Father Joseph's Corner

"The Solemnity of All Saints"—November 1, 2026



ALL SAINTS' DAY falls on **Sunday, November 1, 2026.** This major Catholic feast honors every person who has reached heaven, both the famous canonized saints and the countless everyday believers whose names are known only to God.

What Is All Saints Day and Why Is It Celebrated?

All Saints' Day is an annual celebration of everyone who is united with God in heaven. It gives thanks for the victory of Jesus Christ and reminds believers that, with God's help, everyone is called to a holy life.

The Catholic Church formally recognizes many men and women as saints through a process called canonization, presenting them as models of Christian holiness.

However, heaven is home to far more people than the official calendar lists. All Saints' Day celebrates every soul in heaven, including parents, grandparents, friends and quiet believers whose holiness went unnoticed by the world.

The saints were ordinary human beings who faced real struggles, mistakes and fears. They did not make themselves holy by their own power. They received God's mercy, followed Jesus, and allowed the Holy Spirit to transform their lives. This is what the Bible means by grace

When the Church honors the saints, it is ultimately praising God for what His grace accomplished in them.

The Bible presents God's people as one family that death does not divide. Believers on earth remain united with those already in the presence of God.

The saints are human beings saved by Jesus Christ, not rivals to Him. Honoring a saint is like honoring a hero of faith or a loving parent: it expresses love and respect, but it is never worship.

Christians on earth pray for one another, and Scripture says, "The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects" (James 5:16). If death does not separate believers from the love of God, it does not end their love for one another either. So, Catholics ask the saints in heaven to pray for them, just as they ask friends on earth.

Scripture also shows prayer being offered in heaven. The elders before the throne hold "golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints" (Revelation 5:8; see also 8:3–4). Mary's request to her Son at Cana is the clearest example of intercession in the Gospels. The saints have no power of their own to grant miracles or forgive sins. All grace comes from God through Jesus Christ.

On All Saints' Day, the Church rejoices with those who have already reached heavenly glory. On All Souls' Day, the focus turns to praying for those who have died, asking God to show them mercy and bring them to complete peace.

The celebration on November 1 developed gradually over many centuries, as the Church came to honor all of God's faithful servants on a single day.

In the early Church, Christians gathered at the tombs of martyrs on the anniversaries of their deaths to celebrate their birth into eternal life. During times of persecution, so many Christians died for their faith that churches began to keep shared feast days to remember all the martyrs together.

Over time, the celebration widened from the martyrs to all the saints, and the Church in the West settled on November 1 as the feast of All Saints. It has been kept on that date ever since.

All Saints' Day on **Sunday, November 1, 2026**, is a joyful celebration of hope, faith, and the power of God's grace. By honoring everyone in heaven, both the famous heroes of faith and the countless forgotten believers, the feast reminds all Christians that holiness is possible and that everyone is called to eternal life with God.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

150 E First St., P.O. Box 1315, Prineville OR 97754
November 1, 2026 ✝ All Saints Day

Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass (English)*	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass (Spanish)	12:00 p.m.
Holy Days	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Mondays ● Tuesdays ● Thursdays	8:00 a.m.
Wednesdays ● Fridays	12:00 p.m.

**Coffee and fellowship are served after the 9 a.m. Mass.*



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Confessions
Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
(other times by appointment)
Anointing of the Sick
Contact Fr. Joseph for this Sacrament

- **ADORATION—First Tuesday of Every Month 6 p.m.**
- **FRIDAY ROSARY at 11:30 a.m., MASS at 12:00 p.m., EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following Mass, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 1–2 p.m., BENEDICTION AND REPOSITION**



Baptisms
Baptisms will be held on Saturdays.
Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of the parish 6 months prior to baptism.
A Baptismal Preparation Class is mandatory for both parents and godparents.
For more information, call the Parish Office.

Marriages
Couples need to make an appointment with Fr. Joseph 6 months before the proposed date.
A Marriage Preparation Course is mandatory.

MASS INTENTIONS / READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.

Please Call the Parish Office to Have a Mass Intention Reserved

Monday	11/02/2026	8:00 a.m.	All Souls (D)	Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40
Tuesday	11/03/2026	—	—	Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	11/04/2026	12:00 p.m.	Gabriel A Pettinicchio (D)	Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	11/05/2026	—	—	Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10
Friday	11/06/2026	12:00 p.m.	Adult Tocher Children (L)	Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	11/07/2026	5:00 p.m.	Emerson Edgerly (L)	Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13
Sunday	11/08/2026	9:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Parishioners (L)	Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13
Sunday	11/08/2026	12:00 p.m.	Maria Valdovinos (D)	Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

(L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily



The saints give us hope that holiness is possible.

On the Solemnity of All Saints, the Church invites us to recall the holy men and women who have gone before us in faith and who have lived as authentic witnesses of the Gospel. Through their lives of faith, the saints give us hope that holiness is possible.

When we think of saints, we often think of those who have been canonized—the faithful men and women affirmed by the Church in a special way as having lived lives of heroic virtue and receptivity to God's grace. But all those in heaven, including those Pope Francis often called the "saints next door" (*Gaudete et Exsultate* 6), are saints we celebrate on this day. We can be sure they intercede for us with God in heaven for our needs, big and small.

Like those in Revelation whose robes have been *washed . . . in the Blood of the Lamb,* the saints come *from every nation, race, people, and tongue.* They have followed Christ in every Christian vocation: as priests and bishops, religious or lay people, martyrs and missionaries, young and old. The saints, our older brothers and sisters in faith, show us the many varied ways our lives can testify to God's goodness and love.

The diversity of the communion of saints should be for us a source of hope. Their varied witness bolsters our resolve and our trust in God when we hear the demands of today's Gospel. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus instructs His disciples in true blessedness as He teaches the Beatitudes.

In a reversal of worldly priorities, Jesus calls blessed those who mourn, are persecuted and insulted, and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Calling his disciples to action, he invites them to be poor in spirit and clean of heart—to be meek and merciful peacemakers. The saints show us how to do this in diverse ways, times, and places.

What do we gain when we live as God's children, striving after holiness like these brothers and sisters? Eternal life! A future of hope, because we are rooted in Christ. *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven*, Jesus says.

The saints show us that the hope we have in heaven can sustain us now on earth. In the second reading, Paul writes: *Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.* Heaven, the kingdom of beatitude—blessedness with God—is both "not yet" and "already" here.

We can see this especially in the perseverance in faith and witness of love in the lives of the saints. Their joy in trial, simplicity, and courage offer proof that the God who saves is active in the world and in each of our lives.

As we gather around the Lord's table, we know we are joined by the saints, and we rejoice together in the wedding feast of the Lamb.

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

David Leonard ♦ Steve Forrester ♦ Carl Johnson ♦ Dolores Koivisto ♦ Anita Marquez ♦ Ben Guyger ♦ Elizabeth Casey
Georgia Fitzgerald ♦ Chuck Renwick ♦ John Huthmacher ♦ Ed McNamara ♦ Brittany ♦ Duncan Osgood ♦ Julie Bither
Mary Bither ♦ Lyn Rodgers ♦ Fred Vandehey ♦ Ralph Lee ♦ Mary Lee ♦ Peggy Holtz Michael Kuenzi ♦ Barbara Hopla
Sam LeFevre and the LeFevre family ♦ Joanie Holland ♦ Tara Lamb Mary Ellen Schiedler ♦ Carolyn Ausborn
Kerry Loving ♦ Robert Marquez ♦ Perla Marquez ♦ Emily Ruiz ♦ Cookie Benton ♦ Dan Arian ♦ Father Joseph

November—The Month of the Souls in Purgatory

Temporary Mass Schedule

There will be a 12 p.m. Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Monday, All Souls Day	**Nov. 2/8 a.m.**	**Fr. Rick**
Saturday/Sunday	**Nov. 7/8**	**Fr. Todd**
Saturday/Sunday	**Nov. 14/15**	**Fr. Todd**
Saturday/Sunday	**Nov. 21/22**	**Fr. Rick**
Thursday—Thanksgiving	**Nov. 26/8 a.m.**	**Fr. Rick**
Saturday	**Nov. 28**	**Fr. Rick**
Sunday	**Nov. 29**	**Bp. Hennen**

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Update on Father Joseph

Father Joseph can now receive visitors. Please contact the Parish Office at (541) 447-6475 to sign-up on the visitors' list, and please continue to pray for him. Your prayers are working!

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Ordination Anniversary

Thursday, November 5th, marks the 42nd Anniversary of **Father Joseph's ordination.** Although we won't be having a party for him this year, please remember him on that day.

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Mass Intentions

The Masses scheduled in October that were not said due to **Father Joseph's** absence have been given to another priest, so they will be fulfilled.

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St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, we hear that the poor and suffering are especially blessed. As **Blessed Frederic Ozanam** said, "The blessing of the poor is the blessing of God."

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Diocese Fall Retreats

All 9th–12th graders are invited to attend the Diocesan Fall High School Retreat on **November 7th, at St. Peter Church, in The Dalles, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Cost is $20/youth or $35/family. **Bishop Hennen** will be attending. Youth and Adult Chaperones, register through your parish Youth Leader, DRE, or Pastor. Please visit DioceseofBaker.org or call Marie, 541-388-4004, for more information. Bishop Hennen will be present for part of the retreat.

Young Adults ages 18-35 are invited to attend the Diocesan Fall Retreat: "The Father's House," **November 13th to November 15th,** at the Cascade View Retreat Center in Powell Butte. Please visit DioceseofBaker.org or call **Jesse** at (719) 966-9225 or **Marie** at (541) 699-1133 for more information and to register. **Bishop Hennen** will participate several times during the weekend.

Christmas Bazaar



Come see what everyone's talking about! Along with our top-rated crafts, you'll find plenty of goodies to enjoy. Stop by on **Saturday, November 14th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,** and join us for lunch for just $10. Lunch includes an enchilada, chips and salsa, and a homemade dessert. **Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Please **PRICE AND BRING YOUR DONATED ITEMS** to the Parish Hall on **Friday, November 13th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

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Thanksgiving

We will continue **Father Joseph's tradition with our 4th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.** If you'll be on your own or away from family, or if you'd like to spend the day with our parish family, we'd be so glad to welcome you for dinner.

Please call the office at (541) 447-6475 by **Wednesday, November 18th,** to let us know whether you can join us.

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Marriage Help

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you, too. Join Oregon Retrouvaille as we host a working weekend, for couples struggling with their marriage, with couples who have been there in the struggle.

Visit www.helpourmarriage.org and read testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the **January 29–31, 2027 weekend in Canby, Oregon,** call (503) 225-9191 or send an email to: StevenAndSuzanne@helpourmarriage.org

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Holy Humor

A Sunday School Teacher, observing her classroom while they were drawing, walked around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knowswhat God looks like!"

Without missing a beat or looking up from her drawing, the little girl replied, "They will in a minute."

Please continue to pray for Father Joseph!