Clement Manor

PASTORAL CARE

SPIRITUAL GROWTH PACKET

All Saints Day **November 1. 2026**

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.
He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.
Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven."

Few Walk It—Will You?
Solemnity of All Saints, November 1
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Do you want to get to Heaven? Most would instinctively respond, "Yes." But imagine an angel appearing to you today and saying, "The Most High God will be taking you to Heaven this very day." How would you react? Would your heart leap with joy? Or would a wave of fear wash over you as you realized everything in this world would be left behind?

In truth, many struggle to look forward to Heaven with genuine longing. We may think of it from time to time, perhaps smile when recalling loved ones who have gone before us, presuming they are "in a better place." Yet few of us live with a desire that eagerly awaits Heaven as our true home.

Today, on the Solemnity of All Saints, the Church invites us to lift our eyes to the glorious communion of saints and angels. In Heaven, they behold the Beatific Vision, gazing with awe and love upon the Most Holy Trinity. They are fulfilled. Their hearts are open, receiving God's love in its fullness and returning it with perfect charity. This eternal exchange of love deepens their union with God in an everlasting ascent of glory.

By God's mercy, if we are counted among the "few" who enter through the narrow gate (cf. Matthew 7:14), by walking the constricted road that leads to life, then, when this life is ended we will immediately know that every act of prayer, sacrifice, and surrender was worth it. The beatific gaze upon God will fill us with such radiant joy that all earthly attachments will dissolve. We will see clearly how foolish it was to cling to the vanities of this world and will be eternally grateful that we strived to overcome them with diligence.

Riches, possessions, honors, and status will be gone. None of it will matter. All we will carry into eternity is the love we lived—our love that was purified through suffering, tested by obedience, and offered as a sacrifice. This is divine charity, and its fruit will forever remain with us. All selfish love will be stripped away. Only what is of God will remain.

Talk of Heaven can be jarring to some. We often become so consumed with the present moment that we see only this present moment, seeking immediate satisfaction or resenting current struggles. Living as if this life were all we have is self-deception. It blinds us to eternity, which will be spent either in Heaven or in hell.

The path to Heaven challenges our natural instincts. Grace must elevate them, guiding us by divine wisdom rather than human reasoning. Today's Gospel reveals that wisdom: The truly blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers, and those persecuted for Christ.

Do you desire this life of beatitude? Or do you desire a life of riches, fun, pride, judgment, condemnation, an indulgent heart, self-righteousness, and freedom from all suffering and persecution? If you struggle with desiring a life of true beatitude, then fall to your knees in prayer today. Beg God to open your heart to the truth of the Beatitudes that leads to heavenly glory. The path is narrow and few walk it. Resolve to be among those few.

Reflect today on the saints in Heaven. They were not perfect on earth, but they were faithful. They allowed divine charity to take root in their hearts and persevered through trial. Read the Beatitudes slowly and ask, "Do I truly want to be counted among them?" If the answer is "Yes," then live today—and every day—with Heaven as your only goal.

Most glorious and Triune God, I long to gaze upon You, to bask in Your radiance, and to dwell in Your divine presence forever. Open my mind to understand the road I must walk, and my eyes to see the path before me, so that I may follow the example of the saints who have gone before me—embracing the life of the Beatitudes, that I may one day share in Your eternal life. Jesus, I trust in You.

Weekly Prayer Intentions:

- For the Sick: May those residents who are sick feel God's healing presence.
- For the Church: That we may follow the example of the saints by living the Beatitudes with humility, compassion, and love.
- For peace in our world: That all who work for peace, justice, and reconciliation may be strengthened in their efforts to build God's kingdom.
- For those who are sick, lonely, or suffering: That they may find comfort in God's presence and experience the kindness and compassion of others.
- For our Clement Manor community: That our residents, families, staff, and volunteers may follow the example of the saints by treating every person with dignity, respect, and love.
- For our beloved dead: That all who have gone before us in faith may share in the eternal joy of heaven with all the saints.
- For all who strive to live holy lives: That we may recognize God's presence in the ordinary moments of each day and find inspiration in the saints to serve others with faith, hope, and love.

Annual Memorial Service

Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 6pm

This is a special evening for all of you
and for us here
at Clement Manor.
We hope you will find space
To remember, to grieve,
to be comforted and to find hope.

Offer Masses for your Loved Ones
The suggested offering is $20.
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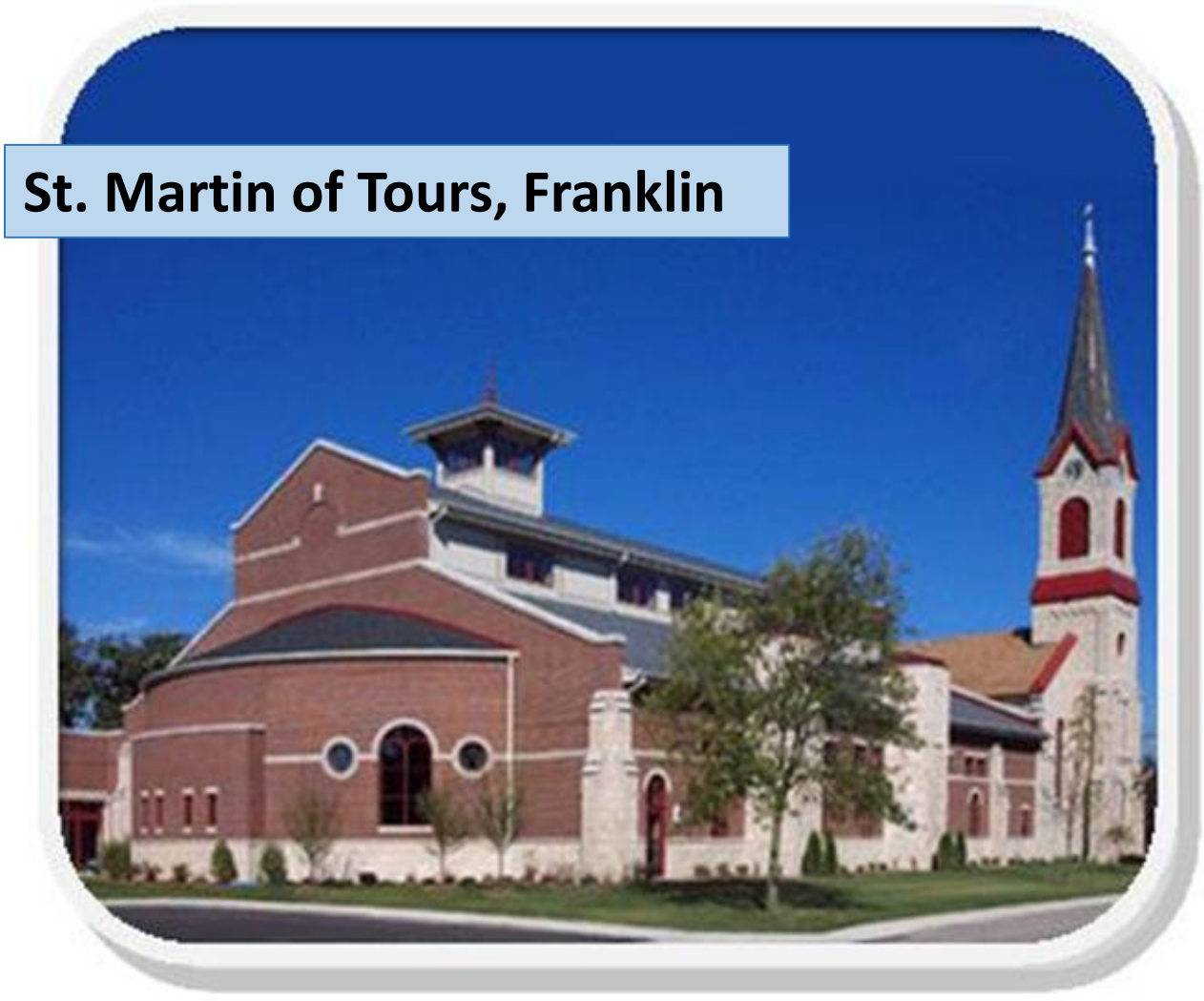
Holy Father's Monthly Intention November 2026
For the proper use of wealth
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



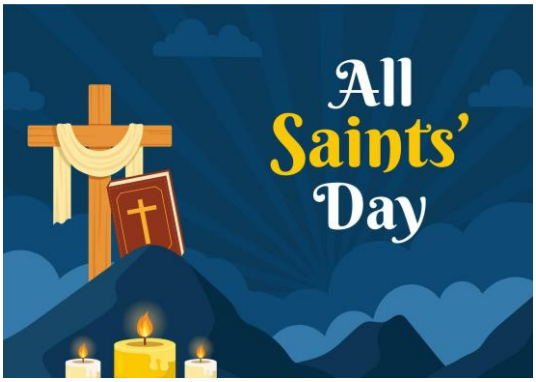
Gracious and Generous God,
You bless us with gifts, resources, and opportunities to care for one another. Help us use these blessings wisely, not for selfish gain, but for the good of all. Open our hearts to recognize the needs of those who struggle, especially the poor, the vulnerable, and those who feel forgotten. May we at Clement Manor reflect Your generosity through our words, our actions, and our service to others. Teach us to value people above possessions and to share what we have with compassion. May all we do promote dignity, justice, and solidarity. Amen.

November 2
All Souls Day
God of Compassion,
You upheld Jesus through His suffering, death and resurrection.
Be merciful to all the faithful departed, especially those Clement Manor Residents who have passed this year.
Help us to live in the hope of Your promise to one day enjoy the vision of Your glory.
May we one day know the light and peace of Your heavenly banquet. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

November 4
St. Charles Borromeo
St. Charles,
You are invoked as the patron of all those who suffer with stomach ailments and obesity.
You are also called upon as a helper for all those attempting to diet and lose weight.
Please intercede for me today and help me to control my desires and compulsions, so that I may fix my appetite on the glory of heaven.
Amen.

In Joyful Memory: Bilingual Prayer for the Days of the Dead
Dios de los vivos y los muertos—God of the living and the dead:
Abrázanos: embrace us, oh God, that through our mourning, we may be brought into the joy and celebration of Dia de los Muertos. May we relish in sweet memories of loved ones who have passed.
Recíbelos bien: receive them well, oh God, that they may be welcomed graciously and with open arms into your paradise. May they experience a joyful reunion with you, our creator.
Acompáñanos: walk with us, oh God, that those loved ones who have gone before us into eternal life might walk with us in spirit, offering us their love and support through you.
Ruega por nosotros: pray for us, that we might continue to serve you well, oh God. In your name, we pray: AMEN.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS:



Daily Reading for
Sunday November 1, 2026
Reading 1, Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12
Reading 2, John 3:1-3

Daily Reading for
Monday November 2, 2026
Reading 1, Isaiah 25:6, 7-9
Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 103:8, 10, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18
Gospel, John 11:17-27
Reading 2, Corinthians 15:20-24, 25-28

Daily Reading for
Tuesday November 3, 2026
Reading 1, Philippians 2:5-11
Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 22:26-27, 28-30, 31-32
Gospel, Luke 14:15-24

Daily Reading for
Wednesday November 4, 2026
Reading 1, Philippians 2:12-18
Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14
Gospel, Luke 14:25-33

Daily Reading for
Thursday November 5, 2026
Reading 1, Philippians 3:3-8
Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Gospel, Luke 15:1-10

Daily Reading for
Friday November 6, 2026
Reading 1, Philippians 3:17-4:1
Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5
Gospel, Luke 16:1-8

Daily Reading for
Saturday November 7, 2026
Reading 1, Philippians 4:10-19
Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 112:1-2, 5-6, 8, 9
Gospel, Luke 16:9-15

Daily Reading for
Sunday November 8, 2026
Reading 1, Wisdom 6:12-16
Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Gospel, Matthew 25:1-13
Reading 2, Thessalonians 4:13-17

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November: Month of our Beloved Dead

Dear Clement Manor Family,

During the month of November, the Church invites us to remember in a special way all our loved ones who have died. We keep in our prayers those who were close to us and dear to us: Parents and Grandparents, Spouses, Children, Family, Neighbors and Friends.

Please list all the names you wish remembered on the form below. Do Not Include Any Money. This is our way of saying *'Thank You'* to all those who have gone before us.

Please return the bottom portion of this sheet to the basket in the front of the Chapel near the organ. Throughout the month of November we will pray for all our beloved dead.

May the mantle of God's love and tender mercy surround you and give you peace.

Your Pastoral Care Team,

Tom Brefka, Fr. Bob Fictum, Karyl Daluga, Sister Nancy Sell, OSF,

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Please also Join Us for our November Memorial Service, Tuesday, November 3, at 6:00 pm

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