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MONTH OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL HOLY SOULS

In preparing for the observances of All Saints Day and the All Souls commemoration, I came across this brief reading from the Book of Maccabees which gives the basis for our belief in purgatory and the value of praying for our beloved deceased family and friends:

“Judas (Maccabees) rallied his army and went to the city of Adullam. As the week was ending, they purified themselves according to custom and kept the sabbath there. On the following day, since the task had now become urgent, Judas and his men went to gather up the bodies of the slain and bury them with their kinsmen in their ancestral tombs. But under the tunic of each of the dead they found amulets sacred to the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbids the Jews to wear. So it was clear to all that they was why these men had

been slain. They all therefore praised the ways of the Lord, the just judge who brings to light the things that are hidden. Turning to supplications, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out. The noble Judas warned the soldiers to keep themselves free from sin, for they had seen with their own eyes what had happened because of the sin of those who had fallen. He then took up a collection among all his soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin." 2 Maccabees 12:36-46

At the General Audience of Wednesday, 4 August 1999, following his catecheses on heaven and hell, the Holy Father (Pope John Paul II) reflected on Purgatory. He explained that physical integrity is necessary to enter into perfect communion with God therefore "the term purgatory does not indicate a place, but a condition of existence", where Christ "removes ... the remnants of imperfection". As we have seen in the previous two catecheses, on the basis of the definitive option for or against God, the human being finds he faces one of these alternatives: either to live with the Lord in eternal beatitude, or to remain far from his presence. For those who find themselves in a condition of being open to God, but still imperfectly, the journey towards full beatitude requires a purification, which the faith of the Church illustrates in the doctrine of "Purgatory" (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1030-1032).

Like Judas Maccabees, we do not forget those who have died, but rather help them by our prayers and sacrifices to prepare to enter in eternal happiness. Ideally, we would remember our beloved dead during the whole year, but the month of November is a time set aside to be sure that we do not forget those who are no longer with us.

"Since we know neither the day nor the hour, we should follow the advice of the Lord and watch constantly so that, when the single course of our earthly life is completed (cf. Heb 9: 27), we may merit to enter with him into the marriage feast and be numbered among the blessed and not, like the wicked and slothful servants, be ordered to depart into the eternal fire, into the outer darkness where "men will weep and gnash their teeth' (Mt 22: 13 and 25: 30)" (Lumen gentium, n. 48).



LITURGY

I hope you have noticed that as we try to celebrate the Mass with more solemnity, we really need assistance at the altar. Surely there are many here at Mass who have had experience as altar servers in their childhood. We could really use your assistance and experience today. If we had sufficient volunteers, it would mean assisting the priest at the altar once or twice a month. Also, we are really in need of more Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. If you exercise either of these ministries in your parishes, please come forward and offer to serve here in the Chapel also. If this would be a new ministry for you, please come forward any way. We will be happy to give you any preparation that you may need. Speak with the altar servers that we have. They are really delighted with the experience as altar servers, and find that it brings them much closer to the Lord. At first they were very nervous, but now they feel very comfortable in the sanctuary.

SPARE CHANGE COLLECTION

Please start saving your spare change for our annual Advent coin collection for the “Street Kids” in Lima. I hope to collect all those pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters that you empty out of your pockets every night. They may be just nickels and dimes (spare change) to you but when they are all added together, they will put a lot of food on the table in CIMA (translated: Center for the Integration of the Abandoned Child.) We will start accepting your “Spare Change” during the first week of Advent.

NOVEMBER MEMORIALS

The **Altar Breads** which will be consecrated at all of the Masses during the month of October have been donated in memory of Thomas Herbert Simpson requested by the Simpson Family

The **Wine** to be consecrated in all of the Masses during the month of October has been donated for the honor and glory of God in memory of **Kathleen & Felix Prior** by the Prior family.

The **Oil** in the altar candles will burn during the month of October for the honor and glory of God in loving memory of **Carmen Pagan** are the request of her friends.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn before the Blessed Sacrament this month for the honor and glory of God in memory of the **Kolodziej, Almeida and Victor Families** at the request of the family.

CHAPEL FINANCES. Our principal source of income for the Chapel are the Offertory collections at the 4:00 and 5:30 Masses on Saturday. I thought that you would like to see just exactly how much is involved in these collections. Please be as generous as possible.

	4:00	5:30		4:00	5:30
Oct. 1, 2011	\$ 894	\$ 616	Oct. 15, 2011	\$ 725	\$ 559
Oct. 8, 2011	\$ 860	\$ 647	Oct. 22 2011	\$ 633	\$ 567
Oct. 29, 2011	\$ 608	\$ 421			

NEW MISSALS The new Altar Missals have arrived and we will begin to use them on the first Sunday of Advent. We will also have cards available in the pews to help you become accustomed the the new translation. The new Missals have been donated at memorials for Doris Bourque, Kathleen and Felix Prior and “T.J.” Merritt. We are very grateful to Roland Bourque, Mary Frances Prior and Travis and Joan Merritt for their generosity..



NEW CENSOR AND BOAT

After having waited for more than six months, the new Censor and Boat (on back order from India) were finally delivered just last week, again through the generous donation of someone here in the Chapel. The censor and that little thing that sort of looks like a boat is used during the incensation of the Blessed Sacrament during Solemn Benediction. The little boat holds the grains of incense that are

placed on the hot coals to produce the smoke and the sweet aroma of incense.

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me’. Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death, and so anyone who eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will be behaving unworthily towards the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone is to recollect himself before eating this bread and drinking this cup; because a person who eats and drinks without recognizing the Body is eating and drinking his own condemnation.” 1 Cor 11:25-30