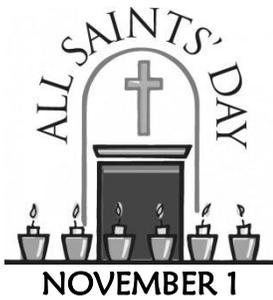


November: We Honor the Dead

In November we remember the saints and the souls of all who have died. As St. Paul teaches, love is eternal: it endures when all else passes away. This eternal love compels us to keep our loved ones in mind. The Book of the Names of the Dead will be located in the sanctuary and all are invited to write the names of those who have died. The Book will be included in our November liturgies. Read on to better understand these two days.



Every day in the Church year a saint is honored, but the *Solemnity of All Saints* is when the Church honors all saints, known and unknown. This is similar to the American holidays of Veterans Day and Presidents Day, when a group of people are honored on a specific day. While we have information about many saints, and we honor them on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been honored specifically. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these holy men and women, and ask for their prayers and intercessions.

We celebrate **All Saints Day** on October 31/November 1 at all of our weekend masses!

All Souls Day commemorates the faithful departed. Catholics believe that not everyone who dies in God's grace is immediately ready for the direct experience of God and His perfect nature in heaven, so at their death they enter a period of purification (purgatory).

The Catholic teaching on Purgatory essentially requires belief in two realities:

- there will be a purification of believers prior to entering heaven
- the prayers and masses of the faithful in some way benefit those in the state of purification.

NOVEMBER 2



Pray with us on November 2 as we celebrate an **All Souls Day** of Remembrance.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9:30am
Prayers for the Dead during our Religious Education Classes
A Service of Remembrance with Benediction at 7:15pm



The Last Things

Sunday, November 22
2:00-4:00pm
Room 106

Join us as we explore what the Church teaches about what happens when we die. Materials for future funeral planning will be available. No registration is necessary and all are welcome.

