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## Welcome and Registration

Welcome to St. Ann's! May the Lord bless you! If you would like to register with our Parish, please fill out a registration form. These can be found at the main entrances. We ask you to inform our office if you are moving out of the parish.

**Memorial Donations:** Please keep our love for the parish alive: when recommending expressions of sympathy, please remember St. Ann Parish.

## Prayer Network — 905-648-3341

Lynn Vallentin — jamantval@hotmail.com

## Legion of Mary — phone/text Julia 289-489-9487

## **Knights of Columbus**

Grand Knight - Dan Marranca dannymarranca@gmail.com

### St. Vincent de Paul

Collection held first Sunday of the month.

## Parish Schools

Falisti Schools	
St. Ann's	905-523-2340
St. Joachim's	905-523-2341
Holy Name of Mary	905-523-2342
Immaculate Conception	905-523-2463
Bishop Tonnos Secondary	902-523-2331

# St. Ann's Parish

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## The Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## Weekday Mass

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Wednesday—Friday 8:00 a.m.

## Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

Friday 8:30 a.m.—9:15 a.m.

### Parish Office Hours

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## <u>Baptism</u>

Please call the parish office. Six weeks notice is usually requested.

#### Marriage

You are asked to call the parish office to make wedding arrangements at least six months in advance.

### Anointing of the Sick

Upon request. Please call the parish office.

#### Catholic Funeral Rites

When a death occurs in your family, please call the parish office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

# **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **Mass Intentions**

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 26, 2025

## Tuesday, October 28th

7:00 p.m. **†** John & Paul Vasilak

† Peter Doucet† Rosarino Leo† Alberto Bentivogli

## Wednesday, October 29th

8:00 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory

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# Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. † Peter Doucet

# Friday, October 31st

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Donna Slaviero

Intentions of Alexander Watts

† Judy & Dan Summers

## Saturday, November 1st

5:00 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory

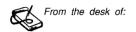
# Diocesan Prayer Calendar World Mission Sunday

Week of October 26, 2025

This week we especially pray for:

Monday Rev. John Ha
Tuesday Rev. John Schnurr
Wednesday Pallottine Fathers, S.A.C.
Thursday Rev. Joseph Gregory Michel
Friday Rev. Wilson Andrade, C.S.C.
Saturday All Saints Day

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as married couples, priests, consecrated virgins, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.



## **DAVID DAYLER**

## A REFLECTION ON ALL SOULS DAY

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Church pauses in quiet reverence. The candles are lit, the incense rises, and we pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. All Souls' Day is not a day of fear or superstition, but of profound hope. It is the day when the Church, in her motherly tenderness, gathers her children to remember — and to intercede — for all the faithful departed.

We believe, as Catholics, that death does not have the final word. In Christ, life is changed, not ended. Yet, the Church also teaches that the journey toward perfect communion with God may not be complete at the moment of death. Some of our brothers and sisters are still being purified in love — that place we call purgatory, not as punishment, but as mercy. It is the divine fire that refines the soul, burning away whatever still clings to self and sin, until only love remains.

This truth moves us to prayer. We pray for the dead because we believe in the power of grace. Our prayers, our Masses, our sacrifices — they reach beyond the veil. The love of the Body of Christ transcends time and space. When we pray for the souls in purgatory, we are exercising one of the most beautiful expressions of Christian charity. We are saying to them: "You are not forgotten. You are loved."

There is something profoundly human about remembering our dead. Cemeteries become places of pilgrimage on this day — not of despair, but of gratitude. We bring flowers, light candles, whisper prayers. These gestures remind us that we belong to a great communion — the Church on earth, the Church in purgatory, and the Church in heaven — all bound together in Christ's love.

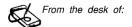
All Souls' Day also invites us to reflect on our own mortality. In a culture that often avoids the topic of death, the Church calls us to face it with faith. "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return," but also remember that God breathed His life into that dust. Our destiny is not the grave, but glory. The way we live now — our acts of mercy,

forgiveness, prayer, and love — prepares our hearts for that final union with God.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "I go to prepare a place for you." This promise gives meaning to All Souls' Day. We are a pilgrim people, on our way home. Those who have gone before us are still on that journey, and through our prayers, we walk with them. So today, let us pray with confidence: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

And may we live each day with the quiet awareness that our lives are intertwined with those who have gone before us. One day, by God's mercy, we too shall see the face of Love — and in that moment, all souls shall be home.

— David Dayler —



FR. PETER NGUYEN

# THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS AND THE BOOK OF LIFE

In the month of November, the Church celebrates two very special days: All Saints Day and All Souls Day. These days remind us of something very beautiful we believe as Catholics — the Communion of Saints. What does "the Communion of Saints" mean? It means that all of God's people — those in heaven, those in purgatory, and those of us here on earth — are part of one big family!

God made the whole world to work together. Nothing can live all by itself. Plants, animals, and people all need each other. Even God is not alone — He is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — three Persons who share one perfect love. Because we are made in God's image, we are also made to love and care for one another.

When Jesus taught us to pray, He said "Our Father", not "My Father." That reminds us that we all belong to the same family — God's family. St. Paul says that the Church is like a body: every person is an important part, and all the parts work together. We help one another through love and prayer. That's what the Communion of Saints is all about:

The Saints in Heaven who are already with God,

- The Souls in Purgatory who are being made ready to see God, and
- We on Earth, who are still learning, praying, and following Jesus.

On All Saints Day, we thank God for all the holy men and women who loved Him and now live with Him in heaven. They are our heroes of faith, and they pray for us every day.

On All Souls Day, we remember and pray for all who have died — our family members, friends, and everyone who needs our prayers. We do this because love never ends. Even after someone dies, our prayers can still help them. That's why, during November, we have The Book of Life in front of the Sacred Heart Statue.

You are invited to write the names of your loved ones in that book. At every Mass, we will pray for them — thanking God for their lives and asking Him to bring them close to His heart in heaven.

So this November, let's remember that we are never alone. We are all part of God's great family, connected by love and prayer — in heaven and on earth.

May God bless you and all the people you love. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

— In Christ, Father Peter —

## **MEMORIAL MASS**

We will celebrate a Memorial Mass for our departed loved ones on:

## Tuesday, November 4, 2025 — 7:00 p.m.

During this Mass, we will especially remember all who have died in the past year. You and your family are warmly invited to join us. Let us come together — in faith, in hope, and in love — to pray for those who are still part of us, even if we no longer see them.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

# **St. Ann, Pray for Us**