

All Souls' Day

November 2, 2025

Grant them rest, O Lord!



Sun 02 All Soul's Day

08:00 am +All Soul's Day Remembrance

Thr 06 Weekday

12:05 pm +Felipe Angel Zamora (Dotty Guffey)

Armando & Nena Colchado-Anniversary (Zamora)

Arturo & Veronica Gonzalez-Anniversary (Zamora)

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"I would go so far as to say that if there was no purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare say of himself that he was able to stand directly before God? And yet we don't want to be, to use an image from Scripture, 'a pot that turned out wrong,' that has to be thrown away; we want to be able to be put right. Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again. That he can cleanse us in such a way that we are able to be with him and can stand there in the fullness of life. Purgatory strips off from one person what is unbearable and from another the inability to bear certain things, so that in each of them a pure heart is revealed, and we can see that we all belong together in one enormous symphony of being."—Pope Benedict XVI

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in Memory of
+Eusebia Soto (Mancha Family)

Good News!

November 2, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)

Wisdom 3:1-9 / Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9 /
John 6:37-40

(These readings or any from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead)

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One Halloween, the lady who lived in the big white house down the block gave out bottles of Coke for trick-or-treat. Not 6-ouncers, not 10-ouncers, but 12-ouncers! I remember going up to her door like we did at every other house, stomping up the steps, ringing the bell and waiting, then yelling, "Trick or treat!" for a piece of penny candy as the door opened. Instead, our eyes widened with disbelief as we gasped, "Wow! A bottle of Coke! Gee, thanks a lot." I remember her smile and the look of delight in her eyes at making some scraggly neighborhood kids so excited. Before long, word got out among that night's goblins and saints. Kids I had never seen before, kids from neighboring communities, all came streaming in, and she gave each of them a bottle of Coke. To me, it was unbelievable—such generosity. That year, nobody dared "trick" her house. We made sure. Among us kids, such generosity did not go unrewarded.

On All Souls' Day, we remember those who have died, and we remember them with an awareness of the need we all have for God's mercy. Sometimes, I think that God is like that woman who lived in the big white house down the block. God is the Great Halloween Mistress. We come to her, armed with our tricks to get what we want, and she disarms us with her unbelievable generosity—the greatest "treater" of all time. God gives us everything undeserved—the most generous treats ever, all year round. ●

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Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco and Michelle Angela Nelson.



MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR THE YEAR 2026

On **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**, the Mass Intention Book for 2026 will open. During the first week, the faithful are limited to only three individual intentions. During the second week, another three intentions will be allowed. After the third week, you may choose as many dates that are available. The purpose of limiting is to give all the parishioners an opportunity to get an intention for their loved ones. If you have intentions you would like to offer during a Mass, please bring them to the Parish Office. **NO intentions will be accepted by phone. All intentions must be made in person (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9a-12p & 1:30p-4:00p).** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Fr. Nolasco.



SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE YEAR 2026

Anyone interested in making a \$10.00 donation to have the Sanctuary Candle burning weekly in memory of a loved one or for a special intention may do so in person in the Parish Office during regular hours on or after November.



XXI ANNUAL WHITE MASS

The Annual White Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 6 pm at San Agustin Cathedral.

The White Mass is offered for all members of the medical profession throughout the Diocese of Laredo. All people of the diocese are invited to attend.



May the souls of the
faithful departed
REST in PEACE

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Last Sunday's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 953.00

Loose: \$ 27.75

Children's Envelopes: \$ 4.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 984.75

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 3,285.28

Dear Padre

November 2, 2025

Do we pray for the dead on All Souls' Day for what we can do for them, or for what they can do for us?

On All Souls' Day, the Church celebrates the one body in Christ that unites its members on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven. For more than a thousand years, we've commemorated this transcendent bond on the second day of November, whether at Mass, in a cemetery, or on a home altar to the faithful departed. This bond of companionship between the living and deceased is so vital to our spiritual well-being that All Souls' Day is celebrated even when November 2 falls on a Sunday.

Because Catholics are in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers, Masses, sacrifices, and works of charity can be offered up on behalf of the deceased. (See 2 Maccabees 12:38-46.) Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers on behalf of the living. Thus, our assistance to the deceased, and their intercession for us, is mutually beneficial! "A perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory, and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things" (Indulgentiarum Doctrina, 5; Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1475, 954-955, 962). May perpetual light shine upon the souls of the faithful departed. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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