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**The Month of  
November is Dedicated  
to the Holy Souls in  
Purgatory**



**The Holy Souls in  
Purgatory**

"The Eucharist, in the Mass and outside of the Mass, is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and is therefore deserving of the worship that is given to the living God, and to Him alone" (St Pope John Paul II, Opening address in Ireland, Phoenix Park, September 29, 1979).

## Feast Days for November 2024

1. ALL SAINTS, Solemnity
2. ALL SOULS, Commem.
3. THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Sunday
4. Charles Borromeo, Memorial
9. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast
10. THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Sunday
11. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day (USA), Memorial
12. Josaphat, Memorial
13. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Memorial
15. Albert the Great, Opt. Mem.
16. Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude, Opt. Mem.
17. THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Sunday
18. Basilicas of Peter and Paul; Rose Philippine Duchesne (USA), Opt. Mem.
21. Presentation of Mary, Memorial
22. Cecilia, Memorial
23. Clement I; Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro (USA), Opt. Mem.
24. OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, Memorial
25. Catherine of Alexandria, Opt. Mem.
30. Andrew, Apostle, Feast

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## The Teachings of the Catholic Church

According to Catholic doctrine, the holy souls in purgatory are those who died in God's grace but still have impurities that need to be cleansed before they can enter heaven:

- **Purpose**

Purgatory is a final purification process that allows souls to be cleansed of the consequences of their sins. This process is necessary because Scripture teaches that nothing unclean can enter heaven.

- **Suffering**

The souls in purgatory experience a purifying suffering called "satispassion". They can't purify themselves, so they depend on the prayers of others to relieve their suffering and shorten their time in purgatory.

- **State**

The souls in purgatory are called "holy" because they can sin no more and are guaranteed to enter heaven. They are also called "poor" because they can't help themselves and are dependent on others for relief.

- **Relationship with loved ones**

Catholics believe that prayers for the souls in purgatory can help them enter heaven more quickly. Catholics also believe that their relationship with loved ones in purgatory is different but allows them to continue expressing love.

- How to Help the Souls in Purgatory (And Do Ghosts Exist?)

The souls in purgatory are called "holy" because they can sin no more and are guaranteed to enter heaven eventually...

- What Does the Catholic Church Teach About Purgatory?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines purgatory as a "purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter ...

## Brief History on The Holy Souls in Purgatory

This article comes from the Sisters of Carmel (<https://www.sistersofcarmel.com/purgatory.php>)



### What is purgatory?

Purgatory is simply the place where already saved souls are cleansed of the temporal effects of sin before they are allowed to see the holy face of Almighty God. Revelation 21:27 tells us that “...nothing unclean will enter [Heaven].”

Purgatory is God’s way of ensuring that Revelation 21:27 is true and that nothing unclean will enter Heaven. It is only through Christ’s sacrifice that we are shown this mercy! It is Christ and Christ alone Who allows us access to the Father. Many people ask, “Where is the word purgatory in the Bible?” It will not be found in the Bible, but the concept of a “final cleansing” or “purgation” for those who require it is very evident in the Bible, in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and in the Old Testament religion whence Christianity sprang.

Daniel 12:2, Matthew 12:32, 1 Corinthians 3:13-15, 2 Timothy 1:16-18, Hebrews 12:14, Hebrews 12:22-23, 1 Peter 4:6 and Revelation 21:10, 27 all speak of purgatory in their telling of the need for purification, prayers for the dead, Christ’s preaching to the dead, and how nothing unclean will see God.

Tertullian says in his work, *The Crown* 3:3, dated A.D. 211: “We offer sacrifices for the dead on their birthday anniversaries.”

Cyprian of Carthage writes in A.D. 253: “It is one thing to stand for pardon, another thing to attain to glory; it is one thing, when cast into prison, not to go out thence until one has paid the uttermost farthing; another thing at once to receive the wages of faith and courage. It is one thing, tortured by long suffering for sins, to be cleansed and long purged by fire; another to have purged all sins by suffering. It is one thing, in fine, to be in suspense till the sentence of God at the day of judgment; another to be at once crowned by the Lord.”

St. Teresa of Avila interceding for the souls in purgatory The Church Fathers speak of purgation. For examples, St. John Chrysostom in his *Homilies* on 1 Corinthians 41:5, A.D. 392, says: “Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.”

And St. Augustine says in City of God, A.D. 419: “Temporal punishments are suffered by some in this life only, by some after death, by some both here and hereafter, but all of them before that last and strictest judgment. But not all who suffer temporal punishments after death will come to eternal punishments, which are to follow after that judgment.”

Archaeology also indicates the antiquity of the Christian belief in purgatory, the Final Theosis: the tombs of the ancient Christians were inscribed with words of petition for peace and for rest, and at the anniversaries of deaths, the faithful gathered at the graves of the departed to make intercession for those who had gone before.

### **Praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory**

Please click on the link below and pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gvC-1fAtrI>

## **Upcoming Seminar on the Liturgy of the Hours**

**By special request from a number of Eucharistic Adoration Faithful, we have been working on a seminar to provide an awareness to the parishioners of St. Joseph which brings comprehensive information on the Liturgy of the Hours.**

**Please note that a formal seminar has been developed for presentation to St. Joseph's Parishioners regarding the Liturgy of the Hours. .**

If you are interested in attending such a seminar in the Fall, please send Rod Cruz a quick email which includes your name, email address and cell phone number. Accommodations, dates and times are now being considered.

Please send your interest email to [drrodacruz@gmail.com](mailto:drrodacruz@gmail.com)

Email note should include:

1. Your name
2. Your email address
3. Your CELL phone number
4. Your preference for the seminar (Weekday – Morning, Weekday Evening, Saturday Morning)

At this point we are just gathering general interest information so that we can start the final planning process with the parish clergy, administration and facilities management.

## **The Rule of St. Benedict**

The Rule of St. Benedict are available in the link, simply click on the link and you will be taken to the Rule of St. Benedict.

[Rule of Saint Benedict — Saint John's Abbey \(saintjohnsabbey.org\)](http://saintjohnsabbey.org)

## **SCHEDULE**

### **ADORATION HOURS & LOCATION**

**Cody Center Chapel**

### **ADORATION HOURS**

**Monday - Thursday**

9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

**Friday**

9:00 AM to 6:30 PM

### **ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS**

**Last Friday**

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

### **NOCTURNAL ADORATION**

**1st Friday**

Following 7 PM Mass until Midnight

**2nd Friday**

7 PM until 7 AM Saturday (Hispanic Community)