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Parish Priest speaks...

All Saints' and all Souls' Days

As we step into the month of November, the Catholic Church dedicates the entire month to the "holy souls in Purgatory," those "who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith." The Church introduces the month's remembrance with the Solemn Feast of All Saints, November 1st, a holy day of obligation. The feast of All Saints is a day on which the church glorifies God for all the saints, known and unknown. It is during our Sunday liturgical celebration we profess our "believe in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." That profession captures what the whole month of November presents for the Church's prayer and reflection.

The "saints" are those who, because of their goodness, dedication, and witness to the Lord Jesus Christ during their earthly life, now rest fully united with Him and their fellow saints, in eternity. They "behold the face of God." That is what we believe and profess. We remain attached to them and their memory, and they to us "in communion." They are holy persons whose examples we aim to follow and their lives we emulate, and at the same time seek for their prayers and intercessions. We honour them and they intercede for us, their loved ones, with God.

November 2nd is known as "All Souls' Day" and sets the month-long prayerful remembrance of those souls who, while having led a good life striving for holiness here on earth, continue on their journey to heaven, making amends for sins and failures and purging their souls from past attachments to sin. They will be fully united to God and all the heavenly saints once they pass through this "time" of purgation (Purgatory). We who remain behind in this world can help hasten their journey through our prayers. Scriptures encourage us to do this in the Second Book of Maccabees where the sacred author writes, "It is, therefore, a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins (2 Maccabees 12:45-46)." It is one of the most beautiful expressions of our Catholic faith for we are in "communion" with the holy souls in Purgatory.

As I began these reflections, I recall visiting the graves of my dad and my sis. As I look back, I not only treasure their memories, but I also see a sobering reminder of my own mortality and human life. Today is also the perfect time to think about our own life, and our death. Death is painful and can awaken feelings that are powerful, changing, and compelling. The experience of death can be painful, enveloping the person to imagine the afterlife, the longing to be with the divine and to enter into a new experience. On All Souls Day, we are faced with the mystery of death and we are reminded of the promise of resurrection and eternal life, and therefore we ask God for mercy on those who have died and for an ever deeper and abiding awareness of the steadfast love of God expressed through Jesus Christ.

This weekend, on All Saints Day, as you attend mass, pray to God with gratitude for these heroes of our faith and celebrate their Gospel lives. On All Souls Day and throughout the rest of November, pray for those who are no longer with us here but are making their way to heavenly glory, those whose names and lives we know and those who are known only to the God, who is the goal of their journey through Purgatory. November is a special time for them in the Church year. One day, it will be a special time for us too.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Mass & Prayer Times		Date	Description
DM Chaplet Mass	8.30am 9.00am	**Sun** **1 Nov**	*Holyday of Obligation* **All Saints Day** Rev 7: 2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3: 1-3 Mt 5: 1-12
Rosary followed by Mass	8.00pm	**Mon** **2 Nov**	All Souls' Day
Lauds Mass **DM Chaplet**	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	**Tue** **3 Nov**	St Martin de Porres, Religious
Lauds Mass **DM Chaplet**	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	**Wed** **4 Nov**	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Lauds Mass **DM Chaplet**	6.20am 6.45am 3.00pm	**Thu** **5 Nov**	
DM Chaplet **Holy Hour** followed by Mass	3.00pm 8.00pm	**Fri** **6 Nov**	
Lauds Grotto Mass followed by Rosary **Novena to OMPH** Mass	6.20am 6.45am 5.15pm 5.30pm	**Sat** **7 Nov**	
DM Chaplet BM Mass	8.30am 9.00am	**Sun** **8 Nov**	**32nd Sunday** **In Ordinary Time** Wis 6: 12-16 1 Thes 4: 13-18 (or 4: 13-14) Mt 25: 1-13

PARISH / DIOCESE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS COLLECTIONS

Sat, 24 Oct (5.30pm): RM1535.70 (1st Collection) RM1010.50 (2nd collection)
Sun, 25 Oct (9.00am): RM1842.60 (1st Collection) RM1292 (2nd collection)

MEDITATION / CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING TIMES

Charismatic Renewal Group: **Wed, 11 & 25 Nov** (8.00pm) at St. Faustina Hall
Christian Meditation: **Wed, 4 & 18 Nov** (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room
Chinese Christian Meditation: **Thu, 12 Nov** (8.30pm) at St JP II Adoration Room



