November 1st, 2026

Watch over me, Father, so that everything I do may be with the intention of pleasing Jesus.

~ St. Bernadette

SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

All Souls Schedule November 2nd

12:00pm English Mass
5:30pm Latin Mass

We can pay no greater honor to the Saints than by offering up to God in their name the Blood of Jesus. The efficacy of their past merits and present prayers is greatly increased when offered to God in close association with the merits and prayers of our Lord. Therefore the Church commemorates on this day all the Saints in heaven without exception, and thus honors also those who are unknown and who have no public recognition in the Liturgy.

Commentary by Fr. Sylvester Juergens S.M.



Saints, Here and There: Reflection on the Solemnity of All Saints

The first reading focuses us for today's solemnity. In the Book of Revelation, St. John reports "a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue."

This is Good News. Salvation has come not only for Israel, but for the Gentiles as well. Here is the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham, that by his seed all the nations of the world would bless themselves (see Genesis 22:18).

The Church celebrates many famous Christians on their individual memorials, but today she praises God for all His "holy ones," His saints. That is the title St. Paul preferred when he addressed his congregations.

Divinized by Baptism, they were already "saints" by the grace of God (see Colossians 1:2). They awaited, however, the day when they could "share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (Colossians 1:12).

And so do we, as the Scriptures give us reasons for both celebration and hope. In our second reading, St. John tells us that to be "saints" means to be "children of God"—and then he adds: "so we are"! Note that he speaks in the present tense.

Yet John also says that we have unfinished business to tend. We are already God's children, but "what we shall be has not yet been revealed." Thus we work out our salvation: "Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure" (1 John 3:3).

We do this as we share the life of Christ, who defined earthly beatitude for us. We are "blessed," He says, when we are poor, when we mourn, when we are persecuted for His sake. It is then we should "Rejoice and be glad, for [our] reward will be great in heaven" (Matthew 5:12).

Until then, we pray with the Psalmist: "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face." Salvation has come through Abraham's seed, but it belongs to all nations. For "the Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it" (Psalm 24:1).



Scott Hahn

The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc**. If you are aware of others, please let Father or the parish office know**: Bella Mally, Jane Soars, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.
Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE

MONDAY, ALL SOULS NOVEMBER 2ND

12:00pm English Mass

5:30pm Latin Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

8:00am Mass *Greg Hayward*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

4:30pm Confessions

5:30pm Mass *Benjamin Hayward*

6:00pm Young Adult Adoration

THURSDAY, November 5th

8:00am Mass *John Duffey (Healing)*

Friday, November 6th

5:30pm First Friday Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Vigil Mass *Pro populo*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

7:30am Latin Mass *Pro Populo*

9:00am English Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00am Latin Mass *Pro Populo*

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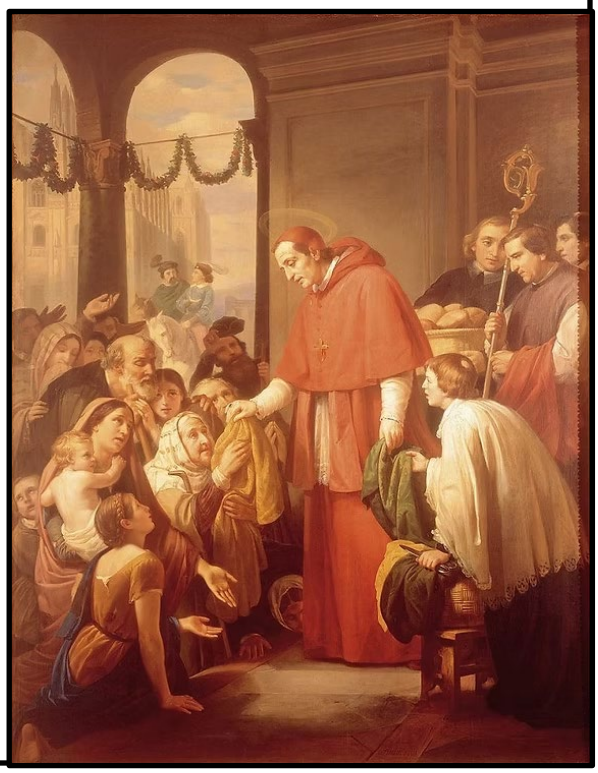
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop November 4th
Patron of Seminarians

St. Charles, of the noble family of Borromeo, was born in 1538 on the banks of Lake Maggiore, Italy. He studied at Milan and afterward at the University of Pavia, where he received his Doctorate in Civil and Canon Law in 1559. His uncle, the Cardinal de Medici, having in the same year been elected Pope under the title of Pius IV, sent for him and created him Cardinal, and a short time afterward nominated him Archbishop of Milan, though he was only twenty-two years of age.

At the same time Charles was detained at Rome by the Pope and he began to labor diligently in the interests of the Church. There he founded the Vatican Academy for literary work. As Papal Secretary of State, he was instrumental in reassembling the Council of Trent in 1562. He was active in enforcing its reforms and in composing the Roman Catechism, containing the teaching of the Council.

After receiving priestly ordination, the Saint also accepted the office of grand penitentiary. For merely honorary or lucrative positions he had no ambition. He assisted at the deathbed of the Pope in 1564, and on the election of Pius V he went to reside at Milan.

In 1572, Charles concurred in the election of Gregory XIII. In the great plague at Milan, in 1575, he showed himself the true shepherd by his self-sacrificing charity and heroism. This great light in the firmament of the Church was extinguished in 1584. He was canonized in 1610 by Pope Paul V.



PRAYER: God, maintain in Your people that spirit with which You inspired Your Bishop, St. Charles, so that Your Church may be constantly renewed, conforming herself to Christ and manifesting Christ to the world. **Amen.**

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