

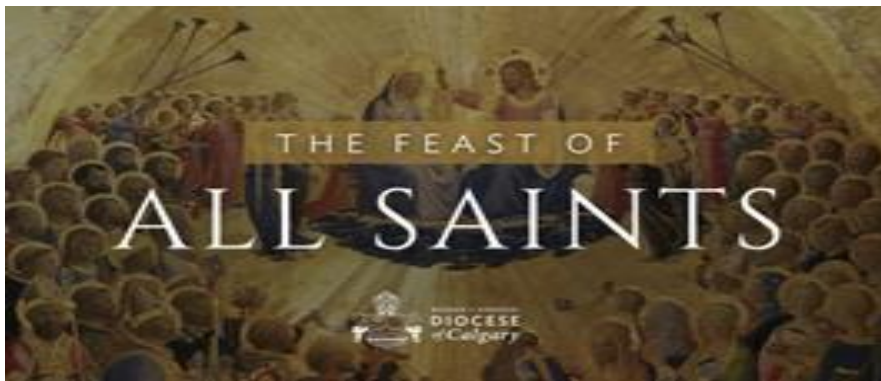


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Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

First Reading (*Rev. 7:2-4, 9-11*)

I, John, saw an Angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four Angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, saying, "Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads."

And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the Angels stood around the throne, around the elders and the four living creatures; they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."

Then he said to me, "There are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb!"

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (*Psalm 34*)

R. Lord, this is the company of those who seek your face.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it, for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the river. **R.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Someone who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up their soul to what is false. **R.**

That person will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

Second Reading (*1 Jn 3:1-3*)

Beloved: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

And all who have this hope in God purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Matthew 11*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Come to me, all you that are weary and heavy-burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. **Alleluia.**

Gospel (*Matthew 5:1-12a*)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SATURDAY'S REFLECTION: The meaning of All Hallows' Day

All Hallows' Day, the Solemnity of All Saints, or All Saints' Day is a celebration of all Catholic saints held on November 1 each year. "On this solemnity, we recall the holy men and women who, having completed their earthly journeys, now live forever with God. These saints, though not canonized, offer us models of abiding faith and love of God and neighbour" (*Essential Guide to Seasons and Saints*, 109)

Mass of Remembrance

All Souls' Day: November 2nd



Entrance Antiphon (*Cf. Romans 8.11*)

God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will give life also to your mortal bodies, through his Spirit that dwells in you.

First Reading (*Wisdom 3:1-9*)

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died;
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality;
Having been disciplined a little,
they will receive great good,
because God tested them
and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
they will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love:
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (116)

R. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. **R.**

I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted"; I said in my consternation, "Everyone is a liar" **R.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. O Lord, I am your servant; you have loosed my bonds. **R.**

Second Reading (*Revelation 21.1-5a,6b-7*)

Then, I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among humans. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new". I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. The one who conquers will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Revelation 1.5-6*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. **Alleluia.**

Gospel (*Luke 7:11-17*)

Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep."

Then he came forward and touched the pallet, and the bearers stood still. And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great Prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked

favourably on his people!” This word about Jesus spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY’S REFLECTION: The meaning of All Souls’ Day

All Souls’ Day, also known as “The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed” is observed on Sunday, Nov. 2 this year. This is when we remember people who were more like us – the souls of the faithful departed in purgatory or in process. The faithful on earth can assist these purgatorial souls in attaining heaven through prayer, good work and the offering of Mass. At Mass on All Souls’ Day, we pray that through Christ’s loving mercy, God’s “departed servants ... may be granted pardon and peace, and be brought to the joy of God’s eternal home.

A Book of Remembrance is available for you to write the names of your loved ones, to be included in our community intercession. (You may also email those names to info@stfranciscalgary.com)

Pope’s prayer intention for November 2025: *For the prevention of suicide: “Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.”*

Our Parish Life of Service

Mass Times

- WEEKDAYS:** Tuesday-Friday: 12:05 PM.
- WEEKENDS:** Saturday: 5:30 PM; Sunday: 9 AM • 11 AM • 4:30 PM
- Baptism:** 2nd Saturday of the month - Parent preparation session required
- Marriage:** a minimum of six months before the desired date.
- Contact:** E-mail: info@stfranciscalgary.com or Tel: 403-266-2512.
- Confessions:** 20 minutes before all masses or after.
- Rosary:** 30 minutes before Mass.
- Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** after Wednesday Mass.
- Eucharistic Divine Mercy Adoration:** 20 Minutes before Mass, every 1st Friday of the month.

OUR OFFERING TO THE LORD for the week of Oct 21 – 26, 2025 Regular Collection: Loose: \$ 744.00	TOGETHER IN ACTION (TIA) Our Parish 2025 Goal: \$ 13,861.99 Raised to date: \$ 8,171.00
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Envelopes: \$ 1,627.00 Opening Fund from Diocese: \$ 2,681.95 Transfer Mass Intention to Diocese: \$ 1,155.00 Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our parish.	To raise: \$ 5,690.99 Please help our parish get a goal of TIA as our Diocese asks for. Thank you very much. May God show His grace for your generous donations.
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