



St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 9, 2025



**The Papal Archbasilica
of the Most Holy Savior
and of Saints John the Baptist
and John the Evangelist
in the Lateran**

also known as

**The Basilica
of St. John Lateran**



Caput et Mater

*head and mother
of all churches*



**The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica**

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What a blessing to be gathered in this prayer on this holy sabbath day! Not only do we honor the sabbath by turning to God, but we turn to God in a place that has been consecrated to Him.

The dedication of a Catholic Church is a liturgical ceremony carried out by the local bishop to prepare it for the people of God. It is the only liturgy where a building is treated like a human body: blessed, anointed, incensed.

I focus on this on account of our liturgical celebration today wherein we celebrate the date of the dedication of *The Head and Mother of All Churches*, The Lateran Basilica of St. John in the Vatican. The only reason that we have this feast on our calendar is that this church connects to the life of the entire global (and heavenly) Catholic Church. It is the oldest of the four major basilicas in Rome and was the first church constructed during the reign of the emperor Constantine for the entire Christian family to pray together gathered around their bishop / pope. This Church is known as the head and mother of all churches because it was the center of Christian life and the residence of many popes for 1,000 years.

When the pope returned to Rome from France in 1377 the Lateran had been severely damaged and St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican became the new papal residence.

Every Catholic Church on earth can tie her roots back to St. John Lateran.

The prayers for today's Mass are the "*prayers for the dedication of a church*" but did you know that if we were IN the Lateran Basilica then we would pray a different version of these same prayers: *prayers for the dedication of a church on the day of dedication in the church of dedication*. This is a reminder to me and to us to remember the day of dedication of our own Church: October 12th, 1969.

It is not common that the feast of the Lateran Basilica's Dedication lands on a Sunday, but it goes to show, that when it does, its prominence is maintained in every Catholic Church on this planet. It is an opportunity and a reminder to recognize and remember the unity of the life of the Church on earth and a symbol of the perfect unity of life in the love of heaven in the Trinity of God!

Please continue to record the names of your loved ones in our parish book of the dead located in the Church or on our website's homepage link. We will keep these many loved ones in our prayers through the month of November for their happy repose and eternal rest!

As we gather for Mass on Saturday we will have concluded our NET Ministries Confirmation Retreat. It is always a blessing and a joy to have these well-trained vibrant young Catholics exemplify the joy of our faith in a way, we pray, that further invigorates the faith within the minds and hearts of our children!

Keep me in prayer, I will be away from the parish for a short vacation of prayer and study at the Abbey of St. Benedict in Kansas for the next few weeks. I am grateful to the several priests who will be with you for Mass during this time.

+ Richest Blessings,
Rev J.A. Trowbridge

Mass & Devotions



This Weekend November 8 & 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

5:00 p. m. †Dolores Hamilton (Dorothy Crackel)
7:00 p. †Auxilio Parra (Parra/Garcia Families)
8:00 a. m. Parishioners of St. Catherine
10:00 a.m. †Joseph R. Kozon (Donna Letterer)

Monday, November 10 *Saint Leo the Great, Pope*

8:30 a.m. † Rosemary & Zellon Audritsh

Tuesday, November 11 *St. Martin of Tours*

8:30 a.m. † Martin Bosshart (Eileen Bosshart)

Wednesday, November 12 *St. Josaphat*

8:30 a. m. †Cecelia Menconi (Walt & Connie Straube)

Thursday, November 13 *St. Frances Xavier Cabrini*

8:30 a. m. †Earl Amidon (Sandra Amidon)

Friday, November 14

8:30 a.m. †Dorothy Madey

Next Weekend November 15 & 16

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p. m. †Peggy Higgins
7:00 p. †Federico Avila Lara
8:00 a. m. † Roy & Steve Kuhn (Kuhn Family)
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Catherine

Prayer Intentions

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for November:

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Parishioner Intentions:

Jenny Eide, Mercedes G., Jerry Grenier,
Frank Engel, Carol Engel, Alex Humeniak,
Dale Jurs, Julie Mullins, Beau Norris,
Brian O'Grady, Mary Kae O'Grady,
Priscilla Pisarski, Doris Seyller, Pat Stankevitz,
Dawn Varacalli, Viva Villafuerte, Trish Thibault
Janice Jastrowski, Balvina Mascote, Eric Ortman
Ed Davis, Virginia Makovec, Nancy Burmeister,
Courtney LaMonteagne, Joseph Phelan

Mass Schedule

Saturday | 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. *Español*

Sunday | 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Daily | 8:30 a.m.

Confession | *Confesiones*

There will be no confessions November 11th - 18th

Saturday | 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Confessions conclude when all have been heard.

En Español | Viernes 8:00 a.m. y Sabado 6:00 p.m

Rosary

Begins 30 min. before all weekend Masses
Immediately following daily Masses.

First Friday

Adoration | 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Benediction | 6:50 p.m.

Holy Hour

Every Tuesday | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Confessions available | 7:00 - 7:20 p.m.

Benediction begins | 7:20 p.m.

En Español

Rosario

Todo los tardes a las 7 p.m. en la iglesia

Rosario de Niños Cada Jueves a las 6 p.m.

Legion de Maria

- Reuniones los Lunes a las 11:00 a.m.
información contactan Casi 815-762-7480
- Reuniones los Miércoles a las 6:00 PM. Para
información contacten a Teresa 815-784-5653

Estudio Bíblico

Lunes 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. en el salón Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Dirigido por Milton Orellana.

TRIVIA CATÓLICA

Pregunta: ¿Cómo se llama el río en el que Jesús fue bautizado?

Calendar



Announcements

November 9

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church

November 10

9:00 am - Legion of Mary | OLG Room

6:00 pm - Estudio Bíblico | OLG Room

6:00 pm - OCIA Class | DMH

6:30 pm - K of C Rosary | Church

7:00 pm - K of C Business Meeting | K of C Room

November 11 *Veterans Day*

8:00 am & 7:00 pm - No Confessions

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

9:00 am - Stitching Together | K of C Room

6:30 pm - Adoration | Church

November 12

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

6:00 pm - Legion of Mary | K of C Room

November 13

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

6:00 pm - Armada Blanca | Church

November 14

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

November 15

9:00 am - No Confession

4:30pm - Rosary | Church

November 16

7:30 am & 9:30 am – Rosary | Church

8:00 am - Noon - Mickey Mouse Pancake Breakfast

9:00 am - Confirmation 1 & 2 | DMH



In observance of Veterans Day the parish office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th.

Cemetery Fall Clean-Up - November 1-15

All decorations will be removed and disposed of during these times. If you wish to save your decorations, please remove them as soon as possible.

Knights of Columbus

Coats for Kids donations and vocations raffle ticket stubs are due by November 16th.

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Parish Financials

Weekend Collection: November 1 & 2

Parish: \$5,844 Building: \$567

Utilities: \$2 Given Online: \$200



Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835

Pledged: \$12,906

Given: \$16,300.00

Shortfall: \$15,535

St. Vincent de Paul

Donations to our poor box are forwarded to the Hampshire chapter of St. Vincent de Paul.

See page 7 for more information.



Thank you for your prayerful contributions.

Triennial National Collection for the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services

There is a second collection this weekend at all Masses. Your donation assists with the sacramental needs of our service members, veterans and their families. Donations may also be given by using the envelopes provided at the church entrances. Thank you for your generosity.

Online Giving

You can conveniently donate to our church by clicking on the “GIVE” button on the homepage of our parish website. From there, follow the simple steps to set up a variety of giving options.

From the Desk of Deacon Brian Mullins



Saint Catherine of Genoa once wrote, “My self is the only thing that stands between me and God.” She did not mean self-hatred, but the surrender of the false self — the proud, fearful, restless heart that resists being loved too completely. To let go of that self is agony, but it is also freedom.

There are moments when faith feels less like peace and more like fire. Not a gentle flame, but a furnace — hot, relentless, and deeply personal.

We pray for holiness, and God answers by turning up the heat. He knows the heart’s impurities cannot be reasoned away; they must be melted. Yet His fire is not fury — it is love so pure it burns through everything that keeps us from Him.

Malachi tells us, “He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.” God does not light the fire and leave. He sits beside the crucible, His eyes fixed on us, tending the flame until the reflection of His own face shines in the molten metal of the soul.

In this furnace, prayer becomes less about asking and more about consenting. We stop begging God to remove the heat, and begin whispering, “Stay with me in it.” The longer we remain in His presence, the more the soul begins to glow with quiet radiance — not because the fire has ended, but because it has become the very light of God within us.

If you feel the pressure of that flame now — the restlessness, the ache, the longing to be made new — take heart. The Refiner has not abandoned you. You are not being destroyed; you are being revealed.

Liturgical Roles - November 15 & 16

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	J. Jastrowski	3 open	L. Dunlap	L. Dunlap	C. Dumoulin	C. Dumoulin K. Frederick
<i>Tiempo</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>C-Monaguillos</i>	<i>Lectores</i>	<i>Comentaristas</i>	<i>Ministeros</i>	<i>Coordinadores</i>
7:00 PM <i>Semana Tres</i>	Francisco Garcia	Mariana Osorio	Lucia Serrano Pascual Alvaro Osorio	Nancy Aguilera	Irma Rivas Lucio Rivas	Angie Garcia
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	open	3 open	T. Barrett	T.Barrett	C. Ogden Mike Riedy K. Sunderlage	K. Gallagher
10:00 AM	open	3 open	A. Hughes	D. Letterer	E. Manecke J. Durham K. Coates	J. Durham L. Brummel



Estimados Feligreses e Invitados,

Como católicos, a menudo celebramos en diferentes iglesias para eventos u ocasiones especiales, pero hay un consuelo cuando nos acercamos a nuestra iglesia parroquial local. La fiesta de hoy honra un antiguo hogar para nuestra familia católica. Podríamos pensar que es San Pedro en el Vaticano, pero en realidad es otra Basílica Mayor en Roma, San Juan de Letrán. Esta es la Catedral de la Diócesis de Roma.

En nuestro evangelio, Jesús voltea las mesas del dinero. La gente estaba tomando una casa que fue construida para honrar a Dios y la habían corrompido para sus propios fines personales y financieros. San Pablo identifica en nuestra segunda lectura que nuestro cuerpo es un templo del Espíritu Santo y es santo. Estos muchos puntos se conectan con el hecho de que Dios se preocupa por nosotros y que las cosas santas se mantienen para el bien de Dios. ¡Oremos para que nuestros cuerpos, nuestros hogares y nuestras iglesias se mantengan mediante la oración y el amor para que siempre puedan dar gloria a Dios!

**+Bendiciones,
Pr. Trowbridge**

Anuncios

Libro de los muertos

En exhibición en el nártex para que los feligreses inscriban los nombres de los seres queridos fallecidos para ser recordados en oración durante el mes de noviembre. Los nombres también se pueden enviar a través de la web de nuestra parroquia.

Caballeros de Colón

Abrigos para niños de invierno

Los caballeros están recolectando abrigos para niños en el área. Las donaciones se pueden llevar a la entrada sur de la iglesia antes del **15 de noviembre.**

Lunes 10 de noviembre

San León Magno, papa y doctor de la Iglesia

9:00 am - Legión de María | Habitación OLG

6:00 pm - Estudio Bíblico | OLG Room

6:00 pm - Clase OCIA | DMH

6:30 pm - Rosario de C de C | Iglesia

7:00 pm - Reunión de negocios de C de C

Martes 11 de noviembre

Día de los Veteranos

8:00 am y 7:00 pm - Sin confesiones

9:00 am - Rosario | Iglesia

9:00 am - Costura | Sala C de C

6:30 pm - Adoración | Iglesia

Mércoles 12 de noviembre

San Josafat, obispo y mártir

9:00 am - Rosario | Iglesia

6:00 pm - Legión de María | Sala C de C

Jueves 13 de noviembre

Santa Francisca Javiera Cabrini, virgen

9:00 am - Rosario | Iglesia

6:00 pm - Armada Blanca | Iglesia

Viernes 14 de noviembre

9:00 am - Rosario | Iglesia

Sábado 15 de noviembre

San Alberto Magno, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

9:00 am - Sin confesión

4:30pm - Rosario | Iglesia

Domingo 16 de noviembre

33er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

7:30 am y 9:30 am – Rosario | Iglesia

8:00 am - Desayuno de panqueques de Mickey Mouse

9:00 am - Confirmación 1 y 2 | DMH

***Limpieza de cementerios de otoño todo los días
hasta el 15 de noviembre***

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