

Blessings and Prayerful Greetings!

We begin this month with the great **Feast of the Solemnity of all Saints**, celebrating the communion of saints in heaven who have attained eternal glory and are in the direct presence of God. They intercede for those still on earth and offer their prayers on our behalf. The communion of saints also inspires us to live lives of virtue, following the example of those who have gone before us, asking for their prayers as companions on the journey to holiness.

The very next day we celebrate the **Feast of All Souls** and throughout the month of November, we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those undergoing purification in purgatory. The Church teaches that through prayer, intercession, and offerings, the living can assist the souls in purgatory as they are purified of any remaining attachment to sin. This tradition reflects the Catholic belief in the communion of saints, which links all members of the church – those in heaven, on earth, and in purgatory. As a parish community we remember with gratitude all our parishioners who have died, especially this past year, who blessed our parish with their lives and resources, and we offer our prayers for them.

I thank all of you dear members of the parish, for accompanying and praying for me as I completed 30 years of my priestly ordination on October 24th. I am deeply touched by your love and support and continue to ask you humbly, to keep me in your daily prayers to serve the Lord and our parish as a faithful servant of the Lord. I offer my prayers for each one of you at every Mass I offer.

Our ministry to the seniors is growing and I am so happy to see many of you have come forward to volunteer and to become a **minister of care** to the homebound in our parish. On October 26, we conducted a special training for them, to help them become more empowered to engage in this valuable ministry with Sr. Lincy. If any of you would like to join the team or would like to get a visit from a fellow parishioner, please contact the parish office or Sr. Lincy. We want to become neighbors to one another and be more engaged and connected as a parish family.

We are approaching the Election Day to choose our next President, November 5th. As faithful citizens of our great nation, let us cast our vote and entrust our country into the hands of our Loving God through the intercession of our Mother of Perpetual Help.

I wish you all a great Thanksgiving as we come together with family and friends, giving thanks to God and one another. We give thanks for all the blessings God has showered upon us.

Entrusting you all under the care and protection of our Mother, patroness of our Parish.

Yours in the Lord Jesus,

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