Solemnity of All Saints

November 1, 2026

Come to me all you who labor, and I will give you rest!

Masses For The Week

Sun 01 All Saints
08:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)
+Paul Arizola (Linda Lou Ramirez)
+Norma Palacios Lopez (Linda Lou Ramirez)

Mon 02 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
12:05 pm +All Souls' Day Remembrance

Thr 05 Weekday
12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)

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"The vision of heaven described in the first reading is very beautiful: the Lord God, beauty, goodness, truth, tenderness, love in its fullness. All of this awaits us. Those who have gone before us and who have died in the Lord are there. They proclaim that they have been saved not through their own works, though good works they surely did, but that they have been saved by the Lord: 'Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb!' It is he who saves us, it is he who at the end of our lives takes us by the hand like a father, precisely to that heaven where our ancestors are…. Today is a day of hope. Our brothers and sisters are in the presence of God and we shall also be there, through the pure grace of the Lord, if we walk along the way of Jesus" (Pope Francis).

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning for
+All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

Good News!

November 1, 2026
All Saints

Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14 / 1 John 3:1–3 / Matthew 5:1–12a

MIGUEL DULICK

What a lovely feast when we hear again the familiar beatitudes. Blessed! Blessed! Blessed! Are you poor in spirit? Come on down—you get the kingdom of heaven! Are you mourning? Comfort on call! Meek? This land is your land! Hungering for righteousness? Your marching days are done! Are you merciful? You ain't seen nothin' yet! What about clean of heart? That's hard to live up to, but the reward is that you get to see God! Peacemaker? "Why, you're one of my own children!" says God. And, finally…insulted and persecuted? Crowned in heaven; that is your reward!

How many saints are there? According to the Book of Revelation, "A great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue" (Revelation 7:9). Pope John Paul II took that as a mandate, multiplying saints beyond the capacity of the calendar to accommodate them; he wanted every community to have a patron saint. Pope Benedict kept up the "multitude-ing," and, in 2015, Pope Francis declared Archbishop Oscar Romero—long called "*San Romero de las Americas*" by the faithful of El Salvador since his assassination in 1980—a martyr *in odium fidei*, that is, he had been murdered out of hatred of his faith. This led to his beatification in the same year and his canonization by Pope Francis in 2018. I visited his tomb in 1985, and there were already hundreds of notes stuck on the wall, all grateful for *el milagro*—the miracle. Saints of God, pray for us. ●

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ALL SOULS DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE

Pick up your ***All Souls Day Mass Remembrance*** envelopes located in the entrances of the church. Please deposit them in the collection basket. All Souls Day will be celebrated on November 2, 2026, Monday, at 12:05 p.m. Remember to include deceased loved ones. Thank you

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, Michelle Angela Nelson and Renee Chapa.



XXI ANNUAL WHITE MASS

The Annual White Mass is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 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.



MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR THE YEAR 2027

On ***Tuesday, November 3, 2026***, the Mass Intention Book for 2027 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 2027

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.



Last Sunday's Collection
Envelopes: ***$ 1,275.00***
Loose: ***$ 24.00***
Children's Envelopes: ***$ 2.00***

Total Sunday Collection: $ 1,301.00

Total Expenses Last Week: $ 2,551.32

Dear Padre

November 1, 2026

Growing up, I was never taught how to pray, just how to recite prayers. After a lot of reading about prayer, I find myself conflicted about to whom I pray. At church, we pray to Jesus. But, on the other hand, God is the Almighty One who gave me life. And to make it even harder, there are Mary and the saints. So, to whom do I pray?

A person can end up reciting long formulas of prayers or decades of the rosary without being mentally present. Distraction in prayer is a major problem. Real prayer is conversation with God. God appreciates having our full attention.

If you really look at the prayers of the Mass, you'll see they are all directed to God the Father, with the exception of a prayer that is said to Jesus before Communion. We pray *through* Christ *in* the Holy Spirit *to* God the Father in all the other prayers. However, the Persons of the Blessed Trinity are not jealous of one another. To honor the Father brings immense pleasure to the Son, and vice-versa.

And praying to Mary and the saints is better understood as asking them to pray *with* us. Jesus said that when two are in agreement about anything they pray for, God will grant that prayer. (See Matthew 18:19.) We exercise the option of praying with others when we invoke the saints.

The great thing is that any genuine prayer is a tremendous help to one's spiritual life. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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