



Remembering Loved Ones: The Meaning of All Souls' Day

Every year on November 2, Catholics around the world pause to remember those who have passed away. Known as All Souls' Day, this special day isn't just about sadness for our losses—it's a chance to reflect, pray, and celebrate the lives of our loved ones.

A Bit of History

The tradition of praying for the dead goes back to the early Church. From the very beginning, Christians believed in the communion of saints, the spiritual bond between the living and the departed. By the 10th–11th century, St. Odilo of Cluny, a French abbot, officially established November 2 as a day to pray for all the faithful departed.

All Souls' Day follows All Saints' Day (November 1). While All Saints' Day honors those already in Heaven, All Souls' Day focuses on those still on their journey toward God—those in Purgatory. Over time, different countries have added local customs: in Mexico, it blends with the festive, Dia de los Muertos, while in Europe, people light candles on graves and offer prayers.

Why It Matters

Catholics believe in the power of prayer, charity, and Mass to help souls on their journey to eternal life. All Souls' Day reminds us that death doesn't break the bonds of love—we can still care for those who have gone before us.

How Catholics Celebrate

- Attending Mass: Offering the Eucharist for the souls of the departed.
- Visiting Cemeteries: Praying, leaving flowers, or lighting candles.
- Prayers at Home: Some families create a small altar or light candles for their loved ones.

Acts of Charity: Performing good deeds or offering prayers for the benefit of the deceased.

All Souls' Day is ultimately about connection, prayer, and remembrance. It's a day to pause, honor the lives that shaped ours, and trust in God's mercy for those who have passed.

St Francis de Paula Parish

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Mission Santo Niño de Atocha, Three Rivers



November 2, 2025

*The Commemoration of
all the Faithful Departed*

Mass Times:

Saturday: Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Sunday: Mass 11:00am

Weekdays:

Mass: 8:00am Wednesday & Friday

Communion Service: 8:00am Tuesday & Thursday

1st Friday of the Month Anointing: Holy Days: 8:00 am Mass and 6:00 pm (Mass)

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10am-12am & 1pm - 3pm

PRE-BAPTISM: Contact Office

BAPTISM CELEBRATION: LAST Saturday of the month 10:00 am

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: To schedule Call Barbara Reay

575-430-4547

MARRIAGE: There is a six-month preparation period

CONFESSION: Will be Thursday's 4pm-6pm EXCEPT the Thursday BEFORE 1st Friday

Thrift Store: Tuesday 9:00am-2:00pm

Food Pantry: Wednesday 3:00pm-5:00pm

If you would like to add anything into the bulletin (funerals, anniversary, birthdays, etc. please send a text message to Brianna at 575-921-1025 or contact the office **No**

later than Wednesday!

Make sure to visit our gift shop! Opened during office hours!

This weeks readings can be found in the Missal on pages: 71-72

Mass Intentions

<u>Sat. Nov 1</u> <u>5:30pm</u>	<u>Sun. Nov 2</u> <u>11:00am</u>	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues. Nov 4</u> <u>8:00am</u>	<u>Wed. Nov 5</u> <u>8:00am</u>	<u>Thurs. Nov 6</u> <u>8:00am</u>	<u>Fri. Nov 7</u> <u>8:00am</u>
† Henry & Andrea Herrera, Michael Montoya (BD)	† St Rita (special intention) Mark Herrera (ann), Elvira Serna	NO MASS		† St Rita (special intention), Alice Pino (BD 10/29)		

<u>Sat. Nov 8</u> <u>5:30pm</u>	<u>Sun. Nov 9</u> <u>11:00am</u>
† Henry & Andrea Herrera & Deceased Family Members	† St Rita (special intention), Constance & Dianne Gibbs, Alice Pino



Please Pray for the sick in our Parish

Kelton Starr, Naomi Pino, Gloria Diaz, Manny Diaz, Debbie Williams, Geralyn Aragon, Sylvia Duran, Joe & Yvonne Padilla, Jude Lovato, Jeff Aragon, Larry Stansel, Gloria Gonzales, Andre Dorame,

ADORATION: Adorers needed for Monday 10am-11am. We also are in dire need of substitutes. If you cannot commit to an hour, PLEASE, consider becoming a sub. Contact Naomi at 575-551-2498.

Chapel Hours are from 8am-9pm Monday-Thursday, Friday's 8am-8pm

Services for Helen Guerra will be Wednesday, November 5th. Viewing 9:30, Rosary 10:00, Mass 10:30, burial to follow, dinner in Parish Hall after burial.

Second Collection for November 8th & 9th

Archdiocese for Military Service—Is responsible for providing pastoral care and services to active-duty men and women serving in all branches of US Armed Forces stationed at home and abroad enrolled in the US Military Academies undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond IS Borders and their families. For more information about the Archdiocese and its pastoral programs and services, visit www.milarch.org

Ushers for the month of November

Saturday 5:30pm— David Pino

Sunday 11:00am— Gilbert Gaston

Alter Servers

Saturday 5:30pm — Angel Kowatch, Sheacy Lathan, EJ Padilla

Sunday 11:00am— Robert Melendrez, Catherine & Michael Williams, Andrew Gibbs

Sacristans for the Month of November

Saturday 5:30pm— Rose & Christine

Sunday 11:00am— Tim & Sally

Readers

Saturday, November 1st 5:30pm— Steve & Liz Chavez

Sunday, November 2nd 11:00am— Maureen Smith

Weekend Total Regular Collection

10/26/2025— \$2,036.00

As a parish, we are asked to give our time, talents and treasures. As a household, we should tithe to our parish to keep up with things like utilities, building & equipment maintenance and repairs, salaries, office and church supplies. The past 3-4 years our parish has struggled, putting us \$25,000 below where we should be. We have recently had to upgrade the electrical, removal of asbestos for the school to be safe for the kids, new kneelers, replaced the carpet in the office, repaired the parish hall installed cameras, and fixed settling cracked walls. We need your help to reach our monthly, weekly and yearly goals. If each parishioner adds in an extra \$2 a week, that would help us reach our goals.

Thank you!

Are you registered in our church? Are you 18 or older? If you are not registered and are 18 or older, stop by the back of the church and fill out the form! This is important for our parish! Also put if you would like envelopes!

Guadalupe will be having a meeting Thursday, November 6th at 6pm in the Library

THANK YOU to all of those who donated and/or came by for Posole! You are all greatly appreciated!

All Souls Day—The month of November

Please bring photos of your loved ones into the Sacristy to be placed on the altar as we honor them for the month of November. Feel free to label them on the back and framed or unframed is welcome.

Children's Mass Schedule 2025-2026

November 2, 2025

December 7, 2025

January 11, 2026

February 8, 2026

March 8, 2026



Parents: For everyone's safety, please make sure you are going to the restroom with your young children