

NOVEMBER - THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Hallowtide Triduum begins on All Hallows' Eve, followed by All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day. During the entire month we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those whom we have known and loved.

The season of Holy Souls reveals our reflection of our own mortality, celebrating and mourning those who have gone before us, and gently gathering all of the past into God's loving embrace. We commemorate all the faithful departed during the month of November, by remembering, praying, and giving thanks for all the dead. Praying for the faithful departed pleases God, who makes use of our prayers to help purify these souls in purgatory that He Loves.

What is Purgatory? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), purgatory is a "final purification" (CCC 1031) which is afforded to "all who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified" so that they might "achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (CCC 1030). This is why the souls in purgatory are called "Holy Souls" they have died in God's grace and they will attain heaven and the beatific vision after their purification is complete. There are several ways to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

1. Have Masses said for your departed loved ones, especially on the anniversary of his or her death. This is an act of love and remembrance; it can also be a way of making up for absences from Mass. Also having a mass said for the dead is a loving way of affirming the importance of the Mass and asking that our loved ones now come to understand and appreciate what they didn't understand on earth.

2. Pray the Holy Rosary. After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Holy Rosary is the most powerful prayer.

3. Obtain indulgences: Indulgences reduce or cancel the temporal punishment that we incur through sin. There are many ways to obtain indulgences through pious actions, and we can apply their merits to the dead. For example: Devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the dead during November 1-8

4. Give alms: the giving of material assistance to the poor has always been considered a penance that can be offered for the Holy Souls. "For almsgiving saves from death and purges away every sin" (Tobit 12:9). We can make our gift "in the name of our loved ones" or to honor their memory; we can give to their favorite charity; or contribute a gift to our Church. We can pray that any act of justice that was left undone by our family member (perhaps due to an unexpected death), might now be repaired by our act of charity.

5. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

6. Sprinkle Holy Water on the ground: St. John Macias, a great friend of those in purgatory, would often sprinkle Holy Water on the ground for the spiritual benefit of the suffering souls. It is a symbol of refreshment and washing, like a spring rain.

7. When passing by a cemetery, pray the short prayer for the poor souls.

8. Visit a cemetery: pray over the graves of your departed loved ones, or visit a random graveyard and pray for those who may have no one to pray for them. Simply doing this gains a partial indulgence for those in purgatory.

9. Spread devotion to the Holy Souls: make others aware of the great need of these suffering souls in our prayers.

10. Offer your forgiveness to those who have died who may have offended you during their lifetime - even if it was insignificant or long forgotten. Re-establish peace in this way. You can also ask forgiveness of those who have died whom you may have offended. This is not only for the good of your own soul, but also to complete and perfect the purification and enlightenment of your loved ones.

29. 10. – SUN/NE 30th Sunday in ordinary time 30. nedeľa v období cez rok Ex 22.21-27; 1 Thess 1.5c-10; Matthew 22.34-40	9 a.m. Mass for parishioners	Fr. Rastislav
30. 10. – MON/PO Rom 8.11-17; Luke 13.10-17	11 a.m. omša + tetu Annu	Fr. Anton
31. 10. – TUE/UT Rom 8.18-25; Luke 13.18-21	8 a.m. mass Holy Souls	Joanne
01. 11. – WED/ST Solemnity of All Saints Rev 7.2-4,9-14; 1 John 3.1-3; Matt 5.1-12a	8 a.m. mass + prarodcov, uja a tetu	Jana Priskin
02. 11. – THU/ŠT All the Faithful Departed /All Souls/	8 a.m. mass Holy Souls 7.30 p.m. SK mass za zomrelych z rod. Cassty	Joanne Eva Cassty
03. 11. – FRI/PI Rom 9.1-5; Luke 14.1-6	8 a.m. Eng mass + Divine Word Missionaries <i>6.30 p.m.-7.30 p.m. Eucharistic adoration</i> 7.30 p.m. SK mass zdravie a Boz. Poz. pre Magdu a Rolanda	Fr. Rastislav J. Jurkovicova
04. 11. – SAT/SO St. Charles Borromeo Rom 11.1-2a,11-12,25-29; Luke 14.1,7-11	8 a.m. mass Divine Word Missionaries <i>9.00 a.m.-7.15 p.m. Eucharistic adoration</i> 7.30 p.m. SK mass zdravie a Boz. poz. rod. Eskut	Fr. Rastislav Jozef Kolvek
05. 11. – SUN/NE 31st Sunday in ordinary time 31. nedeľa v období cez rok Mal 1.14-2.2,8-10; 1 Thess 2.7-9,13; Matt 23.1-12	9 a.m. mass + Josefa Javier 5.30 p.m. Anticipated SK mass zdr. a Boz. poz. manzelov George a Joanne Astrab	Javier family Astrab family
	9 a.m. Mass for parishioners 11 a.m. omša podakovanie za 25 rokov manzelstva s prosbou o Boz. poz. do dalsich rokov zivota	Fr. Rastislav family Demcak

Sacrament of reconciliation 30 minutes before every mass. Sviatosť zmierenia 30 minút pred každou omšou.

Announcements/Oznamy

***Last Sunday's collection:** \$1358. Mission Sunday \$492. May God reward your generosity.

***Mass intentions registration** for December will start on Wednesday - Nov 1, 2017 after the morning mass.

***Planned activities:** Nov 18 – Katarinska zabava organized by Slavik group

Dec 3 - Mikulas/Nicoluas; Dec 8, 9, 10, - Craft and bake sell; Dec 10 - Advent Penitential Service 7 pm

Dec 17 – Installation by Archbishop; Pot and Luck; Dec 31 – Silvestrovska zabava/ New Year's eve entertainment

***Annual Christmas FOOD HAMPER Project:** November 1st-November 26th 2017. Please donate as your heart allows you: CASH ,PC (Superstore) or Wal-Mart GIFT CARDS. ONLY these DRY FOOD items: FLOUR, RICE, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, DRY WHITE BEANS, YELLOW and GREEN DRY SPLIT PEAS, DRY LENTILS-all types, COFFEE and variety of TEA BAGS, SUGAR, FLOUR. Your financial donations can be given to: Andrea Machula after 11am mass and to either Eleanore Mattias or Joanne Espenhain after English mass• With suggestions for families in need please contact Andrea Machula (604-760-9815).

***Looking for volunteers** for the First Friday adoration 9 am to 7 pm and December parish activities.

***The annual Mass for deceased** bishops, clergy and consecrated men and women will be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Thursday, November 9 at 12:00 noon. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

***Catechesis for children** will start on Nov 11, 4.30 pm.

***Prayer Ministry:** Nov 12, 2017 from 12. 30pm to 1.30 pm in our church

***Mary Benes (Kiktova) turned 90 years** old on October 13th. Please, join the family to celebrate with coffee and snacks after Slovak mass on November 12th, 2017, in the Slovak parish hall.