



Loved Ones Remembrance Table

Through the month of November, there will be a display table located outside of the Campus Ministry office to honor passed loved ones. Not only does this tie in with the tradition of Dia De Los Muertos celebrated in Latin America, but with our Catholic faith. The Church teaches that we should not forget to pray for our deceased loved ones for the hope of heaven and the release from purgatory for them. In the same

way that we decorate our Churches with images that remind us of those we love, we ask that you bring any images of your loved ones to put up on display this month. Please don't bring originals, copies only. The display will be in the chapel area at the two Masses on the 1st and 2nd then moved to the student center for better visibility. Notice also the dis-

plays of some of our Sisters of Providence. These are some of the amazing women who have dedicated their life to serving the poor and carrying on the Lord's work through their service.



Soup and Chili Potluck November 5th

Please join us for our Soup and Chili Potluck following Mass on November 5th!

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the chapel if you would like to bring an item.

There is also a small mason jar with glass stone. This is the RSVP system. Please move as many pebbles over as

will be coming in your family or friend group to give us an accurate head count.

Campus Ministry will be supplying different dessert options.

Students need not worry about bringing anything and are just encouraged to show up!

If you have any favorite board

games or cards games please feel free to bring them along!

For questions please email Katie Steinke or JP Cole!

We can't wait to see you there!



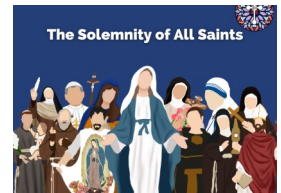
The Solemnity of All Saints' Day Mass: November 1st

Please mark your calendars for All Saints Day Mass. Mass will be held at 12:00pm in Trinitas Chapel. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

What is All Saints' Day?

All Saints' Day celebrates the feast or solemnity of all the saints in Heaven, both saints recognized by the Church as holy men and wom-

en *and* those who remain unknown.



All Souls Day Mass & Prayer Service: November 2nd

Please join us for Mass at 12:00pm for All Souls Day and a ecumenical prayer service that same day at 3:00pm in Trinitas Chapel.

What is the difference between All Saints' day and All Souls' Day?

All Saints' Day celebrates the holy men and women in Heaven, those known and unknown by the Church, on November 1, whereas All Souls' Day honors all of the faithful departed on November 2. In some countries, such as Mexico, people know All Souls' Day as

the second day of "Día de Los Muertos."



Salvation History Bible Study: Tuesdays @ 7:00pm

Always wondered what is going on in the Old Testament? Why God in the Old Testament may seem different than in the New Testament? What do all these bible stories and genealogies

have to do with us today? Come and find out as we explore what Christianity calls Salvation History. The journey and story of a loving God and the covenant made with his people. Bible

study meets in the Founders Room in the Upper Student Center and all are welcome. Bibles are provided if you do not have your own.



Rite of Christian Initiation Classes: Mondays @ 7:00pm

Classes for RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults have started! This class is for anyone looking to join the Catholic church, wanting to receive sacraments, (i.e. Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confir-

mation) or anyone wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Coming to class does not equal a commitment to receive sacraments either. All are welcome even if it is just to stop in and learn more. The

group meets Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Campus Ministry Lounge located in the Upper Student Center building.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Winter Items Drive through November 13th

Campus Ministry is working with a group of students on campus to collect winter items to donate to the Angel Room which is an extension of St. Vincent De Paul. This organization works to help shelter, feed, and get resources to the unhoused population within Great Falls. Some of the students have already done work there this year and have noticed there is a great need for most of the following items.

Most Needed Items:

- Jackets
- Winter coats
- Thermals
- Long sleeve shirts
- Scarves
- Hats
- Thick Socks
- Shoes
- Boots
- Blankets
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Sanitary Products
- Tarps

- Tents
- Sleeping Bags

All of these items can be new or gently used! We will even take partially opened bottles of shampoo. Cash and check donations are accepted as well and can be written off for tax purposes.

The drive will end November 13th. Please look for drop off bins in the McLaughlin Gym, Cafeteria, and the Student Center.



Question and Answer Night: Nov. 8th @ 7:00pm

Join Campus Ministry in the Fireside Room in McLaughlin Athletics Center for a pizza dinner and a question and answer night! The purpose of the night is to create a fun and light-hearted atmosphere where Campus Ministers, JP and Katie will be there to facilitate some

good conversation and answer questions that our students may have about Catholicism, spirituality, religion, and life. The night will begin with a pizza dinner social and move on to the Q&A portion. If you or someone you know has a question that you would like

to ask, there are forms around campus to anonymously submit a question, or leave a question in the box outside the Campus Ministry office. There will be time for live Q&A as well!



Mass Ministries Sign-Up

Please, if you have not already, locate a Mass ministries volunteer form at the back of the chapel to sign up for ways to get involved. We would love for our students and other parishioners to have a chance to serve in

the various ways the liturgy offers. This includes lectors, eucharistic ministers, greeters, hospitality committee, altar serving and music ministry. If this is something you want to be included in on the weekly rotation

please fill out a form in the back and provide all asked for contact information.





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Question: May Catholics' celebrate Dia De Los Muertos? By Fr. Charles Grondin

Día de los Muertos, or “Day of the Dead,” is a popular celebration in Latin America. Despite the title being in the singular, the celebration usually lasts two days (November 1 and 2). While it is not a Catholic celebration, most Catholics celebrate it in the areas of the world where it is popular. The fact that it is not technically a religious holiday does not deprive it of meaning. After all, Memorial Day in the United States is not a liturgical holiday, but attending Mass and visiting graves of veterans is certainly a pious and commendable thing to do on that day.

Because its origins are non-Christian, not every custom or tradition of the day will be acceptable. It is believed to have been celebrated originally in the summer by the Aztecs, but when the culture became Catholic, it was moved to coincide with All Souls and All Saints Days. Catholics have usually celebrated the feast by having family meals at the graves of loved ones, decorating altars of prayer in their homes with pictures of deceased family, and having communal meals with neighbors, friends and family. The essence of Catholic celebration of this feast has been an emphasis on the Communion of Saints, that we are all still connected to each other both in this world and the next.

Another popular activity is painting faces to look like skulls, but it is important to note that the meaning behind this is not the same as Halloween. On Halloween, a skull is meant to be creepy, scary, or funny. For *Día de los Muertos*, it is actually considered reverent. Part of this tradition comes from the image of La Catrina, which has a long history of being used in satire, social commentary, and cultural imagery.

The main reason, though, is that *Día de los Muertos* is meant to embrace death as part of the cycle of life and as something that need not be feared. Death is embraced almost like any other milestone in life. The skull face painting is seen as normalizing death and stands in complete opposition to the themes of Halloween.

So long as the elements of celebrating *Día de los Muertos* do not contradict our faith or blur the essentials of our faith, there is nothing wrong with Catholics celebrating it. In my personal opinion, the more I read about the feast, the more I wish Catholics in the United States would celebrate this instead of Halloween!

<https://www.catholic.com/qa/may-catholics-celebrate-dia-de-los-muertos>