

Solemnity of All Saints ~ November 1, 2020



St. Mark's Catholic Church

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Lectionary: 667

Reading 1

RV 7:2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God.

He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, "Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel. After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb."

All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed: "Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?"

I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows."

He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

Responsorial Psalm

PS 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6

R. (see 6) **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

R. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD? or who may stand in his holy place? One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain.

R. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD, a reward from God his savior. Such is the race that seeks him, that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

R. **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

Reading 2

1 JN 3:1-3

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

Alleluia

MT 11:28

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

MT 5:1-12A

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

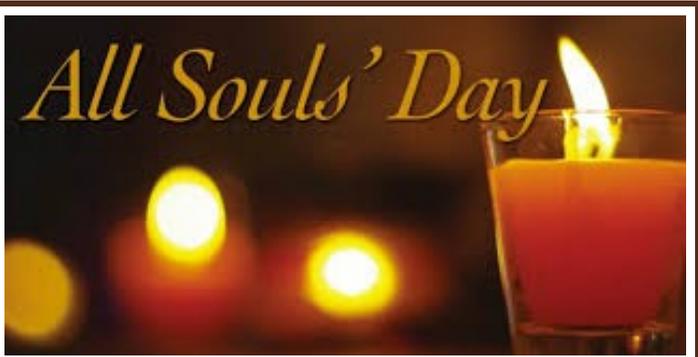
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

This Week's Mass Intentions



Date	Intention	Requested by
Monday, November 2		
7:30 AM	Deceased Members of St. Mark's Holy Name	
11:00AM	All Souls Living and Deceased Members of Saint Mark's Altar Rosary	
Tuesday, November 3		
7:30 AM	† Buonocore & Hoblitzell Families	Family
11:00AM	Amanda Saake, Special Intention † Deceased Members of the Cecton & Geiger Families	Family John & Maria Cecton & Family
Wednesday, November 4		
7:30 AM	† Betty & Heilos	Leonhardt Family
11:00AM	† Mr. & Mrs. Charles Borromeo Rooney † Maureen A. Leonhardt † Rob & Pat Gardner	Patricia Healey Mr. & Mrs. Anthony P. Randazzo, Jr. Flynn Family
Thursday, November 5		
7:30 AM	† Agnes Morgan † Christine Hayes	Estate Schobel Family
11:00AM	† Frank & Eileen Cummings † John Bongiovanni † Mary Ann McLaughlin	Stephan & Karen Dushnick Parkhill Family Larry & Eileen Fell
Friday, November 6		
7:30 AM	† Colette Casey	Estate
11:00AM	† Holy Souls in Purgatory † Vincent & Margaret Colangelo † James J. Collis	Bertucci Family Angela Downes Marilyn & Bob Healey
Saturday, November 7		
7:30 AM	† Jean Judge † Kathryn Finn	Estate Doster Family
4:30 PM	People of the Parish	
Sunday, November 8		
8:00 AM	† Mary & Jerry Zoufaly † Nicholas Venanzi † Nicholas Anthony Venanzi	Linda & Jerry Zoufaly Saint Mark's Parish Family Walter & Ilze Henry
10:00 AM	† Ron Langell † Betty Heilos † Dr. Robert Closkey, Jr. † Florence Guippone † Ryan Stanley † William Griffin	Langell Family Patricia Weeks Jessica Tages Helen Hopkins Family John & Maria Cecton
5:00 PM	Maria Valdez, Special Intention † Judith Kenny † Silvano Ramirez	Family & Friends Julia Alvarado Daughter and Family



Monday, November 2nd is All Souls' Day.

The 11:00AM Mass will be offered for the holy souls of St. Mark's who have died during the past year.

Their names will be read during the Mass.

The Mass will be live streamed for those who would like to attend but are not able to do so.

Prayer to Jesus for Coronavirus Healing



Jesus Christ You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At Your command the sick were made well. Come to our aid now in the midst of the global spread of the corona virus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus, may they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Carry in Your arms those who have died from the virus and bring them home. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. May they know Your Peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who put themselves at risk in serving the sick. May they know your protection. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they were meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long term solutions to help prevent future outbreaks. Our Lord Jesus stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us Your Peace. Jesus Christ heal us. Amen

Prayers For Healing

The list of parishioners, relatives, and friends are in need of your prayers for healing. Note to ensure the consent of the person whose name appears here, the pastor's policy requires that only they or a family member may request a name be added to this list. Also if you or a loved one are unable to attend mass and would like to receive Holy Communion in a home or assisted living, please notify Donna at 732-449-6364 ext. 100.



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| Benjamin Ohlweiler | Vivian Wilson |
| Jeremy Pavlick | Ken Hauck |
| Lucy Gargano | Dorothy Waugh |
| Julia Buonocore | Patricia Cavanaugh |
| Fred Buonocore | Rose Courtney |
| Christine Frauenheim | Grace Philhower |
| Alexandra Gavilanes | Jim Bogan |
| Sarah Gallagher | Maria Valdez |
| Jimmy Azzollini | Ani Slevin |

Eternal Rest grant onto them, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please remember in your prayers those of our diocese, parish, friends, and family members who have recently died.

† Regina O'Connor

† Muriel Mercer

† Mary Tobin

May the angels lead you into paradise. . ."

Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and it's ministries!



We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through the Parish Giving Program.



We would like to thank all those who have attended Mass the past few weeks, who wore a mask and adhered to the social distancing requirements.

We wish to remind those who are afraid to come to Mass because of health issues, that the dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day obligation will remain in effect until further notice.

Our Bishop asks faithful to join in prayer for nation in lead-up to election

As Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, I invite and encourage all the clergy, consecrated religious and lay faithful to join together with me in praying this “Novena for the United States of America” from Monday, October 26 through Election Day, November 3, 2020. Prayer has been published in this month’s MONITOR.



NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (recited each day):

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation’s leaders and citizens. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany respecting and protecting human life and religious liberty. Help us to bring an end to racial injustice, violence and all the evils that divide us. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will. Make us instruments of your peace!

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the “culture of death” and lead us always to respect life in all its stages and circumstance. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen. (Source: adapted from www.catholicdigest.com).

(Here mention intention: For, etc.)

THEN, RECITE AN OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY AND GLORY BE EACH DAY FOR OUR NATION

(individual recommended intentions for each day of the Novena)

Monday, October 26: For an end to abortion in our country and for respect for life in all its stages, from conception to natural death.

Tuesday, October 27: For an end to the COVID pandemic in our country and for all those affected by it.

Wednesday, October 28: For an end to racism and social injustice in our country.

Thursday, October 29: For the protection of religious liberty in our country and around the world.

Friday, October 30: For those who protect and serve us in law enforcement in our country and for an end to violence and destruction, especially in our cities.

Saturday, October 31: For those who protect our country in the armed forces at home and around the world and for peace in the world.

Sunday, November 1: For the poor, for immigrants and refugees, for the forgotten and most abandoned in our country

Monday, November 2: For the protection of marriage as the faithful union of one man and one woman and for the strengthening of family life in our country.

Tuesday, November 3: For those who govern our country and for those who are running for elected office that they might serve with a commitment to life, respect, compassion, liberty and justice for all.



Please support the NJ Right to Life Raffle

This year's drawing will be held on November 20, 2020. The cost is \$10 per ticket. You do not have to be present at the drawing. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please call Marie Checton 732-245-8405 or email her at mgchecton@gmail.com. Tickets can also be purchased from Donna 732-449-6364 x 100 or email her at donna@stmarkseagirt.com, or mail check to St. Mark's Rectory, 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt, NJ 08750, or place in mail slot. Stubs can be picked up at the rectory or mailed.

The prizes are as follows:

1st Prize: 2021 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV valued at \$41,045.00

2nd Prize: \$1,000 Shop rite Gift Card

3rd Prize: \$750 Shop rite Gift Card

4th Prize: \$500 Shoprite Gift Card



Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

Please show your support for LIFE by buying a raffle ticket!

If you wish to make a donation, please visit www.njrto.org or mail/drop off at

St. Mark's Rectory. Please make checks payable to NJ Right to Life.



**On Behalf of the Babies,
Thanks for Supporting Life!**





Readings for the Week November 1, 2020

Monday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 6:3-9;
Jn 6:37-40

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 2:3-8a; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9;

Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;

1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13



St. Mark's would like to let our Parishioners know what practices we have in place to protect them during the pandemic so that they can

make informed decisions on whether they feel they would like to attend in person Masses. Social distancing with roped off pews which allows those present to sit at least 6 feet apart, all pews, door handles and railings are sanitized after every Mass daily and during the weekend Masses and Sacraments, sanitizer is at the front and side entrances, bathrooms are cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis, masks must be worn by everyone in the church, the priests and Extraordinary Ministers use hand sanitizer before distributing Communion, Communion is distributed one side at a time to allow for social distance, the windows are open during Mass to help circulate air, collection baskets are placed on the Altar rail rather than the Ushers handling the collection, weekend requirement is entrance thru the front doors for Parishioner count but you may exit thru all doors.

If you have any questions please call the Rectory office at 732-449-6364.

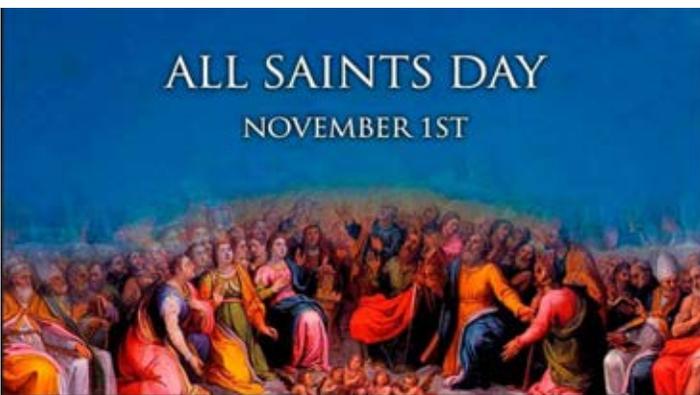
Please Note: At this time, because of Covid 19, we are not accepting clothing, or any personal books, devotionals, religious articles or Rosary beads. In the future we will gladly accept your donations, but at the present time and for the safety of all those concerned, we are asking that these items not be left at the church. Thank you.



Wrap Yourself or Your Loved One in a Prayer Shawl

St. Mark's Prayer Shawl Ministry, a part of Social Concerns is offering beautiful hand made shawls blessed by our priests.

If you, a family member, or neighbor, are sick, lonely, grieving or would appreciate the embrace of a warm shawl, please **call Donna at the rectory at 732-449-6364 ext.100.**



November Thoughts Marge Loenser 2020

Our Father, Master Creator, Master Artist, paints November's tapestry with bright, bold colors! We see fields of orange pumpkins, forests of trees waving leaves that are scarlet, gold, red and yellow! How beautiful. Thank you Lord for the beauty of your creation that we can delight in each day.

November starts out with All Saints Day, followed by All Souls Day. This month we celebrate two Saint Martins! On the third, St. Martin de Porres, son of a Spanish nobleman and a Panamanian ex-slave. He was poor and suffered much for his mixed racial origin. He was very humble and worked in an infirmary. He died in 1639. We pray for his intercession during these times of racial tension and violence.

St Martin of Tours from the 4th century is remembered for the act of charity he performed. While serving in the Roman army he came upon a half-clothed man, drew his sword and cut his cape in two, giving half to the poor man. Later that night he saw Jesus in a vision explaining how Martin shared his cloak with Him. I love that story and I'm so proud to have received First Holy Communion and Confirmation at St. Martin of Tours church, Brooklyn, NY!

Another saint we celebrate this month, is St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, better known as 'Mother Cabrini.' Frances emigrated to this country from Italy. She worked with poor immigrants and was the first U.S. citizen to become a saint. Having descended from Italian immigrants, I say "thank you Mother for working with those newly arrived immigrants who desperately needed your guidance and advocacy."

On the 24th we celebrate St. Andrew Dung -Lac and his companions. They were part of 117 martyrs from Vietnam. They suffered all manner of cruelty and torture, but refused to denounce their faith. We ask for their intercession for all peoples being murdered, tortured and held captive for their faith.

We celebrate St. Andrew, Peter's brother on the 30th. He was a follower of St. John the Baptist and was instrumental in bringing the other fishermen to Jesus. St. Andrew, it must have humbled you to live in the shadow of your brother, St. Peter, but you show those of us living simply how God uses all of us to carry out his work, regardless of our status or popularity, so long as we say, yes to Jesus--here I am, Jesus.

Let us pray for the sick, especially those in hospitals, nursing homes and rehabs. We lift up those tempted to turn to drugs and alcohol during these trying times. One day at a time, we can surrender to God and ask for His Divine intervention.

God bless America this Thanksgiving! May we remember to thank God for everything He does for us.

May God bless each of you and remember, don't ever lose your sense of wonder OR humor! God Love you! Marge



Dear Friends at St. Mark's,

Because of the pandemic, we will be conducting our Thanksgiving Food Drive differently this year. If you wish to participate, we are asking that you bring your food donation directly to Mercy Center at 1106 Main Street in Asbury Park. We are open daily from 9AM to 12PM and 2PM to 4PM. We are closed on Election Day, November, Tuesday, November 3rd. We will need all food donations by November 10th.

- Small Turkeys or Turkey Breasts*
- Butter and Refrigerated Biscuits*
- Instant Mashed Potatoes*
- Stovetop Stuffing*
- 1 lb Bags of Rice*
- Canned Yams, Corn and Green Beans*
- Cranberry Sauce*
- Turkey Gravy*
- Tins of Cookies*
- Coffee*
- Dried Milk Packets*
- Sugar Packets*

Monetary Donations & Food Market Gift Cards are also welcome.

Your Parish has always been one of our strongest supporters so we thank you in advance for your anticipated generosity. Mercycenternj.org



Update!



Please Help Food Donations Needed

The Pantry is rocking and rolling -- number of families are moving back up: pre-Covid we averaged 30-35 families a day; that number spiked to 60 in May, then dropped back down in June and July, back up to 40 in August and 50 in September. One day last week, we provided food to 87 families! The good news is that food is again plentiful from the FoodBank. There are still some items that we are not able to get in sufficient quantity and are buying retail, but we are able to provide a lot of food and a lot of variety to everyone. Praise be.

We are very lucky that our volunteer force has continued to replenish. The Pantry has a great reputation, and we are receiving inquiries about volunteering nearly every day. So, as current volunteers peel off for one reason or another, we have been able to seed in new folk. Praise be.

Thanksgiving: We finished registrations for our annual Thanksgiving distribution last week. The big change this year is that we will be set up on Ocean Ave, near the Gazebo, for a "pop-the-trunk" distribution this year. All registrants have been given a postcard-sized "ticket," cars will line up on Ocean Ave, driver will hand us the "ticket," then will pop the trunk, and we will put a turkey and a box of all the fixin's right into the trunk. WE WILL NEED A LOT OF HELP ALL DAY -- we hope to have 2 hour shifts, knowing it may be cold. We will need muscle to load the cars, but we also need people to fill the boxes (we will fill the boxes right there on site), someone to collect the "tickets," someone to "make" the boxes (pop them open and tape the bottoms), and other tasks. If you can help, please email me at bradleyfoodpantry@gmail.com so we can begin to create a schedule. Distribution day is Friday, November 20, from 8:30am to 7:00 pm.

Christmas: We have not finalized plans for our Christmas distribution. Although we would love to wait to see how Thanksgiving goes, we just can't wait that long to plan for Christmas. Distribution day will be the Friday before Christmas, December 18, all day. The leaders of St. James are thinking about how we might do toys this year – more info to come in a few weeks.

Once again, I thank you for your unwavering support. We are blessed to be situated in an abundantly generous community and to have abundantly generous volunteers and supporters. Thank you . . . Thank you . . . Thank you. Praise be.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ring at 732-449-8759.

SAVE THE DATE!



2021 Mass Book will open on Thursday, November 12th.

Mass Intentions may be mailed to the Rectory, dropped off in the mail slot, or emailed to Donna at donna@stmarkseagirt.com, with preferred dates and times. Please include a \$10 stipend for each mass, your contact information for any questions we might have, and cash or check made payable to St. Mark's Church. Also indicate if you desire any Mass cards. We will call you when they are ready to be picked up.

Please mail your checks to St. Mark's Church, 215 Crescent Parkway, Sea Girt, NJ 08750 or drop off in mail slot.
Thank you!

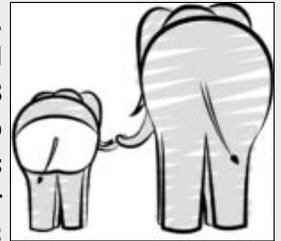
Catholic Charities News

Community Services is Catholic Charities' link to parishes in the Trenton diocese. Serving families in crises, we provide food, mortgage, rent and utilities assistance, temporary housing, counseling, and immigration services. To learn more about Catholic Charities Community Services visit our YouTube presentation. Click on: <https://youtu.be/-r8YRyPCIY4>

If you know of anyone needing assistance, please contact Catholic Charities at 800-360-7711

ANNOUNCING A PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT THE DIAPER BANK OF MONMOUTH COUNTY

Did you know: 1 in 3 U.S. families struggle to afford diapers; a toddler uses up to 8 diapers a day; infants use up to 12 diapers per day; and diapers cost \$70 - \$80 per month per child? Just as food banks support families in need, diaper banks also provide a basic need.



Child Care Resources of Monmouth County, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) organization, raises awareness about diaper need. To help families, volunteers, working out of St. Thomas More Parish as their base of operation, are partnering with Child Care Resources to coordinate support for the Diaper Bank from Monmouth County parishes.

For more information, or to plan a parish diaper drive, contact Deacon Matt Nicosia at deacon_matt@optimum.net. To help purchase diapers, make checks payable to "Child Care Resources" and mailed to: Diaper Bank c/o Child Care Resources, [3301C Route 66, Neptune, NJ 07754-1234](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3301C+Route+66,+Neptune,+NJ+07754-1234). Check out their website at <http://ccrnj.org/diaper-bank-at-child-care-resources/>.

Please join us on Friday's for Adoration immediately after 11:00 AM Mass with Benediction at 1:45 PM. It will be broadcast as well on livestream @ stmarkseagirt.com



St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society



St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society will be reciting the rosary after the 11am mass on the first Monday of each month.

We invite those that cannot make it to church, to join us from home in the recitation of the rosary. In this way we continue to honor our Blessed Mother and follow her directions to continue praying for an end to abortion and all the intentions of her Immaculate Heart.

Vatican extends time to obtain full indulgences for souls in purgatory

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Plenary or full indulgences traditionally obtained during the first week of November for the souls of the faithful in purgatory can now be gained throughout the entire month of November, the Vatican said.

Also, those who are ill or homebound and would not be able to physically visit a church or cemetery in the prescribed timeframe still will be able to receive a plenary indulgence when meeting certain conditions, the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican tribunal that deals with matters of conscience, said in a notice released Oct. 23.

The tribunal also asked that priests be particularly generous throughout November in offering the sacrament of reconciliation and in administering Communion to those who are infirm.

The new provisions were made after a number of bishops asked for guidance as to how the faithful could perform the works required for receiving a plenary indulgence given the ongoing pandemic and restrictions in many parts of the world limiting the number of people who can gather in one place, Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, told Vatican News Oct. 23.

Traditionally, the faithful could receive a full indulgence each day from Nov. 1 to Nov. 8 when they visited a cemetery to pray for the departed and fulfilled other conditions, and, in particular, when they went to a church or an oratory to pray Nov. 2, All Souls' Day.

Bishops' conferences in countries where large numbers of faithful traditionally go to confession, attend Mass and visit cemeteries during the week had asked how the faithful could be accommodated given COVID-19 restrictions or in the case that a member of the faithful was ill, in isolation or in quarantine, the cardinal said.

The Vatican decided to extend the time one can receive a full indulgence to include the whole month of November, he said. Typically, only a partial indulgence is granted after the first week of November.

The full indulgence traditionally offered Nov. 2 for those who visit a church or an oratory and recite the Our Father and the Creed can also be gained any day in November, he added.

Those who cannot leave their homes or residence for "serious reasons," which includes government restrictions during a pandemic, he said, also can receive a plenary indulgence after reciting specific prayers for the deceased or reflecting on a Gospel reading designated for Masses of the dead before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary, or by performing a work of mercy.

In all cases, one also must fulfill the normal requirements set by the church for all plenary indulgences, which demonstrate a resolve to turn away from sin and convert to God. Those conditions include: having a spirit detached from sin; going to confession as soon as possible; receiving the Eucharist as soon as possible; praying for the pope's intentions; and being united spiritually with all the faithful.

Cardinal Piacenza said his office also strongly urged all priests to celebrate Mass three times on All Souls' Day, as allowed for in a 1915 document by Pope Benedict XV.

The hope is that the availability of more Masses that day would help everyone wanting to attend Mass to do so while respecting capacity limits in churches and places of worship, he said.

The church teaches that prayer, particularly the Mass, and sacrifices may be offered on behalf of the souls in purgatory. The feast of All Souls differs from the Nov. 1 feast of All Saints precisely because it offers prayers for the eternal peace and heavenly rest of all those who died in a state of grace, but not totally purified.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven."



A woman is pictured in a file photo near the graves of her husband and son at Allouez Catholic Cemetery in Allouez, Wis. Because COVID-19 pandemic response measures restrict most gatherings, the Vatican has extended the usual plenary indulgence to souls in purgatory from just the first week in November to include the entire month.

CNS photo/Sam Lucero, The Compass

Solemnidad de Todos los santos ~ Noviembre 1, 2020

Primera lectura: Apocalipsis 7, 2-4. 9-14.

Yo, Juan, vi a un ángel que venía del oriente. Traía consigo el sello del Dios vivo y gritaba con voz poderosa a los cuatro ángeles encargados de hacer daño a la tierra y al mar. Les dijo: “¡No hagan daño a la tierra, ni al mar, ni a los árboles, hasta que terminemos de marcar con el sello la frente de los servidores de nuestro Dios!” Y pude oír el número de los que habían sido marcados: eran ciento cuarenta y cuatro mil, procedentes de todas las tribus de Israel. Vi luego una muchedumbre tan grande, que nadie podía contarla. Eran individuos de todas las naciones y razas, de todos los pueblos y lenguas. Todos estaban de pie, delante del trono y del Cordero; iban vestidos con una túnica blanca; llevaban palmas en las manos y exclamaban con voz poderosa: “La salvación viene de nuestro Dios, que está sentado en el trono, y del Cordero”.

Y todos los ángeles que estaban alrededor del trono, de los ancianos y de los cuatro seres vivientes, cayeron rostro en tierra delante del trono y adoraron a Dios, diciendo: “Amén. La alabanza, la gloria, la sabiduría, la acción de gracias, el honor, el poder y la fuerza, se le deben para siempre a nuestro Dios”. Entonces uno de los ancianos me preguntó: “¿Quiénes son y de dónde han venido los que llevan la túnica blanca?” Yo le respondí: “Señor mío, tú eres quien lo sabe”. Entonces él me dijo: “Son los que han pasado por la gran persecución y han lavado y blanqueado su túnica con la sangre del Cordero”.

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 23, 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6.

Esta es la clase de hombres que te buscan, Señor.

Del Señor es la tierra y lo que ella tiene,
el orbe todo y los que en él habitan,
pues él lo edificó sobre los mares
el fue quien lo asentó sobre los ríos.

Esta es la clase de hombres que te buscan, Señor.

¿Quién subirá hasta el monte del Señor?
¿Quién podrá estar en su recinto santo?
El de corazón limpio y manos puras
y que no jura en falso.

Esta es la clase de hombres que te buscan, Señor.

Ese obtendrá la bendición de Dios,
y Dios, su salvador, le hará justicia.
Esta es la clase de hombres que te buscan
y vienen ante ti, Dios de Jacob.

Esta es la clase de hombres que te buscan, Señor.

Segunda lectura: 1 Juan 3, 1-3.

Queridos hijos: Miren cuánto amor nos ha tenido el Padre, pues no sólo nos llamamos hijos de Dios, sino que lo somos. Si el mundo no nos reconoce, es porque tampoco lo ha reconocido a él.

Hermanos míos, ahora somos hijos de Dios, pero aún no se ha manifestado cómo seremos al fin. Y ya sabemos que, cuando él se manifieste, vamos a ser semejantes a él, porque lo veremos tal cual es. Todo el que tenga puesta en Dios esta esperanza, se purifica a sí mismo para ser tan puro como él.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Mateo 11, 28.

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Vengan a mí todos los que están fatigados
y agobiados por la carga,
y yo los aliviaré, dice el Señor.

R. Aleluya.

Evangelio: Mateo 5, 1-12.

En aquel tiempo, cuando Jesús vio a la muchedumbre, subió al monte y se sentó. Entonces se le acercaron sus discípulos. Enseguida comenzó a enseñarles, hablándoles así:

“Dichosos los pobres de espíritu,
porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos.
Dichosos los que lloran,
porque serán consolados.
Dichosos los sufridos,
porque heredarán la tierra.
Dichosos los que tienen hambre y sed de justicia,
porque serán saciados.
Dichosos los misericordiosos,
porque obtendrán misericordia.
Dichosos los limpios de corazón,
porque verán a Dios.
Dichosos los que trabajan por la paz,
porque se les llamará hijos de Dios.
Dichosos los perseguidos por causa de la justicia,
porque de ellos es el Reino de los cielos.
Dichosos serán ustedes, cuando los injurien,
los persigan y digan cosas falsas de ustedes
por causa mía. Alégrese y salten de contento,
porque su premio será grande en los cielos”.

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