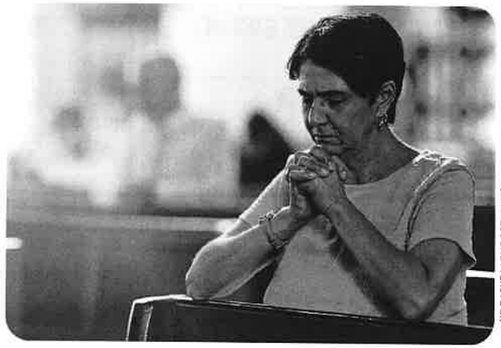
Dear Padre,



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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?

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

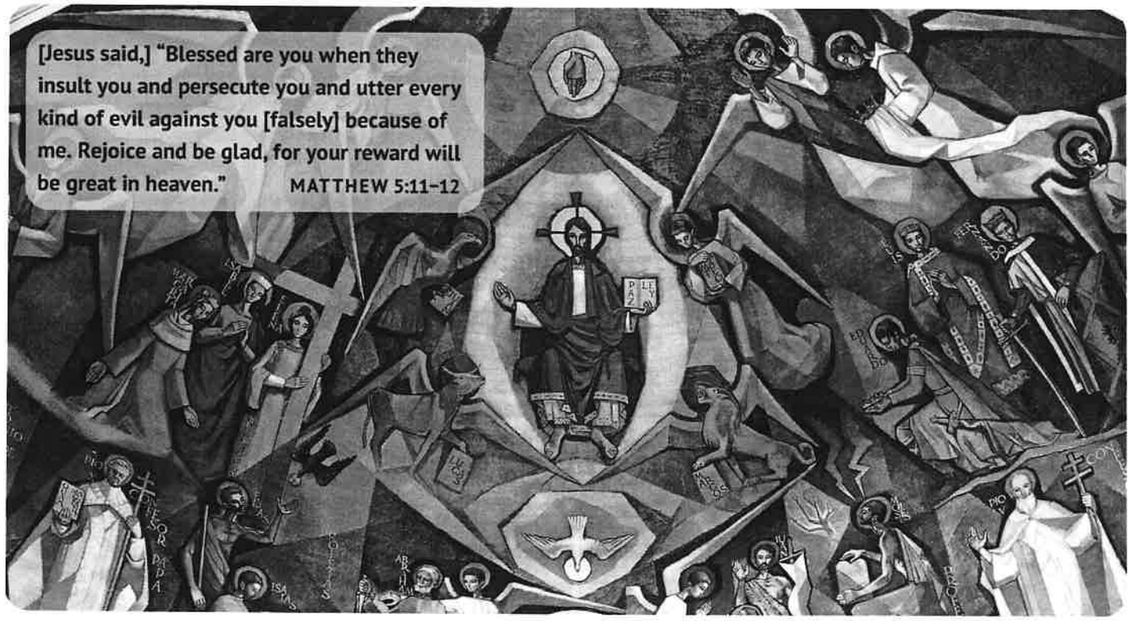
Friday
November 6
Weekday
Phil 3:17—4:1
Lk 16:1–8

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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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?

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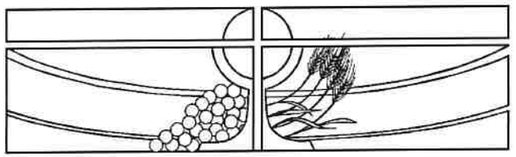


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Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty," "The Wonder-Worker," because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you.

For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being, and who had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more. You were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction.

Ask of God and Our Lady, the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you. O St Peregrine, pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo.

Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, gather our Holy Father under your mantle. Stay close to him in his suffering and comfort him as you comforted your Son. Bring our prayers to the Lord, that He may grant him healing and give him strength to keep shepherding the Church and serving the world. Amen.

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Catholic Living: Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko was a priest in Poland during the times when Pope John Paul made his visits to Poland. Fr. Jerzy had not taken part in politics until he offered to celebrate Mass in a factory with striding ship workers in Gdansk. "It was a turning point in his life. The workers' struggle for justice, he realized was truly a spiritual struggle. He became their chaplain." As he accompanied them, he was repeatedly interrogated and threatened with arrest. "On October 19, 1984, he was abducted by security police, beaten and drowned in a reservoir." He was beatified in 2010. "It is not enough for a Christian to condemn evil, cowardice, lies and use of force, hatred and oppression. He must at all times, be a witness to and defender of justice, goodness, truth, freedom, and love. He must never tire of claiming these values as a right both for himself and others." *Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko from blessed Among Us, Robert Ellsberg.*

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Good and generous Father, thank you for your bountiful gifts for us. With grateful hearts and a humble Spirit, we ask now for timely and generous rains for our fields. We ask that You watch over those who earn their living from the earth, especially farmers and ranchers who depend on rain. Keep them safe in their work. Watch too over our homes and families, protecting them from any damaging storms and fires.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(John 14:13)

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
11/2	Monday	No Mass Today		
11/3	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Bridgeport	Tom Walsh Birthday
	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Bridgeport	"She Shall Be Called Woman"
11/4	Wednesday	No Mass Today		
11/5	Thursday	6:30 AM	Bridgeport	"That Man is You"
	Thursday	9:00 AM	Dalton	† Mary Jo Peters
11/6	Friday	9:00 AM	Bayard	† Mike Wrage
11/7	Saturday	5:30 PM	**Bayard**	† Ernest Vera
11/8	Sunday	8:00 AM	**Dalton**	† Eleanor Ernest
	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bridgeport	† Angie Lapaseotes
	Sunday	1:30-3:00 PM	Bridgeport	OCIA class

ALL SOULS
617 P STREET
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336

MASS TIMES
Tuesday – 6:00 PM
Sunday —10.00 AM

CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	$675.00
CHILDREN	$19.50
PLATE	$505.00
SUBTOTAL	$1199.50
WEEKLY BUDGET	$1525.00
MASS INTENTIONS	$10.00
ALL SOULS DAY	$115.00
TOTAL	$1324.50
BUILDING FUND	$25.00
APPEAL GOAL	$5,767.00
DONATIONS	$1400.00
BALANCE	-$4,367.00
DONOR GOAL-22	4

Thank you for your support.

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-279-2997

Ministries for November 8

Greeter	Server	Lector	Eucharist
Kathy	Daxton	Doug V	Charlotte
Caitlin G	Stella	Landon	Jerod
			Don

Rosary



SACRED HEART
1003 AVE B
BAYARD NE 69334

MASS TIMES FOR NOVEMBER
Friday – 9:00 AM
Saturday – 5:30 PM

NOVEMBER MASS SCHEDULE: SATURDAY AT 5:30 PM CONFESSIONS: 5:00-5:15

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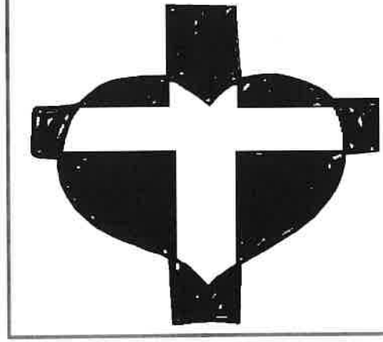
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PLATE	$124.00
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WEEKLY BUDGET	$885.00
MASS INTENTIONS	
ALL SOULS DAY	$70.00
TOTAL	$556.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	$4,381.00
DONATIONS	$960.00
BALANCE	-$3,421.00
DONOR GOAL – 15	3

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- Prayer line requests may be made to Ann 308-225-1609.
- There will be coffee on the Second Sunday.

Ministries for November 7

Greeter	Server	Lector	Eucharist
Randalls	Jordyn	Mary T	Erma
Holloways		John AR	James
			Jamie C



SAINT MARY'S
718 FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131

MASS TIMES FOR NOVEMBER
Thursday – 9:00 AM
Sunday– 8:00 AM

NOVEMBER MASS SCHEDULE SUNDAY AT 8:00 AM CONFESSIONS: 7:30-7:45

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	$615.00
CHILDREN	$6.00
PLATE	$51.00
SUBTOTAL	$672.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	$1020.00
MASS INTENTIONS	$10.00
WORLD MISSION	$30.00
ALL SOULS DAY	$170.00
TOTAL	$882.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	$7,200.00
DONATIONS	$1,550.00
BALANCE	-$5,650.00
DONOR GOAL – 15	5

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- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.

Ministries for November 8

Greeter	Server	Lector	Eucharist
Susie Y	Todd	Kathy W	Bruce
Lind		Ryan	Jim E
			R J

