

Pastor's Letter

November 2, 2025—All Soul's Day

Dear Church Family,

How do you think God feels about you? When you imagine God looking at you, what expression does he have on his face? Does he look pleased? Disappointed? Amused? Angry? Our second reading for today tells us that God's basic approach to everyone and everything that he has made is to look on them with love. "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us."

In the book of Genesis we read that when God finished his work of creation he saw that it was very good. He was so pleased with what he had accomplished in the six days of creation, that he took the seventh day off to enjoy it! When God looks at you, he sees someone that he loves so much that he put a little of himself into you. He made you in his image and likeness. He loves you so much that he wants to spend all of eternity with you.

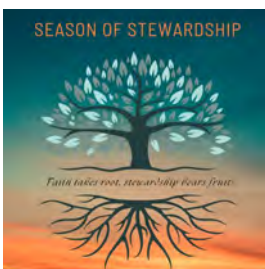
Sometimes when we read in the prophets and elsewhere about the judgments of God and his anger over our sins, we might wonder if God really does love us, but God's anger is a reflection of his passionate desire for us to experience all the fullness of life for which we were made. He's our loving Father and like a father he gets exasperated when we put ourselves in dangerous situations or waste our potential.

But nothing that we say or do can change God's default mode toward us. Nothing can make him stop loving us. When we go the wrong way he will call us back. When we reject him he will not give up on us. When we hurt ourselves he is there to offer healing and comfort. When we turn back to him, heaven is filled with joy. You can't change that. Love is what he does. Love is who he is.

Today we celebrate the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, also known as All Souls Day. We remember all those who have died and commend them to God's loving care. We can do this with confidence because of the many ways that God shows his love for us in this life which give us hope in his promise of salvation and eternal peace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott



Please take some time to review your commitment materials when they arrive in your mailbox and see where God is calling you to commit more deeply to Him in the year ahead. On Sunday, November 15-16, each parish family is asked to return their completed commitment card.



The pot is \$530 so far! \$265 would make a great Christmas gift for someone! Drawing is at St. Joseph on Donut Day, December 7.

Tickets will be available for purchase:

- **November 1** @ St. Brigid after 4:30 p.m. Mass
- **November 2** @ St. Joseph during the Trap Shoot
- **November 9** @ St. Brigid during the Donut Social
- **Anytime** from someone attending camp.