

Celebrating the Communion of Saints: All Saints' and All Souls' Days

The Catholic Church honors its deceased members on All Saints' Day (November 1st) and All Souls' Day (November 2nd). These consecutive feasts emphasize the profound bond between the living and the dead.

Theologically, these celebrations reaffirm the communion of saints, where believers, both living and deceased, are united in Christ. Catholics seek intercession from saints and the faithful departed, trusting in their guidance and protection. All Souls' Day specifically supports those in purgatory, undergoing purification before entering heaven.

Historically, honoring martyrs and saints originated in early Christianity. Pope Gregory III dedicated a chapel to all saints in 741 AD, while Pope Gregory VII extended the celebration to the entire Western Church in 1078. These feasts hold immense significance. They acknowledge saints' contributions, the deceased's faith and Catholic unity. Believers are reminded of their eternal destiny, fostering spiritual growth. All Saints' and All Souls' Days beautifully illustrate Catholic understanding of the afterlife and connection with the faithful deceased. These celebrations inspire:

1. intercession: Seeking guidance from saints and the deceased.
2. Purgatory: Praying for those undergoing purification.
3. Resurrection Hope: Believers are reminded of their eternal life.
4. Unity: Emphasizing communion among all Church members.
5. Remembrance: Honoring loved ones and saints.

These feasts encourage prayer, charity and spiritual reflection. By honoring the deceased, Catholics reaffirm their faith, unity and eternal hope.

You are Invited to: All Saints' and All Souls' Day Celebrations. Join us for our special Holy Eucharistic celebrations honoring the communion of saints.

All Saints' Day: Friday, November 1st, we gather at **8:30 a.m.** at St Monica's Church to celebrate the triumph of saints and martyrs.

All Souls' Day: Saturday, **November 2nd**, at **10:30** a.m., we honor and remember beloved deceased family members and friends at St Monica's. To make the celebration more personal, bring a photograph of your departed loved ones and place it on the designated table at the front of the altar. Our volunteers will assist you in lighting a candle in their memory.

Our Book of Names of the Dead invites you to inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones. If previously added, repetition isn't necessary. Throughout November, we'll remember all listed souls in prayer.

We warmly welcome you to share these meaningful celebrations.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - This Catholic movement is for couples to rekindle their marriage. Join us on the weekend of November 16 & 17 at Saint-Yves Parish, 2975 av. Du Saguenay in Laval, QC H7E 1H6. Contact Terry & Kevin @ 514-293-1001 or Mary & Len at

514-809-7556. Please see the postings placed at the back of the church. Or email marriagencounter@hotmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS – 26 OCTOBER – 3 NOVEMBER, 2024

Saturday, 4:00pm – October 26, 2024: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Pasquale D'Addio
Antonio Bei
Ireneo Gutierrez
Doreen Greer*

*Franca & Family
Gabriella Bei & Family
Connie Ramile
Family*

Sunday, 9:00am – October 27, 2024: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Irma Baudi
Giovanna, Pietro, Americo & Arego Forlini
Luisa Santoro*

*Rosa Scarcella
Vincenzina Ferrara
Anna & Gianni Capozzi*

Sunday, 11:00am – October 27, 2024 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Cullen Family
Pierre Cloutier
Henk de Koning
Fausto Fazi*

*Jane Cullen
Teresita Lucena
Mary Ellen Graham
Francescangeli Family*

Tuesday, 8:30am – October 29, 2024: Weekday

Mario Matta

Olga Santini Matta & Son

Wednesday, 8:30am – October 30, 2024: Weekday

Thomas Doo Il Lee

Stella & Gil

Thursday – 8:30am – October 31, 2024: Weekday

Teresina Tonini

Tonini Family

Thursday – 7:00pm – October 31, 2024: Weekday

*Antonio Palucci
Assunta Santache
Nazzareno Santache*

*Maria Teresa Palucci & Family
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Friday, 8:30am – November 1, 2024: ALL SAINTS DAY –

All Parishioners Intentions

Special Mass - Saturday, 10:30am – November 2, 2024: ALL SOULS' DAY