

November 16, 2025 • Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Why November is the month to recall the Four Last Things



Philip Kosloski - published on 11/06/25

November provides a perfect opportunity to reflect on the Four Last things, dwelling on our future and what happens when we die.

The month of November has always been a time of the year to reflect on the Four Last Things: death, judgement, Heaven, and Hell.

It may not be a topic we would want to meditate on, but it is a topic that the Church repeatedly brings to mind during this traditionally dark and gloomy month. Many priests will begin to preach on this

topic in the month of November, dedicating each Sunday to one of the Four Last Things.

Why did the Church choose November as a month to focus on such a theological theme? Here are a few reasons why the Catholic Church chose November for this topic.

1. Reflection of the natural world

In the Northern Hemisphere, November is a time of the year when many people watch as trees lose their leaves, and when many plants die due to the lack of sunlight. It is a time when the natural world "dies" and lays dormant until spring.

2. All Saints and All Souls

November begins with the feast of All Saints and the commemoration of All Souls, starting the month out with a very obvious reflection on death and our final destination. These celebrations often continue throughout the rest of the month with various "All Saints" day feasts for various religious orders.

3. Indulgences for visiting a cemetery

An indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed in November. The indulgence is plenary each day from the 1st to the 8th of November; on other days of the year it is partial. Death is continually brought-up in the mind of Catholics.

4. Conclusion of the Liturgical Year

The Roman Catholic liturgical year ends in November after the Solemnity of Christ the King. The year ends immediately before the beginning of Advent, which ushers in a new liturgical year.

For these reasons, November is a perfect time to recall the Four Last Things.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 15, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Paul Manley (dec)

Saturday, November 15, Vigil for Thirty-Third

Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. William Isaac (dec)

Sunday, November 16, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Martha Virginia Burgess (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners11:30 a.m. Rosemary Smith (dec)

Monday, November 17, Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:00 a.m. Lynn Marie Ciminera (dec)

Tuesday, November 18, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Bill and Helen Dubinsky (dec)

Wednesday, November 19, Weekday in Ordinary
Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations and

Fr. Wayne Genereux (liv)

Thursday, November 20, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. John and Phyllis Dalessandro (dec)

Friday, November 21, Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Phil Roach (dec)

Saturday, November 22, Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. John Arasa 80th Birthday (liv)

Saturday, November 22, Vigil for Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the

Universe

4:00 p.m. William Isaac (dec)

Sunday, November 23, Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 a.m. Ciminera Family (liv and dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners 11:30 a.m. Maggie Eagan (dec)

Grief Support

At this time, individual/one-on-one *Grief Support* is available by calling Rachel at the church office. Group support meetings will take place when a group is formed. For more information call 867-3663.



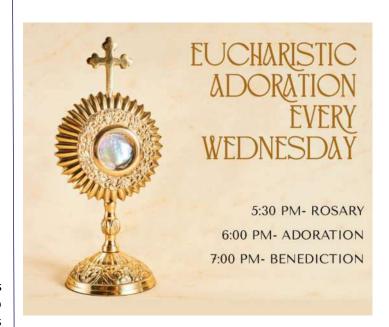
Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Following Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.



How to apply the Sacred Scriptures this week to your life.



November 16, 2025 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 3:19-20a | 2 Thes 3:7-12 | Lk 21:5-19

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We don't have to look far to find grief, violence, or chaos in our world. Perhaps it has made its way into our community or has pierced our hearts in deeply personal ways. Or even if the chaos of life has remained at a distance for now, it can be tempting to wonder if the end is near at times. But Jesus warns us against catastrophic thoughts. Listen to what he says in today's Gospel, when asked how we will know the end time is coming: "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Jesus knew we would need his clear and steady reminder. If you find yourself fearing the state of the world, turn all your senses toward Jesus. Let your anxiety, grief, and concern become catalysts for prayer.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

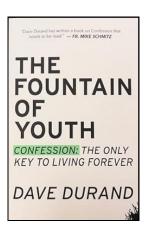
Although today's Gospel may at first be one that stirs fear, as we look deeper we realize that Jesus is speaking directly into the heart of our fear and offering his profound consolation. There is so much in this Gospel that can encourage us to continue to bear witness to Christ even in trying times. As we scroll through the news each day, remember Jesus' words to not be "terrified." If you find yourself in circumstances where it's not easy to stand up for your faith, Jesus tells us, "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." And when you look to the future with dread, remember that Jesus says, "not a hair on your head will be destroyed." Read these words again, drawing comfort and strength that the Lord is with you, guiding and protecting you through it all.

PRAY

If you find yourself feeling overwhelmed this week, pray the Prayer of St. Teresa of Ávila:

Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away:

God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This book is being given to you as part of our Self-Directed Advent Mission in preparation for a Penance Service on December 11.

Although we will not read the book in a group setting, you are invited to be part of a group sharing where you will be guided through each chapter and given the opportunity

to share your personal insights, reflections, challenges, or questions with others. **All are welcome**.

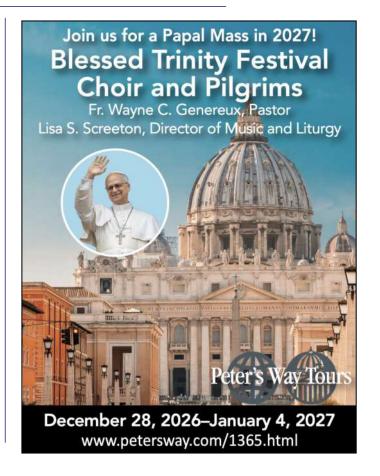
Date: Wednesday, November 19 **Time:** 10:00 am and/or 7:00 pm

Where: Parish Center, look for the sign

Group Leaders: Rachel and Joe

For more information please call the Parish Office at

727-867-3663.



Blessed Trinity and St. Vincent de Paul presents:

Christmas <mark>Ange</mark>l Giving Tree

The Angels on this tree assist our SVDP families celebrate Christmas. All Children deserve to open a gift on Christmas morning.

The tree will go up on Sat. Nov. 15th and will be filled with ornaments for our Parish families to choose from. The tree will stay up till all Angels have been claimed. Return gifts <u>unwrapped</u> with the Angel attached to the bag. (It is imperative to not lose the Angel, as it is attached to a special child.) ONLY NEW GIFTS. All gifts must be returned under the tree by Dec. 7th.

Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group Invites you to a Night of

PRAISE - PRAYER - HEALING

Where: The Cathedral of St. Jude Parish Center

5815 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg

When: Friday, November 21 at 7:00 pm



Music is Instrumental!

Help Blessed Trinity build an instrumental ensemble!
We currently have vocal and handbell choirs, but
want to build a group of instrumentalists
for the Music Ministry.

Did you play an instrument in high school? College? Community Band? Professionally?

Just for fun?

If you play guitar, strings, trombone, tuba, trumpet, saxophone, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, or percussion we NEED you!

Call Lisa in the office or email lss@btsp.org



Second Collection will be for Catholic Ministry Appeal

Prayer in Seasons of Trust

O Lord,

Be with me now, I feel so alone. Bring Your blessings to me, like the light of a candle in darkness.

Wrap me in Your mercy, give me strength to face every hardship.

Amen.

Christmas Altar Flowers For those wishing to contribute towards

the Altar Flowers, you may do so in one of two ways:

- 1.Use the "Christmas Flowers" envelope included in your envelope packet.
- 2. Complete this form and return it to the Parish Office along with your donation.

The donor's names will be listed in the bulletin and the honorees names will be placed on the Altar.

The deadline for inclusion of your name in the bulletin is Dec. 17.

Please Check One: IN HONOR OF: IN MEMORY OF: Donors Name: Donation Amount: \$

Weekly Offering

Weekly Giving 11/09/25

Offertory	\$ 8,997
Other Donations	\$ 531
Restoring the Sacred	\$ 563
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 120
Catholic Ministry Appeal	\$ 5,450

Thank you for your generosity!





Pray for Someone New Everyday

Upcoming Events Sunday, November 16 Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses PC Monday, November 17 CYH 6:30 pm Life in the Spirit Tuesday, November 18 10:00 am **Scripture Class** CYH Wednesday, November 19 Self Directed Mission Group Discussion PC 10:00 am Adoration 5:30 pm CH Rosary 6:00 pm **Eucharistic Exposition and Meditation** CH 7:00 pm Benediction CH PC 7:00 pm Self Directed Mission Group Discussion Thursday, November 20 5:00 pm Handbell Practice MR 6:30 pm Choir MR

Sunday, November 23

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses PC

Monday, November 24

CYH 6:30 pm Life in the Spirit

Wednesday, November 26

Adoration

5:30 pm	Rosary	CH
6:00 pm	Eucharistic Exposition and Meditation	CH
7:00 pm	Benediction	CH

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day, Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 28

Office Closed

BT Social Group Coffee Meeting at Paradeco after the 8:00 am Mass

Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CH=Church, CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1, CR=Choir Room, FF=Faith Formation Room, PL=Parking Lot



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Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am. 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, btsp.org

Confessions

Saturdays 2:45-3:45 pm

Parish Office

Monday—Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1-4 pm Closed for Lunch Noon to 1:00 pm

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Thanksgiving Message to Blessed Trinity Volunteers

During this Season of Thanksgiving, I am taking this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude for the exceptional service of our volunteers. Your volunteer service has not gone unnoticed, and I feel blessed to have witnessed your tireless efforts firsthand.

Your generosity in giving your time, talents, energy, and heart has made a profound impact. Through the work you have been involved in, your kindness and attention to detail, you have helped create a space where God's love can truly be felt and shared by all who come through our doors.

In the Gospel of Matthew, we are reminded that "whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine you did for me." Your service is a beautiful reflection of this truth. Through your service in the Choir, Food for the Poor at St. Joseph, St. Vincent DePaul, the Knights of Columbus, Franciscan Helping Hands, Readers, Deacon's, Ems, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Faith Formation, Coffee and Donuts, weekly collection Counters, Blessed Trinity Social Group, Parish Life, Office Staff, Ushers, Flowers for our Lady of Fatima, and your service to Addington, Westminster Shores, and Westminster Suncoast. You have not only supported the needs of our parish community, but you have also demonstrated Christ's love and compassion to all around you. Your actions are a witness to the faith we hold dear, and you have inspired so many to serve and give of themselves as you have.

Your service embodies the essence of generosity of your time, talent, and commitment to our parish. You do more than just donate your time, you change lives. Service is often thought of as a simple act of giving. In fact, it's far more significant. You weave a fabric of hope and humanity that ripples far beyond the immediate moment. Every action, no matter how small it seems, creates a lasting impact that shapes the parish community. Through your service you remind us that kindness is a currency that never loses its value, and that the simplest act of love has the power to transform lives.

You are proof that change begins not in grand gestures, but in the quiet, consistent acts of service that build a foundation of hope in all of us.

On behalf of the entire parish, I extend my sincerest thanks for all you do. Your contributions are a living testament to the spirit of service, and I am personally grateful for your dedication. I pray that God continues to bless you abundantly, as you have blessed so many of us.

May you always feel the love and joy that you bring to others and know that your work is appreciated and valued more than words can convey. As we prepare to gather with our families and loved ones for Thanksgiving, I wish you and all our parishioners a Happy Thanksgiving.

Kind Personal regards,

Father Wayne C. Genereux

Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

Arnold, Barbara **Baker Family** Barhorst, Brady Becker, Mary Brown, Bob & Beverly Calamita, John Christ, Kathryn Connor, Kathryn Cisek, Marilyn Clark, Christine and Henry Clark, Brittany Noel Comeau, Teresa Cortez, Patrick Coughlin, Bernadette Curcio, Louis Daniels, Joshua D'Azzo, Lina DeLong, Judy DeLong, Todd Feltes, Lauren Fitzgerald, Dan Gawlik, Frank and Sofia Genereux, Carol

Grace, Kelly Grimberg, Carol Gueli, Connie Gutske, Karl Hawkins, Ashlvn Hawkins, Barbara Helbig, Len Hoffman, Bette Hoskins, Kevin Huff, Walt Hunnefeld, Sarah Joyal, Christina Kartsaklis, Michael Kehoe, Jonna and Michael Kirchgessner, Marie Klima, Sue Kraynak, Gary Lague, Norbert Lashley, Diana LeVan, George Lewis, Cynthia Mattingly, Pamela Mays, Hank Membreno, Mary & Gus

Narinelly, Sarah Newcomb, Jeff O'Connor, Mary Parillo, Ceil Parillo, Dave Parmigiani, Valerie Pilcher, Joel Preeper, Helen Riley, Marie Riordan, Donald Romani, Angelo Sacks, Laura Sanderson, Jack Shelby, Montez Smith, Elizabeth Stankiewicz, Cy Vanderbeck, Cindy Vanderbeck, Jay Walsh. Thomas Watson, Linda Youngman, Ruth Zajac, Leslie



Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.



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