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MEMORANDUM

To: All Priests of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

From: Fr. Zachary Boazman, Director of the Secretariat for Divine Worship

Date: July 3, 2025

Re: All Saints Day and All Souls' Day

My Brother Priests,

Every year in November, the Church celebrates All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2). These two days commemorate the non-visible dimensions of the Church Purgative and the Church Triumphant. Both days rank 3rd in the table of Liturgical Feasts.

This year, these two days fall on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. As often happens when there is a confluence of feasts, confusion arises on the proper Mass texts to be used in parish Masses.

The USCCB Committee on Divine Worship has given the following instruction in their latest newsletter: "On Saturday evening, any normally scheduled anticipated Masses should be for All Souls' Day. (If desired for pastoral reasons, a Mass of All Saints Day outside the usual Mass schedule may be celebrated on Saturday evening.)"

Remember, since All Saints Day falls on a Saturday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Whereas All Souls' Day cannot usually be anticipated, this year it is proper to do so since it falls on a Sunday, and thus, is celebrated on a day of precept.

A more detailed explanation that answers more questions regarding the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours can be found in the attached article from the USCCB BCDW Newsletter (May 2025).

In Christ,

Fr. Zak Boazman
Director

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 the following Sunday, November 2. The Secretariat of Divine Worship reminds all concerned about the situation regarding the correct Mass and Office to be used during November 1–2.

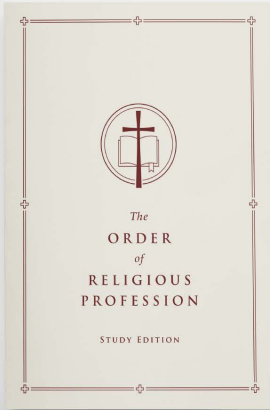
Both All Saints Day and All Souls' Day are ranked at no. 3 on the Table of Liturgical Days. Thus, on Friday evening, October 31, Evening Prayer I of All Saints is celebrated. On Saturday, November 1, both Morning and Evening Prayer II of All Saints Day are celebrated, though for pastoral reasons where it is the custom, Evening Prayer II may be followed by Evening Prayer for the Dead. For 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, however, if Morning or Evening Prayer is celebrated with the people (see *Liturgy of the Hours*, vol. IV, Proper of Saints, November 2).

On Friday evening, Masses are those of the day since All Saints Day is not a day of precept this year and thus may not be anticipated. On Saturday evening, any normally scheduled anticipated Masses should be for All Souls' Day. (If desired for pastoral reasons, a Mass of All Saints Day outside the usual Mass schedule may be celebrated on Saturday evening.) The following chart may be helpful in this regard:

Date	Evening Mass	Liturgy of the Hours
Saturday, November 1, 2025	All Souls (anticipated)	Morning & Evening Prayer II of All Saints (EP of the Dead optional after EP II of All Saints)
Sunday, November 2, 2025	All Souls	<i>Individual recitation:</i> Morning & Evening Prayer II of 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Celebrated with the people:</i> Office of the Dead

Since Saturday is a common day for the celebration of Marriage in the United States, 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. (Ritual Masses are also forbidden on All Souls' Day.) As a reminder, All Saints Day is not a holy day of obligation this year, owing to the 1992 decision of the USCCB abrogating the precept to attend Mass when November 1 falls on a Saturday or Monday. Therefore, funeral Masses may be celebrated on this day (see GIRM, no. 380).

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