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Thirtieth Sunday in O. T.
Oct 27, 2019

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.
— Sirach 35:17-18a

Our Lady of Fatima
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All Saints Day November 1

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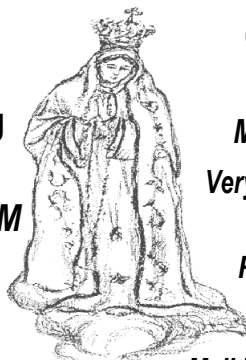
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Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM
8:00 AM 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon
10:00 AM 12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM 12:00 Noon

All Saints' Day

November 1, 2019

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

All Saints' Day is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some protestant churches, such as Lutheran and Anglican churches.

Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness.

Other countries have different rules according to their national bishop's conferences. The bishops of each conference have the authority to amend the rules surrounding the obligation of the day.

All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints.

The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday "Feast of the Lamures," a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead.

The holy day was eventually established on November 1 by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics. The May 13 celebration was subsequently abandoned.

In Ireland, the Church celebrated All Saints' Day on April 20, to avoid associating the day with the traditional harvest festivals and pagan feasts associated with Samhain, celebrated at the same time.

Following the establishment of the Frankish Empire, and following the reign of Charlemagne, the holy day, which was already celebrated on November 1, became a holy day of obligation by decree of Pope Gregory IV and Louis the Pious, who was king over a portion of Charlemagne's former empire.

Following the Protestant Reformation, many Protestants retained the holy day, although they dismissed the need to pray for the dead. Instead, the day has been used to commemorate those who have recently died, usually in the past year, and to remember the examples of those who lived holy lives.

The Catholic practice however, celebrates all those who have entered heaven, including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not.

Holy day customs vary around the world. In the United States, the day before is Halloween and is usually celebrated by dressing in costumes with themes of death commonly associated. Children go door-to-door in costume, trick-or-treating, that is soliciting candy from their neighbors. The holiday has lost much of its connection to its religious origins.

Although nearly everyone celebrates Halloween for the fun of the secular holiday, the following religious solemnity, is not widely practiced or acknowledged by most Americans unless they are Catholic.

In other countries, such as Portugal, Spain and Mexico, traditional practices include performance of the play, "Don Juan Tenorio" and offerings made to the dead. All Saints' Day occurs on the same day as the Mexican "Díe los Inocentes" a day dedicated to deceased children.

Across much of Europe, the day is commemorated with offerings of flowers left on the graves of the dead. In Eastern Europe, candles are lit on graves instead of offerings of flowers.

In some places, such as the Philippines, graves can be painted and repaired by family members. Many of these practices blur the distinction between All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

These celebrations often blur the distinction between All Saints' Day, which is properly dedicated to those who are in heaven, and All Souls' Day, on which prayers are offered for all those who have died, but have not yet reached heaven. In Mexico, the Day of the Dead holy days extend from October 31 through November 2. (see pg.5)

<p style="text-align: center;">OCTOBER 27, 2019 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>October 27, 2019 Scripture Reflections</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">10:30 AM OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS Readings: Sir 35:12-14,16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8,16-18.; Lk 18:9-14 Today's Intention - Catherine Burr</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 PM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, ALL STS. FEAST DAY, 6 PM Readings: Rv 7:2-4,9-14; 1 Jn 2:1-3.; Mt 5:1-12 Charlotte McCall (Theresa Heasley)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30 AM NOVEMBER 3, THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN O.T. Readings: Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10 Grace Ruscito, (Jan & Doug Stohr)</p>	<p>The psalmist's proclamation, "The Lord hears the cry of the poor" reflects the message of today's readings. The Book of Sirach expresses the fundamental Israelite understanding that God champions the oppressed, the poor, the widow, the orphan, and the lowly. Their prayer "pierces the cloud."</p> <p>From his prison cell, Paul writes to his fellow missionary Timothy as he foresees his imminent death. Looking back over his life, he expresses with conviction his trust in the Lord's love and mercy: "I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me."</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Cathedral Mass Intention</p> <p>October 28, Monday: Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles Readings: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6: 12-16 6:45 AM Bernadine Garcia (Jeanne Summers & Fam) 12:00 PM Madeline Vogel, Ann. (Mary Gene & Maureen)</p> <p>October 29, Tuesday: Weekday Readings: Roma 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-31 6:45AM Julienne Seidel (Ray & Mary Lutchko) 12:00PM Catherine Beech Frederick, Birth. (Family)</p> <p>October 30, Wednesday: Weekday Readings: Rom 8: 26-30; Lk 13:22-30 6:45 AM Denis Burns (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp) 12:00 PM Joe Wiedemer (Frankie Kessler)</p> <p>October 31, Thursday: Weekday (Vigil) Readings: Rom 8:31-39; Lk 13:22—30 6:45 AM Dennis Blackie Anniversary (Friend) 12:00 PM For Vocations (Rita & Jerry Kibler) 5:30 PM Cecelia Losardo, (Pat Rhoa)(Vigil)</p> <p>November 1, Friday: All Saints Readings: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12 8:00 AM Joseph A. Knott (Tim & Anne Marie Longwill) 12:00 PM Grace Ruscito (Dave & Karen Rhoa) 5:30 PM John Moloney & Joan Nedimyer (Family)</p> <p>November 2, Saturday: All Souls Readings: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40 8:00 AM Joseph Mangicarne (M/M Frank Frucella) 12:00 PM Rosemary Kwolek (Lois & Ed Simanski)</p> <p>Vigil: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings: Wis: 11:22-12 ; 2 Thes1:11-2; Lk 19: 1-10 5:00 PM Donald Godish (Friend/Mary Lysinger)</p>	<p>The parable in the Gospel is one of Jesus' most concise and forceful. Luke conveys its purpose in the introduction, "Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else." The prayer of the Pharisee expresses this attitude. In fact, the Pharisee was not praying to God, he was talking to himself as he listed all his great virtues. He considered himself to be better than the best of humanity. Contrasted to the Pharisees, is the tax collector, one of the most despised members of society. In his encounter with God, he recognized his unworthiness by uttering the simple prayer. "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."</p> <p>Luke captures the parable's message succinctly in Jesus' ending, "whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted,"</p> <p>The humble person, as all the readings illustrate, is the one who acknowledges that all is grace. Everything comes from God. In our encounter with God, we recognize our sinfulness and need of God's forgiveness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How have deep experiences of prayer affected your life? <p>AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg.139.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jesus, Son of the Living Father, Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.</i></p>

It is important to remember these basic facts:

Halloween is a secular holiday that comes the night before All Saints' Day.

All Saints' Day is on November 1, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

All Souls' Day is on November 2, and it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday that has spread in popularity into parts of the United States and across Latin America. It is celebrated from October 31 through November 2, to coincide with both the American tradition and the Catholic holy days. Those three days are dedicated to all of the dead.

All Saints Day Prayer

***Patriarchs who were the seed
of the tree of faith in remote centuries,
to the divine conqueror of death,
pray for us. Prophets that you tear inspired of the future, the mysterious veil, to which you drew the light of
darkness, pray for us.***

***Candid Souls, Innocent Saints
who increase the choir of the angels,
who called the children to their side,
pray for us.***

***Apostles whom you cast in the world
of the Church the powerful foundation,
to whom it is of the true depository
pray for us.***

***Martyrs who won your palm
in the arena of the circus, in red blood,
which gave you strength in the fighting,
pray for us.***

***Virgins like lilies
that summer clothed in snow and gold,
which is a source of life and beauty,
pray for us.***

***Monks who from life in combat
asked for peace to the silent cloister,
which is the iris of calm in the storms,
pray for us.***

***Doctors whose palms bequeathed us
of virtue and know rich treasure,
which is a stream of inexhaustible science,
pray for us.***

***Soldiers of the army of Christ,
Saints and Saints all,
pray that he forgives our sins
to Him who lives and reigns among you.
Amen***

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