



November, 2023

Special Dates:

All Saints (November 1)

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed /All Soul's Day (November 2)

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (November 9)

Remembrance Day (November 11)

World Day of the Poor (November 19)

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (November 21)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe / World Day of Youth (November 26)

Month of Remembrance for the faithful departed:

Liturgy and Life: The Catholic Church sets aside November as a month of remembrance for the faithful departed. Take time to pray for those you know who have died. Mexican families celebrate the communion of saints with *Día de los Muertos* – Day of the Dead – a festive time of remembering departed loved ones with special meals, treats, and visits to the cemetery. Display photos of your beloved dead in your home this November. Place white candles near the pictures to recall the promise of Christ's resurrection. Reach out to someone who has lost a loved one recently. Invite them to share memories, pray with them, or simply be a presence for them.

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.***

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Food for Thought!

Hospitality for All:

Welcoming is a verb, a word that denotes action. The assembly cannot delegate its responsibility for welcoming: merely saying words does not make us a welcoming community. It is much more than giving food and drink. It is an attitude that shows and shapes an appreciation for life. Hospitable people give the tools or worship to all who enter through the door of baptism, enabling them to interact according to their abilities. A hospitable community symbolizes the reign of God.

The local parish must be the living sign of Jesus, creating with our lives an atmosphere and environment for children and adults. We create and maintain the hospitable atmosphere by our presence, tone of voice, posture, facial expressions. The mutual, conscious acceptance of one another's presence opens us to full participation in the eucharist.

Everything we do in liturgy involves our bodies. Washing in baptism, rubbing in anointing, eating real bread and drinking real wine in communion, singing, silence, listening, speaking, greeting and processing – all are strong, robust symbols that speak for themselves. Such ritual symbolic activity catches the imagination of and elicits a response from both adult and child.

{We baptize our children and welcome them into the community as participants, not spectators. Our responsibility is to equip them to participate fruitfully and actively in the assembly's work. This responsibility begins for us when we baptize them, not when they come at seven or thirteen years of age to complete their initiation.}

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