



## **Observance of the Solemnity of All Saints (All Saints' Day) and Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) 2024**

This year the Solemnity of All Saints falls on Friday, November 1, 2024. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, also known as All Souls' Day, falls on Saturday, November 1. Masses during the day may be celebrated using one of the three options for Propers found in the Roman Missal and accompanied by readings chosen from the options found in the Lectionary.

Since All Souls' Day takes precedence when it falls on a Sunday, Bishop Barber has authorized that Evening Masses on Saturday, November 2, 2024 may either use the Propers and Readings for The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) **OR** those of the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, at the discretion of the Pastor or Parochial Administrator.

The month of November is traditionally dedicated in the Catholic Church to honoring the dead and relieving the sufferings of the souls in purgatory. The faithful are encouraged to honor the graves of those who died and to have Masses said for their deceased ones throughout November.

A reminder that Masses for the dead that don't fall under the categories of Funeral Mass, on receiving the news of death, for the final burial, or the first anniversary may be celebrated on weekdays in Ordinary Time even if there is an Optional Memorial (GIRM, 381). The Propers found in *Masses for the Dead III: Various Commemorations Part B. For Several Deceased Persons or for All the Dead* in the Roman Missal are especially suited for these "generic" Masses for the Dead, Masses of Remembrance, etc., throughout the month of November.

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