antiphons for Christmas Morning Mass, for ex-
ample.

- Entrance: Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us;
and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father
of future ages: and his reign will be without end.
- Offertory: For it is God who has established the world, it shall never be
moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from all
eternity.
- Communion: Rejoice, O Daughter Sion; lift up praise, daughter Jerusalem:
Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Savior of the
world.

You can easily see how rich these texts are as they comment on the liturgy of the day and help us meditate on these mysteries of our Faith. All antiphons had specific melodies and music to accompany them when they were written in Lat-
in. Directly after the Second Vatican Council, once the liturgy was permitted to
take place in English, we did not immediately have music to accompany these
texts, so we got into the habit of singing other things in their place, because we
didn’t want to have Sunday Mass without music. What we had to fill the gap
were various hymns and religious songs that were sung in other contexts. Now,
60 years later, we are starting to have music composed for these texts when
they are in English. Currently, you are hearing an example of this during Holy
Communion. You are hearing the text of the proper Communion Antiphon with
verses of psalms interspersed. These antiphons are treasures of the Church’s
sacred liturgy, and the bishops of the Church have been pushing us to reinte-
grate them into the life of every parish. Continued on Page Two....

LITURGICAL DAY	WEEK-	DATE	TIME	SERVICE/INTENTION	CONFES-
All Souls Day	Sunday	November 2	10:30am	Mass:+ Kathryn Foltz	10:10am
Saint Charles Borro- meo, Bishop	Tuesday	November 4	5:00pm	Adoration & Benediction	
Saint Charles Borro- meo, Bishop	Tuesday	November 4	7:00pm	Mass:+ Amanda Foltz	6:30 pm
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Sunday	October 26	10:30am	Mass:+ Susie Spry	10:10am

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24 hour confidential number) Diocesan Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator: Cindy Hulst // Confidential Line - 218.281.7895 // chulst@crookston.org

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Yes, it would be easier to just stick with the songs and hymns we’ve become accustomed to over the past 60 years, but we would be losing a great deal. These antiphons have accompanied the church’s liturgy for nearly 2000 years, and I certainly don’t want to be the generation that gave up on them. In a nutshell, that’s why you’ve started hearing them at Mass again these past few years. We are not getting rid of all the songs and hymns you’ve been used to. They will still be heard, but there is room to do the antiphons too.

All Soul’s Day

“...because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me....” JOHN 6:38

When praying the “Our Father”, say the words slowly so you truly recognize what you are saying. Every day when praying this prayer, we repeat what Jesus said in the scripture passage – “thy kingdom come, thy will be done.”

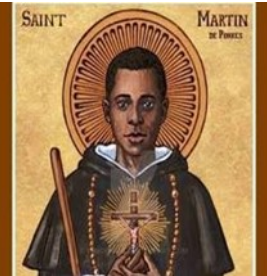
Even though we say these words, do our actions reflect those words? This is the difference between saints and the rest of us. Saints were faithful and obedient to God’s will. Start today – start aligning your words and actions with God’s will for you.

Question of the week?

Who do I remember in a special way today? Throughout this coming week, can I commit to unite myself with them in prayer?

Saints This Week

Monday, St Martin de Porres



Tue St Charles Borromeo

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Prayer Requests:

The following people or their family has asked us to pray for them:

Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illness. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/treatment. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care treatment and their souls to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy.

Rick Bakken, Randi Bernard, LaMae & Ken Blattenbauer, Colleen Borgrud, LaVaun Borgrud, Jerry Braaten, Peggy Braaten, Charlie Crommett, Shane Donley, Jodi Eidschink, Leon & Dorothy Flottesmesch, Sharon Greminger, Irene Hazelton, Pat Hilber, Nancy Johnson, Delores Manning, Betty & Jim Matter, Kate Matter, Margaret McDougall, Chris Murray, Leslie (Flottesmesch) Murray, Kelly Olson, Ken & Rita Pearson, Jonell Richards, Greg Ronning, Carol Scherzer, George Scherzer, Dennis Schou-viller, Shirley Spry, Jeff VanHecke, Erv Wiebolt

Bold are new this week, or need extra prayers!

"PRAYING FOR THE DEAD IS USELESS, I DON'T KNOW WHY CATHOLICS DO THIS..." THIS TEACHING IS FOR YOU

Some people ask: “Isn’t prayer useless after death?” But the Bible and the faith of the Church shout otherwise

1. GOD DOES NOT FORGET THE DEAD

Scripture says: “Love is strong as death” (Song of Songs 8:6). If love does not end at death, why should prayer end at death? Jesus Himself declared: “God is not God of the dead, but of the living” (Mark 12:27). So when we pray for our loved ones, we are praying for those who are still alive in God.

2.THE BIBLE SHOWS PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

2 Maccabees 12:44-46: Judas Maccabeus prayed for fallen soldiers so they may be loosed from their sins. Scripture calls it “a holy and pious thought.”



Sunday, October 26, 2025
Adult Envelopes \$3900.00
Loose Plate \$111.00

Ministry Schedule for Sunday, November 9, 2025

Altar Server: Nathan Loreth
Lector: Christina Loreth
Eucharistic Ministers: Colleen Schmit & Kristi Stalberger
Presentation of Gifts: Don & Cleo Starkey
Ushers: Pat Stalberger & Bill Steffl
Music: Tonia Clark

Thank You for Making a Difference at our Fall Dinner

Thank you so much for volunteering your time and energy at our Fall Dinner. Your hard work was essential to making the event a success.

Because of your efforts, we cleared \$1,438.00 and served 120 people and 10 takeout meals, everyone helping provided a smooth experience for everyone.

We truly couldn't have done it without you, and your support is invaluable to Assumption Catholic Church.

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Job 1:5: Job offered sacrifices for his children in case they had sinned. If he could intercede for the living before God, why not also for those who sleep in the Lord?

Job 19:25-27: Job cries, “I know that my Redeemer lives ... and after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God.” He already believed in hope beyond the grave.

2 Timothy 1:16-18: Paul prays for Onesiphorus who had already died, asking God to grant him mercy “on that Day.”

Prayer for the dead is not a Catholic invention, it is biblical faith in action.

3. PURGATORY: THE WHY OF OUR PRAYER

Revelation 21:27 says: “Nothing unclean will enter heaven.” But who dies perfectly pure? Most of us die with love in our hearts, yet still stained by weakness.

Here the mercy of God provides purification, what the Church calls Purgatory.

It is not punishment, but cleansing fire (1 Cor. 3:15), a fire of love, not despair.

Our prayers, Masses, and sacrifices help our brothers and sisters through this purification. Just like Moses lifted his arms for Israel (Exod. 17:11-13), our prayers strengthen the souls making their journey into God’s light.

Upcoming.

- Tuesday November 11th KC meeting at Holy Rosary
- Sunday, November 16th, Christian Mothers Meeting After Mass
- Wednesday, November 19th 11am Church cleaning followed by potluck lunch
- Sunday, November 23rd Second Collection Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Sunday, November 23rd Ogema VFW Breakfast 9-1
- Tuesday, November 25th, 3:30 pm St Rachels Circle meeting in St Josephs Fellowship Hall. Coleen is our Hostess
- Sunday, November 30, Second Collection for St Mary’s Mission Appeal

Upcoming Fellowship

November 2nd Rick & Ginny McDougall

November 9th OPEN

November 16th Mary Seaberg Breakfast

November 23rd Open

November 30th NO Fellowship

December 7th KC Chili FUEL Fundraiser

Birthday This Week

November 2nd Walt Schmit

November 6th Mary Kelly

November 8th Deb Olk



Julia Steffl, Megan Stalberger, Ellie Steffl, Grace Helm, Maria Foltz, Luke Helm, Freddie Steffl, Caleb Rodewald, Nathan Loreth, Kaitlyn Loreth, Molly Rodewald, Jake Helm, Colby Rodewald, Savannah Rodewald, Odessa Schmit, Barisa Foltz, Colton Arnoldy, Ava Rodewald & Lilly Dillon