St. Monica Catholic Church

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 · THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS



Blessed Are They

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:12A

Join Us for Mass

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM · Sunday 7:30 AM · Sunday 9:00 AM · Sunday 11:00 AM · Sunday 2:00 PM (Español) · Sunday 5:00 PM

Weekday Masses: Monday–Friday 6:45 AM · Monday–Friday 8:00 AM

Confession: Saturday 3:30–4:30 PM

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FROM THE PASTOR

The Face of the Blessed

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Every year on the Solemnity of All Saints, the Church gives us the same Gospel: Jesus climbs the mountain, sits down like a teacher, and opens His mouth with one word He repeats again and again: blessed. This year the feast falls on a Sunday, so our whole parish family gathers to hear it together. I think that is a gift.

We often hear the Beatitudes as a list of demands, a moral checklist that leaves us feeling we come up short. But listen again. Before they are instructions, they are a portrait. The Catechism tells us that the Beatitudes "depict the countenance of Jesus Christ." He is the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, the peacemaker, the one persecuted for righteousness. When Jesus describes the blessed, He is describing His own face.

That is why the saints matter so much. A saint is simply someone whose face, over a lifetime, came to look more and more like Christ's. Not people who never stumbled, but people who kept getting back up and kept bringing their failures to His mercy. In the second reading, Saint John tells us that we are God's children now, and that when He is revealed "we shall be like him." That promise is for every one of us, not only for the names on the calendar.

Notice, too, whom Jesus calls blessed: those who mourn, those who hunger for a justice they cannot yet see, those who are insulted for His sake. The world would hardly call them fortunate. Many of you are carrying grief, illness or worry this autumn. Today's Gospel does not ask you to pretend otherwise. It promises that the Lord is nearest to you exactly there.

So here is my invitation for this week. Choose one Beatitude, just one, and ask the Lord to make it your own. Perhaps mercy toward someone who has hurt you. Perhaps peacemaking at home. Perhaps simply admitting that you cannot do this alone. And if you feel the weight of sin, come to confession on Saturday afternoon. That is where robes are washed white.

Tomorrow, on All Souls' Day, we pray for all our beloved dead. Bring their names with you to Mass, pray for them by name, and if you can, visit their graves this week. The communion of saints is one family, and death cannot divide it.

Know of my prayers for you, and please keep me in yours.

In Christ, through the intercession of St. Monica,

Fr. Michael Guadagnoli, Pastor

Readings for the Solemnity of All Saints

Solemnity of All Saints · November 1, 2026 · Lectionary 667

Order of Mass

Introductory Rites
Entrance Chant · Greeting · Penitential Act · Gloria · Collect

Liturgy of the Word
First Reading · Responsorial Psalm · Second Reading · Gospel Acclamation · Gospel · Homily · Profession of Faith · Universal Prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist
Preparation of the Gifts · Prayer over the Offerings · Eucharistic Prayer (Holy, Holy, Holy · Mystery of Faith · Great Amen) · The Lord's Prayer · Sign of Peace · Lamb of God · Holy Communion · Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites
Announcements · Blessing · Dismissal

FIRST READING
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God.

He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, "Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel.

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb."

All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed:

"Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

R. (see 6) **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM · PSALM 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6 · CONTINUED

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.
R. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?
or who may stand in his holy place?
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
who desires not what is vain.
R. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,
a reward from God his savior.
Such is the race that seeks him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.
R. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

SECOND READING
1 John 3:1-3

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Matthew 11:28

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**
Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL
Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Welcome to St. Monica

Whether this is your first visit or your thousandth, welcome home. If you are new to St. Monica, please stop by the parish office or call (214) 358-1453 to register; we would love to know you.

Parish Announcements

All Saints & All Souls Masses

Sat, Oct 31, 5:00 PM Vigil; Sun, Nov 1, 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM, 2:00 PM (Español), 5:00 PM; Mon, Nov 2, 6:45 & 8:00 AM · Church

Because the Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Sunday this year, our regular weekend Masses are the All Saints Masses. On Monday, November 2, we celebrate the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). Come pray for your loved ones who have gone before us and entrust them to the mercy of God.

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Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Sun, Nov 8,

The Knights of Columbus invite the whole parish to a hearty Pancake Breakfast after the morning Masses. Bring the family and enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice with your fellow parishioners. Suggested donation:. Proceeds support. Thank you, Knights, for all you do for St. Monica!

Faith Formation Registration

Register by · Online at or in the Parish Office

Registration is open for Faith Formation for children and youth,, including preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Parents are the first teachers of the faith, and we are here to help. Please register by. Questions about placement, sacramental preparation or tuition assistance are welcome.

Praying for the Faithful Departed

Nov 1–8 · Any Catholic cemetery; the church on Nov 2

From November 1–8, the faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even mentally, for the departed may obtain a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory. On All Souls' Day, a plenary indulgence is also granted for devoutly visiting a church or oratory and praying the Our Father and the Creed. The usual conditions apply: sacramental confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, and freedom from all attachment to sin.

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Fall Back This Weekend

Sun, Nov 1, 2:00 AM

Daylight saving time ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 1. Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night so you arrive on time for Sunday Mass. Our Mass schedule does not change.

Election Day: Pray and Vote

Tue, Nov 3 · Your local polling place

Tuesday, November 3, is Election Day. As faithful citizens, let us vote with a well-formed conscience and pray for our nation, our state and all who serve in public office. The USCCB's Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship is available at usccb.org.

This Week at St. Monica

Sun, Nov 1 All Masses	**Solemnity of All Saints** Church Clocks fall back one hour
Mon, Nov 2 6:45 & 8:00 AM	**All Souls' Day Masses** Church Pray for our beloved dead
Tue, Nov 3 6:45 & 8:00 AM	**Weekday Masses (opt. St. Martin de Porres)** Church Election Day
Wed, Nov 4 6:45 & 8:00 AM	**Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo** Church
Sat, Nov 7 3:30–4:30 PM	**Confessions** Church
Sat, Nov 7 5:00 PM	**Vigil Mass, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Church
Sun, Nov 8	**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast** All are welcome
	Faith Formation registration deadline

Mass Intentions

Mon, Nov 2 All Souls' Day

6:45 AM All the Faithful Departed of St. Monica Parish St. Monica Parish

8:00 AM

Tue, Nov 3 Weekday (St. Martin de Porres)

6:45 AM

8:00 AM

Wed, Nov 4 St. Charles Borromeo

6:45 AM

8:00 AM

Thu, Nov 5 Weekday

6:45 AM

8:00 AM

Fri, Nov 6 Weekday

6:45 AM

8:00 AM

Sat, Nov 7 Vigil, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM

Sun, Nov 8 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

2:00 PM

5:00 PM

Readings for the Week

Sun, Nov 1 All Saints
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 · Ps 24:1-6 · 1 Jn 3:1-3 · Mt 5:1-12a

Mon, Nov 2 All Souls' Day
Selected from Lectionary 668 (e.g., Wis 3:1-9)

Tue, Nov 3 Weekday (St. Martin de Porres)
Phil 2:5-11 · Ps 22 · Lk 14:15-24

Wed, Nov 4 St. Charles Borromeo
Phil 2:12-18 · Ps 27 · Lk 14:25-33

Thu, Nov 5 Weekday
Phil 3:3-8a · Ps 105 · Lk 15:1-10

Fri, Nov 6 Weekday
Phil 3:17—4:1 · Ps 122 · Lk 16:1-8

Sat, Nov 7 Weekday (BVM)
Phil 4:10-19 · Ps 112 · Lk 16:9-15

Sun, Nov 8 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 6:12-16 · Ps 63:2-8 · 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 · Mt 25:1-13

Please Pray For

In this month of November, we hold close to our hearts the sick and homebound of our parish, those who serve our country, and all our beloved dead. To add a name to the prayer list, please call the parish office.

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend Offertory, Oct 24–25

Online Giving

Total

Weekly Budget Need

The saints teach us that every good gift comes from God and is meant to be shared. Thank you for your generous support of St. Monica, which keeps our doors open, our ministries thriving and our neighbors in need cared for. To give online, visit www.stmonicachurch.org.

"Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy."
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