

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 11/02

(All Souls) **Holy Mass** at 5pm. *Mass Intention: For all deceased offered in this year's Remembrance Cards.*
- 11/03

(XXXI Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **NO Catechism class** for children. **Pizza Brunch** in the church hall! Everyone is welcome to enjoy good food and fellowship. **During the brunch, children dressed as saints will present their costumes and share a bit about their chosen saint.** Each child who dresses up as a saint will receive a special gift. We look forward to celebrating together!



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PARISH BULLETIN

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

MASS INTENTION - 5pm

For ALL deceased offered in this year's Remembrance Cards (Wypominki)

INTROIT

C: We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

R: For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with Him those who have fallen asleep.

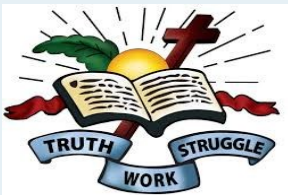
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

. 5 pm



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or

READING 1

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if before men, indeed, they be punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

WIS 3:1-9

In the time of their visitation they shall shine, and shall dart about as sparks through stubble; they shall judge nations and rule over peoples, and the LORD shall be their King forever. Those who trust in him shall understand truth, and the faithful shall abide with him in love: because grace and mercy are with his holy ones, and his care is with his elect.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 23

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:
Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.
We know that our old self was crucified

with him,

so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin. For a dead person has been absolved from sin. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ROM 6:3-9

GOSPEL

JN 6:37-40

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to the crowds:
"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims that He has come to do the will of His Abba-Father. Part of the will of GOD includes His raising up all who believe in Him and share in His life (death, and resurrection). With all this in mind, we turn to today's celebration – All Souls (All the Faithful Departed). Today we show our union with those who have died and are making the transition to the fullness of GOD's presence. Our prayers and love (both of which are gifts originating in GOD) are part of what unites us with our loved ones on the final steps of their journey to the home of our Lord Jesus and His Abba. Also it is important for us to realize that after death, the time-space constraints we experience on earth are gone. What seems like a thousand years to us on earth is only a brief "moment" for those who are no longer bound by time-space barriers but are beginning to live eternally.
Death, then, is a transition from earthly life to eternal life. Part of the that transition is a realization of what our life has been, and recognition of the times when we have not always matched up to the plan of GOD. In that transition known as death, GOD's love purifies (purges) us so that we can enjoy the fullness of the eternal life which Jesus has gained for us through His death and resurrection. Death can be scary, particularly as we realize our own imperfections. Yet, the belief we have as imperfect (but striving to be faithful) disciples of the Lord Jesus, is that Jesus' obedience to the will of His Abba has raised us up and opened to us the fullness of eternal life.