

Remember Your Loved Ones

Apart from all of us, the living, the Church is comprised of the saints in heaven and the souls in Purgatory. To remind us of this, the Church gives us the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls. We, the living, the militant Church, is invited to follow the example of the saints and support the holy souls in Purgatory with our prayers.

November is the month in which we remember in a special way our dear and near ones who have gone before us. As Christians who believe in eternal life, we do not forget them. The bonds of human friendship and affection continue even beyond the grave.

We will be having Masses on All Souls Day, Wednesday, November 2nd, at 7 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Remember to enter the names of your loved ones in the Book of Intentions. Prayer and blessings at the cemeteries will take place at 12 noon at Greenwood and 5:30 p.m. at Deschutes Memorial Gardens. All are welcome to take part in the blessings—especially if you have a loved one in of these cemeteries. Remember to show the priest the gravesites of your loved ones if you wish them to be blessed.

Offering Masses for loved ones who have gone before us is a long-standing Catholic tradition. That is the best prayer we can offer for them.

If you would like to offer Masses for your departed loved ones during the month of November, please use the insert found in the Parish Bulletin this weekend. The Masses for those intentions will be said by priests who belong to my Religious Order in India. The stipend you offer will go to support the education of the seminarians where I worked before I came to the United States.