

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

CATHOLIC PARISH

SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 16, 2025

33rd Sunday in Ordinary
Time

WEEKENDS: SATURDAY VIGIL: 5 PM | SUNDAY: 8 AM & 10:30 AM | CONFESSION: SATURDAY AT 4:15 PM

WEEKDAYS: 9 AM MASS (T-F) | 8:30 AM CONFESSION (TUES/THURS) | ROSARY BEFORE EACH MASS

The Power of Praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

By Fr. John Kibombo



November is a consecrated time, dedicated to deepening the bond between the faithful on Earth and the departed souls awaiting perfect union with God in Heaven. These souls, our brothers and sisters in Christ, require our prayers to complete their final purification. This act of charity is not just a duty; it is a powerful spiritual exchange that can transform your life.

For years, I was crippled by chronic, debilitating sicknesses that defied medical treatment. As a seminarian, my health was a fragile, unpredictable companion. The crisis climaxed just before my ordination with a severe, life-threatening infection of malaria and typhoid. During a moment of surreal detachment in the hospital, close to death, I made a solemn, life-altering vow:

I would dedicate my life and future priesthood to caring for the sick and, most crucially, to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Upon recovery, I faithfully embraced this commitment. I offered my November daily Masses, Rosaries, and personal sacrifices for the Holy Souls. The results were astounding: the chronic illnesses that had plagued me for years simply vanished. For 12 years, I have enjoyed continuous good health—a blessing I owe most powerfully to the silent, mighty intercession of the souls I strive to liberate with my prayers.

While Christ's sacrifice is the definitive act of salvation, God is also infinitely holy. Purgatory is not a second chance, but God's final, merciful purification, a cleansing desired by the soul itself, to remove the "scars of sin," the minor failings, and the residue of imperfections before standing in the radiant presence of God.

Their State: They are saved but cannot pray or make reparation for themselves.

Our Role: As the Church Militant (the faithful on Earth), we fulfill the command of love by assisting the Church Suffering (the souls in Purgatory) through prayer.

Their Gratitude is Your Protection: A Powerful Two-Way Street

The saints attest that the souls you help are profoundly grateful. Once freed and in the glorious light of God, they become your powerful intercessors in Heaven, never forgetting your charity.

- St. Theresa of Avila; the souls she prayed for showed their love by helping her in her spiritual and temporal needs
- St. Faustina Kowalska; Departed souls appeared, thanking her for prayers that shortened their suffering.
- St. John Vianney; Holy Souls are deeply grateful and become powerful intercessors for their benefactors

The Guarantee: When you plead for them on earth, they plead for you in Heaven. They fight for you, intercede for you, and protect you from the challenges of this life.

This November, let us make a decisive effort to hasten their passage to glory. You do not need grand gestures; sincere, simple sacrifices suffice:

1. The Intentional Prayer: Offer your daily Rosary, a decade, or a simple "Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord" for the Holy Souls.
2. The Daily Sacrifice: Offer up a small daily sacrifice—a moment of fasting, giving up a small treat or bad habit, or choosing humility—for their benefit.
3. The Mass: Attend an extra Mass or dedicate your Sunday Mass intention specifically for them.
4. The Act of Charity: Dedicate your work, an act of obedience, or a charitable deed to them, saying, "I offer this for the good of the souls in Purgatory."

By offering these simple gifts, you are fulfilling the greatest command of love, uniting the Church in an incredible bond, and ensuring you have a mighty legion of grateful intercessors awaiting you in glory.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR NOV. 16, 2025

Gospel Reading, Luke 21:5-19

Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

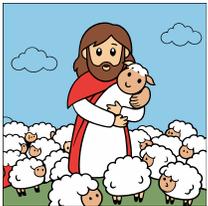
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Dinner and Faith Formation for all ages, Wednesdays at 6 pm

Join us this Wednesday evening for Fatima Shepherds' Table Night! Come and grow in faith and community. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. Starting at 6:30, adults are invited to take part in a book study, while children (ages 6 and up) will take part in sacramental preparation. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code or calling the parish office so we can plan accordingly. **Food Theme this week: Casserole Night.**

Coffee, Donuts, and a Special Presentation!



After the 10:30 am Mass, come downstairs to the Hall for coffee and donuts and a chance to hear Sr. Christiana Marie share about a beautiful way for young children (ages 3–6) to grow in their Catholic faith through Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Learn what "The Atrium" is and how we can create one here to nurture the faith of our little ones!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We are in need of volunteers to help with the coffee and donuts after the Sunday Masses. Sign up sheets are posted on the door in The Gathering Place. Thank you for your help in this ministry.



If you are looking for baptism, marriage, Holy Eucharist for the homebound, or funeral services, please contact the parish office.

PARISH STAFF

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, NOV 17
NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOV 18
(8:30 am Confession)
9 am, Fr. Vincent

WEDNESDAY, NOV 19
9 am, Fr. Hartin

THURSDAY, NOV 20
(8:30 am Confession)
9 am, Fr. John

FRIDAY, NOV 21
9 am, Fr. John

SATURDAY, NOV 22
(4:15 PM Confession)
5 PM, Fr. Hartin

SUNDAY, NOV 23
8 am, Fr. Vincent
10:30 am, Fr. Vincent

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We would like to thank Emily for her many years of dedication and service to Our Lady of Fatima Parish and All Saints School. Emily has faithfully served on the maintenance team since 2015 and will be greatly missed by so many. She has submitted her resignation due to health reasons. Please keep Emily in your prayers as she focuses on her health and healing.



Thank you Fátima Parishioners for supporting the Guatemala Mission Committee's Fall fund raiser. You contributed \$2,378 for the education of the children in the state of Solola, Guatemala.

OCIA meets Sundays
at 9 am in the parish office
 Contact Deborah Schultz at
 509-599-1189



Singing the Mass

Greetings parishioners! Many have asked about the chants we sing at Mass. Over the next few weeks, I'll share a short series about these "proprs" or chants. The Mass has parts that are Ordinary (the same each week—like the Gloria, Sanctus, and Lamb of God) and parts that are Proper to each specific celebration. The Propers include the day's readings, prayers, and choral chants: the Introit (Entrance), Psalm, Alleluia, Offertory, and Communion Antiphons. Each Proper text is chosen for that particular feast or Sunday, joining scripture, prayer, and music into one act of worship—giving God right and proper praise. 😊 Stay tuned next week as we explore where these chants come from! Questions? Contact Music Director Joel Cummings at jcummings@dioceseofspokane.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 18

Wayne Guthrie
 Req. Anette Archuleta

Wednesday, November 19

Ernie Diedesch +
 Req. by Anon

Thursday, November 20

Rob Crick+
 Req. by The Farnell Family

Friday, November 21

Kathleen Dunne+
 Req. by The Farnell Family

DAILY READINGS

2025 NOVEMBER 17 MONDAY

Reading 1, First Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
 Psalms 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158
 Gospel, Luke 18:35-43

2025 NOVEMBER 18 TUESDAY

Reading 1, Second Maccabees 6:18-31
 Psalms 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-8
 Gospel, Luke 19:1-10

2025 NOVEMBER 19 WEDNESDAY

Reading 1, Second Maccabees 7:1, 20-31
 Psalms 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15
 Gospel, Luke 19:11-28

2025 NOVEMBER 20 THURSDAY

Reading 1, First Maccabees 2:15-29
 Psalms 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15
 Gospel, Luke 9:41-44

2025 NOVEMBER 21 FRIDAY

Reading 1, First Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59
 First Chronicles 29:10, 11, 11-12, 12
 Gospel, Luke 19:45-48

2025 NOVEMBER 22 SATURDAY

Reading 1, First Maccabees 6:1-13
 Psalms 9:2-3, 4, 6, 16, 19
 Gospel, Luke 20:27-40

2025 NOVEMBER 23 SUNDAY

Reading 1, Second Samuel 5:1-3
 Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5
 Gospel, Luke 23:35-43



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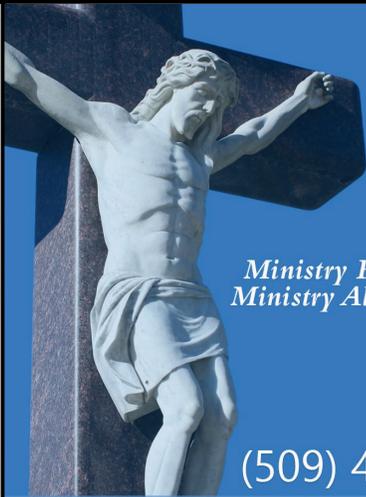
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