



Mary Help of Christians Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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November 23rd, 2025 † Last Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, Nov. 23, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – St. Clement I, PM

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Mon., Nov. 24, HOLY MASS 11:15 am – St. John of the Cross, CD

In reparation for sins against God and the Conversion of Hannah Ryan (Peck)

Tues., Nov. 25, No Mass in Springs – St. Catherine of Alexandria, VM

My Mother's Soul to Go to Heaven (Hai-Ping Yuaan)

Wed., Nov. 26, No Mass in Springs – St. Sylvester, Ab

Private Intention (Fries)

Thurs., Nov. 27, No Mass in Springs – Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Private Intention (Fries)

Fri., Nov. 28, No Mass in Springs – Feria (St. Catherine Laboure, V)

RIP Mary Watson (Martinez)

Sat., Nov. 29, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – BVM Saturday

RIP Jorge Hernandez, Jr

Sunday, Nov. 30, HIGH MASS 9:00 am – First Sunday of Advent

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Serving Schedule:

Sun., Nov. 23rd: Alexander Vigil, John Fries

Mon., Nov. 24th: Andrew Fries, Jude Vigil

Sat., Nov. 29th: Dominic Pulliam

Sun., Nov. 30th: Andrew Fries, Tobias Vigil

“O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee.” - Miraculous Medal

Confessions: Sundays – 8:00 am and after Mass

Tues. & Wed: 7:45am

Benediction with Rosary and Confessions: will be at 1:50pm on Wednesdays that Mass is scheduled

Ending Hymn: Mother of Christ

Catechism Classes: classes today, Nov. 23rd, 8:15 – 8:45 am

Blessing of Religious Articles: Following Holy Mass on the Third Sunday of each month.

PRAY FOR: Anna Ahern, Christine Flores, Frank Eberwein, Rose Borders, Mark Gilmor, Arlin Wertish, the Slusher Family, Alex and Xavier Trujillo, Pauline Buonocore, Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Joshua Potts, Cynthia Bernard, Michael Micklich, our Military and Police, RIP Gerard Crochet, RIP Mary Allie, RIP Gabriel Trujillo, RIP Mary Watson, RIP Timothy Pogar, RIP Don Hopkins, RIP Roger McCarville, RIP Joe Vogel, RIP Hol Tom Gallegos, RIP Mike Felthager, RIP Mary Gilmor, RIP Maria Atwood, RIP Charles Lambrecht and family, RIP Jose Raul Flores, RIP Frances Kwitek, RIP Susan Walz, RIP Matias & Ben Trujillo, RIP Richard Micklich, RIP Edward Ponder and all those in need. (Contact Sister to add to this list.)

CALENDARS and ADVENT CANDLES: are available in the back of Church.

FRIDAY after THANKSGIVING: is NOT a day of abstinence from meat due to a dispensation given by the bishops of the United States before Vatican II.

A DEVOUT EXERCISE: The faithful who devoutly visit an image of the Virgin Mother of God of "Guadalupe" exposed in some church or public oratory, on any of the five Sundays immediately preceding the Feast of the Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe may gain a plenary indulgence, if they make their confession, receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. (S.P. Ap. May 12, 1931)

St. Dominic Savio – Patron of First Communicants

On March 5, of the Holy Year, 1950, crowds of youth from almost every country in the world stormed the great Basilica of Saint Peter's Rome, to witness the beatification ceremony of an Italian Salesian school boy, given the title: Patron of First Communicants. Here is why. In those days of Dominic's youth, children were not permitted to make their first Holy Communion until they were eleven or twelve years old. Dominic at the age of seven knew his catechism by heart and had a clear understanding of the Holy Eucharist and a strong desire to receive It. The parish priest, however, although fully aware of the boy's rare gifts of grace and nature, hesitated to admit him to first Holy Communion because he was so young. He realized, however, that Dominic's knowledge and grasp of the meaning of this solemn act was much more advanced than that of other children. After talking the matter over with several of the local clergy, he decided that in view of the boy's spiritual preparedness he should be allowed to make his first Holy Communion. Dominic was overjoyed at the news and at once set about preparing himself as well as possible. The night before the great day, he said to his mother: "Tomorrow is my First Communion Day, so please forgive me all the wrong I have done you, and I promise to behave myself much better in the future. I will do better at school and be more respectful and more obedient." Even at that early age, he realized the necessity of striving to be virtuous. On his First Communion Day, he scribbled down on the fly-leaf of his prayer book four resolutions, which reveal what was to be the tenor of his spiritual life in the years ahead. They were:

(1) *I will go to Confession often and will receive Holy Communion as often as my Confessor will allow me.*

(2) *I will keep Sundays and days of obligation holy.*

(3) *My friends will be Jesus and Mary.* (4) *Death rather than sin.*

These resolutions made by Dominic at the age of seven show how far he was already advanced in the spiritual life, and how practical his piety was, in spite of his tender years. Dominic Savio was declared a Venerable Servant of God by Pius XI on July 9, 1933, and was beatified by the Holy Father, our beloved Pius XII, on March 5, of the Holy Year of 1950. This was a great day of triumph for this schoolboy who had sanctified himself at school. There was nothing extraordinary in his life. He set before himself an ideal and he achieved it. Never before has the Glory of Bernini in Saint Peter's framed the image of a boy so young, as tens of thousands of faithful from almost every land under the sun hailed him as the Blessed Servant of God. May God in His love hasten the day when the Church will bestow the supreme glory of sainthood on this Schoolboy Confessor, who in life was on fire with the ideals: "Death rather than sin."

"If I could win all my schoolmates to God, how happy I should be."

