



Saint Dominic Catholic Community

*God's Call to Build:
Our Bridge To The Future*
***Dios Nos ha Llamado a Construir:
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Monday - Friday
900 am - 3:00 pm

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all
your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St. Dominic, Houston, TX, a multi-cultural community, joined together by faith in Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church, commit ourselves to help each other grow in the understanding of our faith, celebrate this faith in Liturgy and live it out by using the gifts of each person in the service of others, especially those in need, so that in the end, we may become truly a community of faith: truly the people of God and be of service to all!

Worship Schedule -Weekend Masses

Saturday -English 8:00 a.m.

Anticipated Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - **English** 8:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.

Español 9:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday - Saturday

8:00 a.m. English Mass

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

Integrated with the 8:00 am mass on Wednesday

Reconciliation Sacrament: Saturday-4:30-5:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage – Quinceañera Celebrations

call the Parish office 6 months in advance
to schedule appointment with priest.

Sacrament of the anointing of the sick

Please call the parish office to make
arrangements for communion to be
brought to your home or to the hospital.

Parish Registration If you are new to the parish,
please register at the office. Tuesday –Friday
9:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS HORAS DE OFICINA

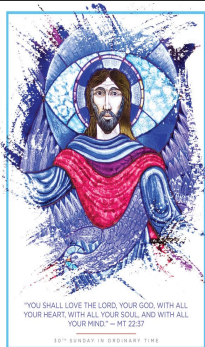


MONDAY
10:00 am –5:00 pm
TUESDAY– FRIDAY
9:00 am-7:30 pm

Pray for the sick

Bobbie Anderson
Georgia Malonson
Horace Malonson
Mervin Auzenne
Doreen Whitmeer
Elma Revelo
Vitaliana Nisnisan
Eva Owens
Stela Visaya
Mike Ortega
Carolina Montemayor
Phil Martinez
Rebecca Directo

Concepcion Ligason
Nidia Ramirez
Diana Montejano
Marissa Ramirez
Byrett May Freeman
Guadalupe Benitez
Jose Cruz
Idalia Rodriguez
Rosel Rodriguez
Lucille Trahan
Kirby Datrez
Zoila Valdez



Pre -Baptismal Registration With Gabriela Ramos

Email –stdominichouston@gmail.com

Must register in the parish office,

Monday – Friday, 1:00 am –4:00 pm a week prior to the class.
Bring child's birth certificate; required to register

Sponsors if married must be married by the
catholic

church and marriage certificate required.

If single they must be at least 16, and bring
copy of their Baptism, First communion and
confirmation



Parents and godparents must attend two
pre-baptismal classes held 1st Tuesday & Thursday
of the month at 6:30 - 9:30 pm. **Donation** for class
is \$75.00

Baptism celebration 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:00 am

Child being baptized can not be older than 7 yrs. Old.

children 7 years and older must be prepared through the
parish catechism Program. (Guidelines of the Archdiocese
of Galveston-Houston)

Información Pre- Bautismal - Pase a la oficina parroquial
Lunes –Viernes, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm una semana antes de la
clase. Es requerido presentar la acta de nacimiento del niño/
a quien van a bautizar.

Padrinos Si están casados

deben estar casados por la iglesia católica es requerido
presentar la acta de matrimonio.

Si son solteros deben tener por lo menos 16 años y presentar
su acta de Bautizo, Primera comunión y confirmación.

Papas y Padrinos tienen que asistir a platicas
pre-bautismales el tercer sábado del mes de 10:00 –3:00

Donación para la platica: \$75.00

Bautismos el segundo Sábado del mes a las 8:00 am

Niños sin bautizar no deben ser mayores de 7 años de edad.

niños deben recibir catecismo en el programa de la parroquia.
(Guías de Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston)

Presentación de Tres años

Cuarto domingo del mes durante la misa de 1:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage: Register at least 6 months in
advance; must be a registered member drop by the office and
fill out form and be ready to meet the pastor; Pick up wedding
information check-list.

Quinceañera Celebrations: The family must be registered
in the parish for a period of three (3) months prior to the date
of the first preparation session. The candidate should register
for her/his Quince Años ceremony on or before her/his 14th
birthday. The candidate must have been baptized in the
Roman Catholic Church and must have received First Eucharist
prior to the time of the ceremony. If the honoree has not
received the Sacrament of Communion, she/he should be
enrolled to prepare to receive the sacrament before the
Quince Años ceremony. The candidate must attend and
complete preparation sessions with the coordinator and
must join our parish youth program. Pick up
Quinceañera information check-list.



From The Pastor



This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor.

Rev. Roger Estorque



El Evangelio de esta semana sigue de cerca al Evangelio leído el domingo pasado. Es la última de tres preguntas que le hicieron a Jesús los líderes religiosos judíos que intentan engañarlo para que diga algo que podría hacer que lo arresten. Esto nos recuerda que el contexto de la lectura de hoy es la creciente tensión entre Jesús y los líderes religiosos en Jerusalén.

Los herodianos y los fariseos hicieron la primera pregunta, que era sobre los impuestos. Los saduceos hicieron la segunda pregunta, que se refería a la resurrección (ver Mateo 22:22-33). La tercera pregunta, considerada en el evangelio de hoy, la formula un fariseo que le pregunta a Jesús cuál es el mayor de los mandamientos.

La pregunta requiere que Jesús interprete la Ley de Moisés. La Ley Mosaica consta de los Diez Mandamientos y muchas reglas adicionales, suman más de seiscientos. Adherencia a la Ley Mosaica, para un judío devoto, es una expresión de fidelidad al pacto de Dios con Israel. La clasificación de los Mandamientos fue regularmente debatido entre los profesores de Derecho.

Jesús responde a la pregunta de los fariseos con Una resumen doble. Jesús dice que todos los mandamientos se pueden resumir en dos. mandamientos: amar a Dios y amar a tu prójimo. Ambos fueron elementos centrales de la tradición religiosa que Jesús aprendió de su comunidad judía. De hecho, estos siguen siendo aspectos centrales de comprensión religiosa judía contemporánea. La respuesta de Jesús a sus interrogadores propuso una conexión integral entre estos dos aspectos de la ley judía. El amor a Dios encuentra su expresión en nuestro amor al prójimo.

Rev. Roger Estorque





Saturday 8:00 am 6:00 pm	October 28th Birthday-Isai Valles/Familia Valles † Vincent Natividad/Nanette Natividad † Vincent Olalo/Victoria Abrau † Fabiana Olalo/Victoria Abrau
Sunday 8:00 am 9:30 am 11:15 am 1:00 pm	October 29th † Alicia Vazquez/Graham Family Health-Toyin Mustapha/Shike Mustapha † Lucia Mallozzi/Melissa Cortinas † Lupita Ramos/Familia Ramos † Maria Paz Garcia/Doris Mejia † All Souls/Difuntos † Teodoro Torres/Esmeralda Garcia † Ma. Esthela Zambrano/Claudia Ramirez
Monday 8:00 am	October 30th † Raymund Concepcion/Anna Kratz † Israel Mendoza/Mariana Alvarez Almas del Purgatorio/Mariana Alvarez
Tuesday 8:00 am	October 31st † Antonio Castillo Sr./Anna Kratz † Christopher Kratz/Anna Kratz † Antonio Castillo Jr./Anna Kratz
Wednesday 8:00 am	November 1st All Saints † Grandparents Mai/Bui/Nguyen/Tran Fam.
Thursday 8:00 am	November 2nd † Elvira Estribero/Martha Sierra † Miguel Rodriguez/Martha Sierra All Souls in Purgatory
Friday 8:00 am	November 3rd St. Martin de Porres † All Souls/Difuntos
Saturday 8:00 am 6:00 pm	November 4th St. Charles Borromeo † All Souls/Difuntos † Irene Sanchez & Siblings/Gloria & Clara † Maria Abrau/Carmelo Abrau † Martha Abrau/Carmelo Abrau

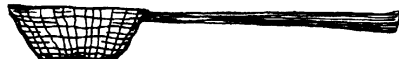
Monday	October 30th NO OEC
Tuesday 6:00 pm 6:45 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	October 31st Coro - Puente RCIC, RCIT RCIA Class Eng & Spanish Confirmation I - 8th grade Coro - Puente
Wednesday 6:45 pm	November 1st Confirmation II - 9th, 10th, 11th
Thursday 10:00 am 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	November 2nd AMSIF Confirmation III - 10th, 11th, 12th Youth Group Asamblea
Friday 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	November 3rd Coro Tello 1st Communion -Spanish class
Saturday 9:00 am 4:00 pm	November 4th 1st communion -English Class MFCC Hijos/Hijas
Sunday 9:45 am 11:30 am	November 5th OEC English PRE-K- 8TH Grade OEC Spanish PRE-K-5TH



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 October 30th
Gospel:	Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 October 31st
Gospel:	Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, November 1st
Gospel:	Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday:	Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, November 2nd
Gospel:	Mt 11:25-30
Friday:	Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 November 3rd
Gospel:	Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94: November 4th
Gospel:	Lk 14:1, 7-1

Ofrenda semanal



10/22/23	Collection	\$9,560.13
	Building	\$ 301.00
	Mission	\$ 407.00
	Bazaar	\$ 106.00

ST. DOMINIC

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like to be added to the prayer list, have a visit, homebound, and receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing. Call the Parish office - 281-458-2910

INTENCIONES DE MISAS

Favor de pasar al la oficina por lo menos una semana antes de fecha de intención. No le de su intención a última hora al lector. El nombre de intención debe aparecer en el boletín.

El boletín es enviado a imprenta en lunes para edición del próximo domingo.

La donación mínima por intención son \$5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Please come by the office at least a week prior to date that you want intention mentioned. Please do not give name to lector last minute before intentions are mentioned. Names will appear in the bulletin.

Bulletin is sent to press on Monday of the week before Sunday edition.

Minimum Donation per intention of \$5.00

ONLINE GIVING ST. DOMINIC

website www.stdominichouston.org

has three modules you can donate to. Under Ecommunity you can donate to St. Dominic and indicate where you want your donation applied.

You will also see DSF click on donate today select parish and place your donation. This is linked directly to the Archdiocese.

To donate to ignite click on ignite/enciende tab you will see HTTPS://www.archgh.org/ignite this is also linked to archdiocese.

Donations to DSF & Ignite are not controlled by St. Dominic. Statements for DSF and ignite are sent from the Archdiocese.

DONACIONES EN LÍNEA ST. DOMINIC

sitio web www.stdominichouston.org tiene tres módulos a los que puedes donar. En Ecommunity puede donar a St. Dominic e indicar dónde desea que se aplique su donación.

También verá que DSF hace clic en donar hoy, seleccione la parroquia y haga su donación. Esto está vinculado directamente a la Arquidiócesis.

Para donar a ignite, haga clic en la pestaña ignite/enciende. ver HTTPS://www.archgh.org/ignite esto también está vinculado a archidiócesis.

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MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS Leaders & Time

Altar Servers: Merced Flores -Spanish

Clem & Cecile Monta **English** 3rd Saturday 9:00 am.

E. M. of Holy Communion: Mary LeBlanc -English

E. M. de Eucaristia: Imelda Duran

Lectors English: Leslie Gutierrez

Lectores Spanish: Maribel Ortiz

Liturgy English Music: Melner Calvo, Kevin Rosacia

Liturgia Musica Espanol: Valentin Cobos, Jesus Puente, Elias Tello

Ushers/Greeters English: Criselda Penaflor, Youth Group

Acomodadores Español: Gonzalo & Isabel Aguilar

Parish Pastoral Council: Rogelio Mendez, 1st. Monday 6:00 pm

Parish Finance Council: Hector Hernandez, quarterly & as necessary

Baptismal classes- English: Melner Calvo, Clem Mota

Clases Pre-Bautismales Español: Francisco & Romana Ramirez, Imelda Duran

Catholic Daughters: Shirley Malonson 3rd Tuesday 6:30 pm

Family Ministry: Melner Calvo

Damas del Altar: Lucy Villanueva

Amisf: Anabel Lozano

Knights of Columbus: Bill Burling, 1st. Sunday 9:30 am

Legion of Mary: Elda Briggs, Thursday 7:00 p.m. English

Legion de Maria: Juany Tamez, Jueves 7:00 p.m. Español

Peregrinos Marianos: Rafael Ibarra, Freddy Garcia

Facilities Maintenance: Raymond Helfrich & Bobby Baccigalopi

Asamblea De Oración: Manuel Mungia, Jueves 7:00 pm

Escuela de la Cruz: Martin Oviedo

Talleres De Oracion: Jorge Luis Lopez

MFCC St. Dominic: Francisco & Lucina Valles

Hispanic Ministry Coordinator: Rogelio Mendez

Youth Ministry: Thursday 7:00 pm Rosana Gonzales, Elda Briggs, Arlett Hernandez

Clase Pre-Nupcial: Jose y Silvia Cervantes

Pre-Nuptial Class: Jose & Esmeralda Rangel

Nullity Sponsors: Clem Monta

Evangelization: Rogelio Mendez

Pro-Life Gabriel: Rosana Gonzalez

Parents Faith Formation: Rogelio Mendez-Spanish

Disaster Coordinator: Raymond Helfrich, Juan Hernandez, Elda Briggs, Francisca Fortuno, Rosana Gonzalez



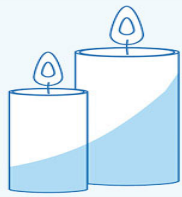
Why Marry in a Church?

Question:

Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

Answer:

Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place.



PETITIONS FOR ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

First Reading:

We hear today some of the laws that Moses received from God on Mount Sinai. Namely, God's expectation that we show compassion for those most vulnerable in society. How could you show care for those in need this week?

Second Reading:

Paul praised the Thessalonians for being role models of the faith for the surrounding regions of Achaia and Macedonia. How do you model your faith to family and friends?

Gospel:

For Jesus, love of God and love of neighbor and self are the most important commandments.

Which of these commandments do you do best?

Primera Lectura:

Escuchamos hoy algunas de las leyes que Moisés recibió de Dios en el Monte Sinaí. Es decir, la expectativa de Dios de que mostremos compasión por los más vulnerables de la sociedad. ¿Cómo podrías mostrar interés por los necesitados esta semana?

Segunda Lectura:

Pablo elogió a los tesalonicenses por ser modelos a seguir de la fe para las regiones circundantes de Acaya y Macedonia. ¿Cómo modelas tu fe a tu familia y amigos?

Evangelio:

Para Jesús, el amor a Dios y el amor al prójimo y a uno mismo son los mandamientos más importantes. ¿Cuál de estos mandamientos haces mejor?

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Prayer for Our Deceased
Dear Lord,
Comfort us in our grief as we mourn
those no longer with us on earth.
Free those in purgatory quickly,
and guide us in Your will,
so that one day we may all be united
with You, for eternity.
Amen.

ORACIÓN – PARA TODOS LOS DÍAS Y PARA TODOS

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OEC NOTICE 2023-2024
ST DOMINIC RELIGIOUS PROGRAM
PARA MAS INFORMACION DEL
PROGRAMA VAYA A.
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ALWAYS REMEMBERED



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27 Words That Matter

One of the quickest things you learn as a parent is how dangerous it is to explain too much, especially when your kid is teetering on the brink of a rebellion. The fewer words you use, the more power they have. A kid who is about to be carried away by their feelings needs to be brought back to earth with a tether made of short, succinct directions.

There are a lot of similarities between the Pharisees of Scripture and a toddler on the edge of a melt-down. Stay with me — this will make sense, I promise. Think about it: both toddlers and Pharisees have lots of feelings and lots of opinions. Both toddlers and Pharisees think you're out to get them. Both toddlers and Pharisees keep trying to trick you to get what they think they want.

A thorough Google search informs me that there are about 80,000 words in the Torah. Eighty-thousand words, and Jesus can boil it all down to 27: "You shall love the Lord, your God,

with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

It doesn't make the excess words untrue; it doesn't even make them unnecessary. Sometimes I need the long explanation, the full and complete picture.

Because sometimes, as much as I hate to admit it, I act like both a toddler and a Pharisee. I am carried away by my feelings. I don't trust God. I am about to bolt.

When that happens, I need to be told in short and simple terms what my salvation means. I need a tether made of short, succinct directions.

"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." — Matthew 22:40

SIEMPRE RECORDADO



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27 Palabras que Importan

Una de las cosas más rápidas que aprendes como padre es lo peligroso que es explicar demasiado, especialmente cuando tu hijo está al borde de una rebelión. Cuantas menos palabras uses, más poder tendrán. Un niño que está a punto de dejarse llevar por sus sentimientos necesita ser devuelto a la tierra con una atadura hecha de instrucciones breves y concisas.

Hay muchas similitudes entre los fariseos de las Escrituras y un niño pequeño al borde de un colapso. Quédate conmigo, esto tendrá sentido, te lo prometo. Piénsalo: tanto los niños pequeños como los fariseos tienen muchos sentimientos y muchas opiniones. Tanto los niños pequeños como los fariseos piensan que los vas a atrapar. Tanto los niños pequeños como los fariseos siguen tratando de engañarte para obtener lo que creen que quieren.

Una búsqueda minuciosa en Google me informa que hay unas 80,000 palabras en la Torá. Ochenta mil palabras, y Jesús puede resumirlo todo en 27: "Amarás al Señor, tu Dios,

con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente" y "Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo."

No hace que el exceso de palabras sea falso; ni siquiera las hace innecesarias. A veces necesito la explicación larga, la imagen total y completa.

Porque a veces, por mucho que odie admitirlo, actúo como un niño pequeño y como un fariseo. Me dejo llevar por mis sentimientos. No confío en Dios. Estoy a punto de salir disparada.

Cuando eso sucede, necesito que me digan en términos breves y sencillos lo que significa mi salvación. Necesito una atadura hecha de instrucciones breves y concisas.

"En estos dos mandamientos se fundan toda la ley y los profetas." — Mateo 22:40



All Souls Day



November 1 - All Saints' Day

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

November 2 - All Souls Day

On the Feast of All Souls, we pray for the souls of all those who have died. There are many choices of readings for this day, all focusing on our belief in the resurrection of the dead and Jesus' promise of eternal life. The Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus offers us many important insights about this aspect of our faith. Jesus promises Resurrection to every one! he says that he himself is the Resurrection and the life for all those who believe in him. This is the profession of faith we continue to make, and it is the promise on which we base our hope for eternal life for ourselves and for all those who have died. In his death and Resurrection, Jesus has conquered death for all those who believe in him. We believe that we continue to share a relationship with those who have died. When we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, we are praying for those whose souls are journeying through purgatory, being prepared for eternal life in heaven. We believe that our prayers for them will help to speed their journey to eternal life with God in heaven.



Día de los Fieles Difuntos



1 de noviembre - Día de Todos los Santos

Cada año la Iglesia recuerda el ejemplo, el testimonio y la oración de las santas mujeres y hombres que han sido identificados por la Iglesia como santos. Estos santos son más que simples modelos a seguir; son familiares con quienes seguimos compartiendo relación, en un vínculo de oración, llamado Comunión de los Santos. Cada año, cuando celebramos este día, el Evangelio que proclamamos nos recuerda la enseñanza de Jesús sobre la felicidad, las Bienaventuranzas. Rápidamente notamos en esta lectura que no se espera ninguno de esos nombres de Jesús como "bendito" o "feliz". . . los pobres de espíritu, los mansos, los perseguidos. El modelo de Jesús para la felicidad refleja poco de lo que el mundo podría llamar felicidad. Las Bienaventuranzas pueden entenderse como un marco para la vida cristiana. Por eso es natural que proclamemos este Evangelio en la Fiesta de Todos los Santos. Los santos son personas que vivieron el espíritu de las Bienaventuranzas como vivió Jesús. En este día, nosotros también tenemos el desafío de modelar nuestras vidas según el espíritu y las promesas de las Bienaventuranzas.

2 de noviembre - Día de los Difuntos

En la Fiesta de Todos los Difuntos, oramos por las almas de todos los que han muerto. Hay muchas opciones de lecturas para este día, todas enfocadas en nuestra creencia en la resurrección de los muertos y la promesa de vida eterna de Jesús. La historia evangélica de la resurrección de Lázaro nos ofrece muchas ideas importantes sobre este aspecto de nuestra fe. ¡Jesús promete la resurrección a todos! dice que él mismo es la resurrección y la vida para todos los que creen en él. Ésta es la profesión de fe que seguimos haciendo y es la promesa en la que basamos nuestra esperanza de vida eterna para nosotros y para todos los que han muerto. En su muerte y resurrección, Jesús ha vencido la muerte para todos los que creen en él. Creemos que seguimos compartiendo una relación con aquellos que han muerto. Cuando oramos por las almas de los fieles difuntos, estamos orando por aquellos cuyas almas están viajando por el purgatorio, preparándose para la vida eterna en el cielo. Creemos que nuestras oraciones por ellos ayudarán a acelerar su viaje hacia la vida eterna con Dios en el cielo.