



In November We Remember

November is the month dedicated to the remembrance of and prayer for the faithful departed.

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

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Monday and Wednesday,
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Monday and Wednesday
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Confessions

by appointment.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

VETERAN' DAY 2021
NOVEMBER 11



Many rich people put in large sums. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

— Mk 12:41c, 43-44

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Monday, November 8th

8:00 am + All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 9th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Wednesday, November 10th

8:00 am + All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 11th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Saturday, November 13th, 33rd Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00 pm + All Souls Novena

Sunday, November 14th, 33rd Sunday in Ord. Time

8:30 am + All Souls Novena

10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Collection Counters this week are
Mike Rakers and Donna Hall.
Thank you for serving in this way.

**Saturday, October 30th 4:00pm
and
Sunday, October 31st 8:30am**

Sunday Envelopes \$2,286.00
Loose \$296.00
Total Collection \$2,878.00

Book of Remembrance

Throughout the month of November, as we pray for the Holy Souls, let us also pray for all those who have preceded us in faith to the Father. Beginning November 1st, our Book of Remembrance will be placed next to the baptismal font in the front of the church. You are invited to add the names of deceased family members and loved ones whom you would like to be remembered at Mass throughout the month of November.



CCD K-8 Classes - CCD classes meet today, November 7th in the Parish Hall following the 8:30am Mass.

Confirmation Class - Classes meet Wednesday, November 10th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Altar and Rosary Meeting—The A & R will be meeting Wednesday, November 10th at 6:30 pm in the Parish hall.



“Join your fellow parishioners for donuts and fellowship following mass on Sunday, November 7th! Our goal is to have fresh

Casey’s donuts, but given the current supply chain crisis we welcome the blessings available to us within the community limits. Either way the donuts will fill your bellies and the conversation will warm your hearts! See you there!”

WHAT IS A CATHEDRAL?

A cathedral is a church that contains the cathedra (Chair) of a bishop, thus serving as the central church of a diocese. Churches with the function of "cathedral" are usually specific to those Christian denominations with an episcopal hierarchy, such as the Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, and some Lutheran churches. Church buildings embodying the functions of a cathedral first appeared in Italy, Gaul, Spain, and North Africa in the 4th century, but cathedrals did not become universal within the Western Catholic Church until the 12th century.

Mistakenly most people believe that St. Peter’s in Rome is the Cathedral Church of the Pope. This week we celebrate the feast of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica (November 12). It was the cathedral church of Rome, build on land owned by the Laterani family. The project was undertaken by Pope St. Sylvester I. On the façade of this basilica is engraved “*the mother and head of all churches of Rome and of the world.*” Founded during the fourth century in honor of St. John the Baptist and John the Evangelist.

St. Peter’s in Rome was initially planned by Pope Nicholas V and then Pope Julius II to replace the aging Old St. Peter’s Basilica, which was built in the 4th century by Roman empor Constantine the Great. Construction of the present basilica began on 18 April 1506 and was completed on 18 November 1626.

Catholic Men's Group Wreath Sale



Staying home for the Holidays? Then its time to purchase a wreath to make Christmas alive and well for your household. These live greens will not only add beauty to your house, but also the great scent of balsam and evergreen. See the people in the back of church after Mass.

Classic Wreath.....	\$30.00
Victorian Wreath.....	\$35.00
Wintergreen Wreath.....	\$35.00
Classic Spray.....	\$30.00
Victorian Spray.....	\$35.00
Centerpiece.....	\$35.00

Christmas Giving Tree

Once again, St. John's will be collecting gifts and/or monetary donations for those in nursing homes, veterans and children in need. A list of suggested items will be provided in the near future. All recipients have been so very grateful for your donations in the past. Your kindness and generosity are a true blessing to them. Cards will be provided in the back of church, so please take some and share a happy thought. Your greeting means so much to those who live in a structured environment and have not only been socially but also emotionally distanced from others. They need to know that others still care for them. So please make some effort to remember them. Donation and card collection areas will be located in the back of church in December. Bless you for being generous and caring about those who are less fortunate than ourselves.



Christmas Baskets

St. John's will soon be collecting food donations for this year's Christmas Food Baskets. We need to collect 500 cans of fruit. If you prefer, we can do the shopping for you. Envelopes for monetary donations will be available.



Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes

Sue Thompson

Prayers for the Sick

Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Phyllis Fehr, Roy Harrold, Bev Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Linda Kilgarriff, Patty Lecomte, Steve Lighthall, Mike Mannix, Tina Mannix, Joni Mollet, Fran Runyen, Bill Sargent, Angie Walden, Cale Wayne, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Florence Workman, Charles M. Yeagle.



Let's take a look at the story from the widow's perspective. As a mom, there's nothing worse than a child in pain. It had to be hard enough for her to feel her hunger pains and know she was going to die, but her sorrow must've been compounded a thousand times knowing there was nothing she could do to quiet the hungry cries of her child. Then some stranger rolls into town and tells her to give him the last of her food, even though it means certain death for her and her son. And she agrees.

How long was she willing to putting up with this freeloader. Maybe the widow was willing to believe Elijah when he first appeared because, she and her son were about to die anyway, whether that cake would be their last or not. But then Elijah ate the last of their food, while she and her son must have sat there, wringing their hands and pining for the crumbs that dropped to the ground.

If that sounds a little presumptuous on the part of a stranger, we have to remember the prevailing standards of hospitality among ancient Hebrews, which made asking such favors and granting them perfectly alright. Her response, however, stunned prophet. She blurted out despairingly, "By the living LORD your God I swear that I don't have any bread. All I have is a handful of flour in a bowl and a bit of olive oil in a jar. I came here to gather some firewood to take back home and prepare what little I have for my son and me. That will be our last meal, and then we will starve to death."

After this, Elijah probably said, "That was good. How about you make a cake for you and your son now?" Imagine the widow's exclamations of joy when she found her jars no longer empty. For the widow of Zarephath, the Lord made less than a handful of flour and a few drops of oil last for a year.

The widow was willing to share even though sharing for her would speed up immanent starvation for her and her son. That's some serious kind of sharing, don't you think? What the prophet had promised her could easily have failed to come to pass. Then he would have slickly swindled the widow and her son out of a third of all they had to eat in the world by claiming that God said he should have the first of the three wheat-cakes she cooked. In this case, though, God rewarded the widow's generosity, so the story goes, and the first time she realized it was when the flour bowl and jar of oil that had been empty the night before were full and ready to become breakfast the next morning. That phenomenon continued until the rains began, and the crops grew. Then she and her son could grow and purchase the food supplies they needed to remain well fed.

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