

Liturgical Considerations for All Saints Day and All Souls' Day 2025

In 2025, the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1 falls on a Saturday, with the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) taking place on Sunday, November 2.

Both All Saints Day and All Souls' Day are ranked at no. 3 on the Table of Liturgical Days.

Celebration of Mass

Saturday, November 1, Solemnity of All Saints

Since Saturday is a common day for the celebration of Marriage in Canada, it should also be noted that **Ritual Masses are forbidden on All Saints Day** (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* [GIRM], no. 372). While the Ritual Mass for the Celebration of Marriage is forbidden, the Mass of the day with the ritual itself and the nuptial blessing could be celebrated. Alternatively, the Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass could also be used if the celebration of Marriage is to take place on this day.

Sunday, November 2, The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

There are several options of presidential prayers available at the discretion of the celebrant.

Ritual Masses are also forbidden on All Souls' Day.

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The celebration of All Souls this year must be different from other years. Even though this might be difficult for our culture, efforts must be made to place this celebration within the context of the paschal mystery. The focus of this Sunday's liturgy must remain on Christ, on his death and resurrection; it must not be displaced by undue attention to the faithful departed. We celebrate them insofar as they participate in the death and rising of Jesus Christ. White vestments are more appropriate today.

Liturgy of the Hours

Friday evening, October 31, Evening Prayer I of All Saints is celebrated.

Saturday, November 1, both Morning and Evening Prayer II of All Saints Day are celebrated, though for pastoral reasons where it is the custom, Evening Prayer for the Dead may follow Evening Prayer II.

Sunday, November 2, the Office for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time is said, especially in individual recitation. The Office of the Dead may be used, if Morning or Evening Prayer is celebrated with the people (see *Liturgy of the Hours*, vol. IV, Proper of Saints, November 2).