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Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:12

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Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31, 2026
5:00PM RODZON EXCONDE MANGROBANG 12 YEARS DEATH ANNIV.
MARGARET M. LONG HEAVENLY ANNIV.
CATHY ROONEY CAULFERS.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2026
8:00AM CATHERINE TATTAM.
11:00AM AURELIA MEDINA.
BIENTE LO KUA AND MICHAEL TCHAO YU CHIN.
JAMES MURTHA.
12:30PM RAFAEL MELENDEZ..

MONDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2026
12:00PM ALL PARISHIONERS.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2026
12:00 PM PRO POPULO.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2026
12:00PM MILTON GOGGANS

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2026
12:00PM ANNAMAY SULLIVAN SMITH.
7:00PM _____

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2026
12:00PM BIENTE LO KUA AND MICHAEL TCHAO YU CHIN.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2026
5:00PM TERESA OCAMPO MANGROBANG 19 YEARS DEATH ANNIVERSARY.
ROBERT JABLONSKI.
DAVID LIBONGCO.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2026
8:00AM ROBERT AND ELIZABETH JABLONSKI.
MONICA J. BLACKER.
MATTHEW CHILCOTTE 10 ANNIV. IN HEAVEN
11:00AM AURELIA MEDINA.
ROBERT AND ELIZABETH JABLONSKI.
CARLOS NUGUID MENDIOLA JR.

12:30PM _____

THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2026.
In memory of:
MARGARET M. LONG.

THE ALTAR CANDLES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2026.
In memory of:
MARGARET M. LONG.

Readings for the Week – November 1, 2026

Monday Wisdom 3:1-9 / Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9 / John 6:37-40
Tuesday Philippians 2:5-11 / Psalms 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32 / Luke 14:15-24
Wednesday Philippians 2:12-18 / Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14 / Luke 14:25-33
Thursday Philippians 3:3-8a / Psalms 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Luke 15:1-10
Friday Philippians 3:17-4:1 / Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 / Luke 16:1-8
Saturday Philippians 4:10-19 / Psalms 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9 / Luke 16:9-15
Sunday Wisdom 6:12-16 / Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 / Matthew 25:1-13

Lecturas de la Semana – 01 Noviembre, 2026

Lunes Sabiduría 3, 1-9 / Salmos 22, 1-3. 4. 5. 6 / Romanos 5, 5-11 o Romanos 6, 3-9 / Juan 6, 37-40
Martes Filipenses 2, 5-11 / Salmos 21, 26b-27. 28-30ab. 30c. 31-32 / Lucas 14, 15-24
Miércoles Filipenses 2, 12-18 / Salmos 26, 1. 4. 13-14 / Lucas 14, 25-33
Jueves Filipenses 3, 3-8 / Salmos 104, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7 / Lucas 15, 1-10
Viernes Filipenses 3, 17-4:1 / Salmos 121 / Lucas 16, 1-8
Sábado Filipenses 4, 10-19 / Salmos 111, 1-2. 5-6. 8a y 9 / Lucas 16, 9-15
Domingo Sabiduría 6, 12-16 / Salmos 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8 / 1 Tesalonicenses 4, 13-18 o 1 Tesalonicenses 4, 13-14 / Mateo 25, 1-13

November 1, 2026

Dearest Parish Family Member:

Greetings in the Lord!

As your Pastor, I am charged with the prudent management of the finances of our parish. The Finance Council and I meet four times a year to discuss the financial aspects of the operations of our church. The Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 is hereby shared with you today. We continue to need your financial support for our operation.

We submitted our FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 Final Budget to the Chancery at the end of September. We will anticipate an annual operating surplus of $ 33,715.00 for this Fiscal Year this time. Likewise, we are going to expect a steady year over year rental increase income. We just have had some changes in the school building rental again. The French American Academy will be leaving after the completion of this school year. Fortunately, a charter school will be taking over the St. Nicholas school building. The income from these leases will help us pay down the debt to the Archdiocese, which has continued since 2001.... currently sitting at approximately $ 1,300,000.00. This debt is composed principally of unpaid obligations from the school and the parish, such as pension, healthcare, property insurances, assessment, etc. A significant contributor to our increased debt recently is the amount of $ 95,000.00 charged to the parish and passed along to us to cover the 2024 school closing.

While our financial outlook has improved significantly, we continue to face increasing rising insurance costs and significant repair project costs. Repairs to our aging buildings and infrastructures will continue in the future, indeed. Your support is very crucial.

We are saddened by the loss of some of our longtime parishioners and, by the same token, we are glad to welcome new members to the parish --- Pease make them feel at home.

God bless you all!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Ordanico "Dani" DelaPena

Saint Nicholas Church

Financial Report FY2026
Parish Bulletin (November 1, 2026)

Revenues		
Sunday & Holyday Collections		$200,684
Weddings, Baptisms, & Funerals		5,195
Rental Income and Unrestricted Gifts		64,717
Religious Education		5,072
Activities and Fundraisings		67,063
Other Ordinary Income		13,673
Special Collections		12,221
Restricted Rental income (School)		175,000
Interest Income		5,153
Other Restricted Income		26,335
	Total Revenues	$575,113
Expenses		
Salaries & Benefits		$233,168
Contracted Services		14,596
Plant Related		143,056
Utilities		107,531
Supplies & Equipment		16,320
Assessments		39,025
General Expenses		52,389
	Total Expenses	$606,085
Net Deficit FY 2025-2026		($30,972)
Additional Information		
Debt to Archdiocese		487,892
Emergency Loan for School Closing (New)		86,719
Health Benefits Payable		764,558
Total Historical Debt/Accumulation since 2009		1,339,169

November 1, 2026 – Feast of All Saints

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The annual arrival of the first days of November, with their significance for the Church, also ushers in the coming holiday season and its special secular parades. One parade for Thanksgiving Day in Philadelphia and New York; the other for New Year's Day in Pasadena, California, for the Rose Bowl. The whole idea of parades came to my mind as I imagined such a happening to put on display all the holy people we call Saints on their march toward heaven. Behind them come the Holy Souls leaving purgatory and joining in the march.

The Gospels tell us all about it, but it is today's Second Reading from St. John's Letter that gives us added joy, because we are more than spectators to the event. We have the right to join in the "parade" when our appointed time comes because of what we are by our Baptism and grace.

We are God's children! Not by anything of our own merit, but by the "love the Father has bestowed on us."

To keep the metaphor going, we don't have to exit the parade and watch it pass us by. We have been chosen to join in! Unless…There is always an "unless" in this life. And in this case it refers to our inherent weakness; our tendency to forget God's place in our lives; our personal sins; our rejection, outright or subtle, of our given identity as His children. Why? The simple answer is that Satan never sleeps.

Do you think that Satan would ever want you to keep the very identity he forfeited by his sin? That you would ever vacate purgatory? Of course not! He wants to lull us ever so cleverly into thinking that God is a phantom and our fate has no connection to Him. So, we are in a battle all our time here on earth, and we need all the strength God's grace gives us to win it.

So pay no attention to the hucksters of "heaven on earth." It's entirely a big lie. The truth shines bright and clear in the Bible and the teaching of Christ's Church.

Rev. Peterson's Reading & Gospel Summary

Reading I: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Blest with the seal of God's protection, the multitude of saints who were faithful throughout tribulation purify their robes for service in the heavenly temple.

Reading II: 1 John 3:1-3

By the grace of faith via the water and Spirit of Baptism, the sons and daughters of God share in His nature and have the dignity of being His children. As the eighth Beatitude makes explicit, they will have direct vision of Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

The famous Sermon on the Mount contains the Law of the New Covenant, or Testament. Among the virtues, the Eighth Beatitude names "the pure of heart," in today's Second Reading, and refers to those souls undefiled by evil and lustful thoughts. These find their true treasure in heaven.

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