

From Father Kirby...

October 30, 2022

Happy Sunday, Team Grace!

This coming week, we have two major feast days of our faith:

Tuesday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints. *The feast is a Holy Day of Obligation.* All Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. Our Mass schedule here is: October 31 at 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM; and, November 1 at 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 7:00 PM. Confessions will be heard after all the Masses.

All Souls Day is Wednesday, November 2. All the baptized are encouraged to come and pray for the repose of the souls of their loved ones. Our Masses are at 7:00 AM, 12 Noon at the Columbarium, and 7:00 PM.

In the narthex this weekend, we have sign-ups for our monthly First Friday - First Saturday Nocturnal Adoration this coming Friday and Saturday (November 4-5). Please be generous with your time and give an hour of prayer to the Lord and our parish!

Here are some things happening at the parish this week:

Due to the evening Masses for All Saints, we will not have the rosary, novena, or evening Holy Hour on Monday, October 31. Please note there is no regular Noon Mass because of the Holy Day Masses.

Our parish Book Club, however, will still be held on Monday at 1:00 PM. The group will start a new book entitled, *The Joy of Full Surrender*. The book addresses the search for God's presence in our daily lives. All are welcome!

Due to the morning Masses for All Saints, we will not have the rosary, novena, or afternoon Adoration on Tuesday, November 1. Please note there is no regular Noon Mass because of the Holy Day Masses.

In addition, since we will have three All Souls Day Masses on Wednesday, November 2, we will not have the rosary, novena, or afternoon Adoration time.

The Blessing of Niches will be offered after the Noon Mass at the Columbarium this Wednesday. Anyone who has a loved one resting in the columbarium is invited to come and receive a blessing of their loved one's niche.

The Reading of Names will occur at the 7:00 PM evening Mass this Wednesday. Anyone who has lost a loved one *during the past liturgical year* (November 2 to November 2), and would like their loved one's name to be read, is asked to send in their names to John Paul Rusciolelli: jrusciolelli@charlestandiocese.org.

The Bible Study and Faith Formation sessions are all suspended on Wednesday, November 2. Everyone is encouraged to attend the 7:00 PM All Souls Day Mass.

On Friday evening, November 4, we have our monthly Mass of the Sacred Heart at 7:00 PM. Confessions will follow the Mass and be heard until Midnight. Nocturnal Adoration also begins after Mass and will continue until 10:30 AM the next morning.

On Saturday morning, November 5, we'll have Confessions from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM. The monthly Healing Mass with the Anointing of the Sick will be offered at 11:00 AM.

We've been able to reschedule our Ferris Wheel and Merry-Go-Round to next Sunday, November 6, around 12:30 PM. We're calling the event the "All Saints Festival!" We'll also have some hot dogs, funnel cakes, face painting, and all kinds of fun! The event is free. All are welcome!

Please note our new [calendar for the program year 2022/2023](#) is now posted on our parish website. The calendar describes all of our events and programs for the coming year.

I'd like to encourage every family in the parish to register for [FORMED](#). This is a free digital platform with family friendly content.

Some other future events I'd like to highlight:

On November 1st, The Book of the Dead will be placed near the baptismal font and will remain there throughout the month of November. The faithful are encouraged to write the names of anyone who has died, regardless of when or how long ago they may have died. Those who are written in the Book of the Dead will be remembered in the Prayers of the Faithful throughout November.

In the narthex this weekend, we have sign-ups for our Christmas Children's Choir and our Live Nativity. All children of the parish are encouraged to sign up and be a part of the fun!

The parish is in need of new Counters for our weekly offertory. The counters are on a rotating schedule. Volunteers usually serve every three to four weeks. Please consider this important service! Please stop by the Front Office or send Ryan Kubic an email: rkubic@charlestandiocese.org.

Every Monday, the parish hosts an evening Holy Hour. On Monday, November 7, our Holy Hour will be specifically offered for our country and for a safe and good midterm election. All are invited to come and join us for prayer!

On Saturday, November 19, we'll have our next Formation Day from 9:00 AM – 12 Noon. The day will focus on “Purgatory, Indulgences, Relics, and All Things Christian!” The event is free. No registration is needed. All are welcome!

Our annual Gingerbread Day for the children of the parish will be on Sunday, November 29. The 11:00 AM Mass will have a children's homily and blessing of the Baby Jesus. After the Mass, there will be free gingerbread houses for every child in the Parish Hall, as well as all the fun things needed to decorate them! All children and their parents are welcome!

Be sure to read and review our revised and updated [Security/Safety Protocols for Parishioners](#) and [Church/Holy Communion Pandemic Protocols](#).

More updates next week! Oremus pro invicem (let's pray for one another)!

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