Dear Padre,

Growing up, I was never taught how to pray, just how to recite prayers. After a lot of reading about prayer, I find myself conflicted about to whom I pray. At church, we pray to Jesus. But, on the other hand, God is the Almighty One who gave me life. And to make it even harder, there are Mary and the saints. So, to whom do I pray?



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A person can end up reciting long formulas of prayers or decades of the rosary without being mentally present. Distraction in prayer is a major problem. Real prayer is conversation with God. God appreciates having our full attention.

If you really look at the prayers of the Mass, you'll see they are all directed to God the Father, with the exception of a prayer that is said to Jesus before Communion. We pray *through* Christ *in* the Holy Spirit *to* God the Father in all the other prayers. However, the Persons of the Blessed Trinity are not jealous of one another. To honor the Father brings immense pleasure to the Son, and vice-versa.

And praying to Mary and the saints is better understood as asking them to pray *with* us. Jesus said that when two are in agreement about anything they pray for, God will grant that prayer. (See Matthew 18:19.) We exercise the option of praying with others when we invoke the saints.

The great thing is that any genuine prayer is a tremendous help to one's spiritual life. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The mystery of the communion of saints…reminds us of the final destiny of humanity: a great celebration in which we rejoice together…admiring the multifaceted beauty of faces, all different and all resembling the face of Christ…. How this contrasts with the tragedies that the human family is suffering because of injustice and war.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

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Monday
November 2
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
Wis 3:1–9
Rom 6:3–9
Jn 6:37–40

Tuesday
November 3
Weekday
Phil 2:5–11
Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday
November 4
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Phil 2:12–18
Lk 14:25–33

Thursday
November 5
Weekday
Phil 3:3–8a
Lk 15:1–10

Friday
November 6
Weekday
Phil 3:17—4:1
Lk 16:1–8

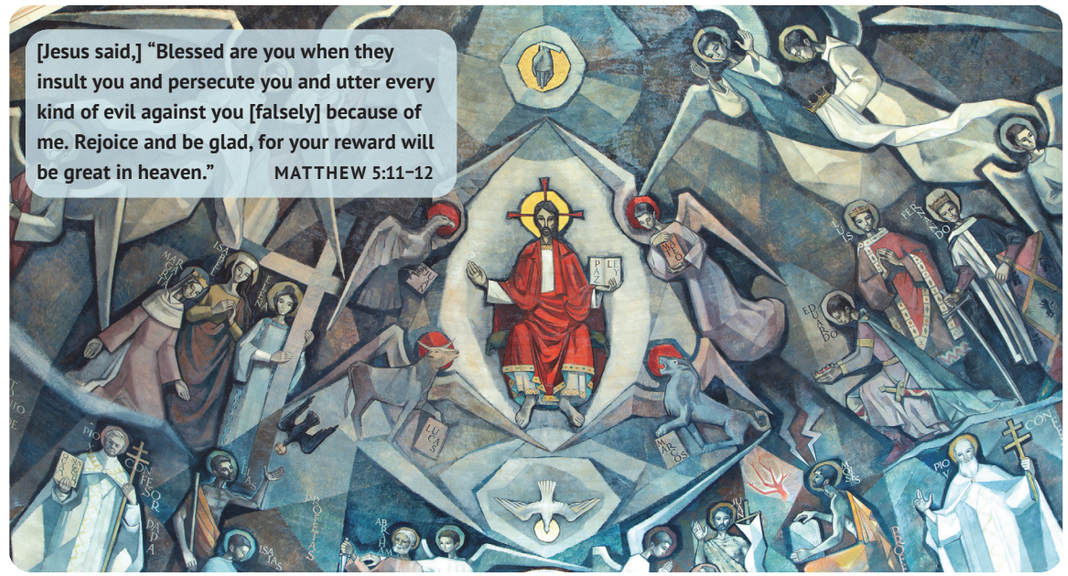
Saturday
November 7
Weekday
Phil 4:10–19
Lk 16:9–15

Sunday
November 8
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 6:12–16
1 Thes 4:13–18
or 4:13–14
Mt 25:1–13

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November 1, 2026
All Saints
Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14 / 1 John 3:1–3 / Matthew 5:1–12a



Come and Get It!

MIGUEL DULICK

What a lovely feast when we hear again the familiar beatitudes. Blessed! Blessed! Blessed! Are you poor in spirit? Come on down—you get the kingdom of heaven! Are you mourning? Comfort on call! Meek? This land is your land! Hungering for righteousness? Your marching days are done! Are you merciful? You ain't seen nothin' yet! What about clean of heart? That's hard to live up to, but the reward is that you get to see God! Peacemaker? "Why, you're one of my own children!" says God. And, finally…insulted and persecuted? Crowned in heaven; that is your reward!

How many saints are there? According to the Book of Revelation, "A great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue" (Revelation 7:9). Pope John Paul II took that as a mandate, multiplying saints beyond the capacity of the calendar to accommodate them; he wanted every community to have a patron saint. Pope Benedict kept up the "multitude-ing," and, in 2015, Pope Francis declared Archbishop Oscar Romero—long called *"San Romero de las Americas"* by the faithful of El Salvador since his assassination in 1980—a martyr *in odium fidei,* that is, he had been murdered out of hatred of his faith. This led to his beatification in the same year and his canonization by Pope Francis in 2018. I visited his tomb in 1985, and there were already hundreds of notes stuck on the wall, all grateful for *el milagro*—the miracle. Saints of God, pray for us. ●

Reflect

Who are my special saints? Why?

LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF *OUR PARISH COMMUNITY*

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (All Saints)

Nov 1, 2026

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Mt 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions are the key to happiness.

Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety, and depression than ever before. The lives of the saints show that the key to a happy life is relationships. Relationships with God and each other.

Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

~Archdiocese of St. Louis

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November Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV

~~ **For the proper use of wealth** ~~

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri Nov 6	**First Friday Holy Hour** 6pm at STC
Sat Nov 7	**First Saturday Devotion** 8-9am at SHJMC
Wed Nov 11	**Veterans Day** – school & parish offices closed; 6pm **Patriotic Rosary** at STC

Catholic Social Teaching begins Mon, Nov 16 at 6pm at Dcn Ron and Betsy's home. Five Monday evenings at no cost to you. Call/text Betsy at 907.347.6618 to register. All are welcome to learn, share and grow in faith.





Church teaching—including the Catechism of the Catholic Church—states that **active participation in public life and the political process is a duty**. Pope Francis has described politics as one of the highest forms of charity.



