

Our Lady of the Waters

Church

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 3, 2024

Dear parishioners,

May God's grace and peace be with you. In this month of November, we remember in prayer our loved ones who passed away.

The roots of this noble Christian tradition of praying for the dead comes from our understanding of purgatory. Our catechism states,

All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. (CCC 1030-1031)

Saint Paul writes about this process of purification in his First Letter to the Corinthians, 3:12-15:

If anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, the work of each will come to light, for the Day will disclose it. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire [itself] will test the quality of each one's work. If the work stands that someone built upon the foundation, that person will receive a wage. But if someone's work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire.

As our loved ones in purgatory undergo this process of purification before being with God in Heaven, our prayers for them are an act of charity and a help for them.

We also pray to the dead to intercede for us to God. In Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 12, he alludes to the "cloud of witnesses" who spur us on in our own race here on earth through their prayers to our heavenly Father.

Throughout this month of November, be assured of my prayers for your loved ones

Parish Priest

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Parish Office Hours

Mon., Wed., Fri., & Sat. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
or by appointment

Closed Tues., Thurs., Sun., Holidays and Holy Days of Obligation

Eucharist Regular Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Mon. to Fri. 6:00 p.m.

Holy Hour

First Friday 6:30 p.m.

Confessions

Mon. to Fri. 5:30 p.m.

1st Friday 6:45 p.m. (during Holy Hour)

Baptism

Celebrated after Sunday masses except on certain holy days. Please contact the parish office about necessary preparation class and sponsorship requirements.

Wedding

Please contact the parish office to schedule necessary marriage preparation and wedding.

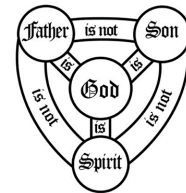




Family Faith Formation

This Sunday, November 3, our Faith Formation parents/godparents and students will meet in the Social Hall immediately after the 9 a.m. mass.

The last Sundays of the month are designated Youth and Family Mass Sundays, please contact Ms. Alma if there are any youth and/or family members interested in singing or playing piano with the music ministry, or training to be an altar server for these masses.



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who have passed away.

Eternal rest grant on to their souls, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed, rest in peace. Amen.

Sincerely,

Fr. Jeff

thank you

Stewardship

Stewardship Pledge Cards are available in the office. Please consider supporting our parish weekly with a pledge. Thank you for your help.

Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is always in need of food items to distribute to those who are homeless. Please consider donating food items weekly to feed a person in need a meal.

Last Sunday's Collection	
1st Collection	\$2,025.00
2nd Collection Typhoon Assistance to the Philippines	\$784.00

November 2024 Parish Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9 am Mass Family Faith Formation parents, godparents, students meeting	4 5:30 pm Confession 6 pm Mass	5 5:30 pm Confession 6 pm Mass	6 5:30 pm Confession 6 pm Mass	7 5:30 pm Confession 6 pm Mass	8 5:30 pm Confession 6 pm Mass <i>Rachel's Vinyard Retreat</i>	9 5 pm Mass <i>Rachel's Vinyard Retreat</i>
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