

We Remember Them 2021

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The grace and peace of God our Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Welcome:

My dear friends, we gather today to pray for our brothers and sisters who have died, and especially those who have died in our parish within the past year.

We pray that they have passed from death to life in the company of the Lord Jesus, who died and rose to new life.

We also pray for those who mourn the death of a loved one and whose grieving has been more difficult on account of restrictions.

We pray for our healthcare workers and all those who work in essential services especially those who have died as a result of their selfless service during the pandemic.

To begin we will light the Paschal Candle, the symbol of the risen Christ.

The lighted candle reminds us that in our grief, and in our darkest moments, the risen Christ is among us to bring us light and hope.

The Paschal Candle is lit.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord of all gentleness, surround us with your care, and comfort us in our sorrow.

It is our certain faith that your Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead.

Grant, through this mystery, that all who have gone to their rest in Christ may share in the joy of his resurrection.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING OF THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8:35,37-39)

Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM - Psalm 22

R: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me
To revive my drooping spirit. R.

He guides me along the right path, he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff
With these you give me comfort. R.

You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil.
My cup is overflowing. R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
All the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
For ever and ever. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are those who mourn,
They shall be comforted.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (14:1-6)

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place I am going." Thomas said, "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

You can shed tears that they have gone,

or you can smile because they have lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that they will come back,

or you can open your eyes and see all they have left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see them,

or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,

or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember only that they have gone,

or you can cherish their memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back.

or you can do what they would want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Remembering our Loved Ones by Name.

"I have called you by your name and you are mine"

Our name is the first gift we are given.

Our name was given to us at our Baptism, our welcome into the family of God.

Today we recall the names of all those who have died and gone before us within the past year.

Let us listen to the names and give thanks for their life with us and let us entrust them into the loving care of God who knows each one of us by name.

The names are slowly read aloud.

The first glorious mystery of the Rosary - The Resurrection

Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy	Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
Holy Mary, Mother of God	Pray for them
Our Lady, Star of the Sea	Pray for them
Saint Joseph	Pray for them
Saint Michael	Pray for them
Saint John the Baptist	Pray for them
Saint Peter	Pray for them
Saint Paul	Pray for them
Saint Andrew	Pray for them
Saint Stephen	Pray for them
Saint Anne	Pray for them
Saint Teresa	Pray for them
Saint Catherine	Pray for them
Saint Patrick	Pray for them
Saint Brigid	Pray for them
Saint Columcille	Pray for them
All holy men and women	Pray for them
Christ, pardon all their faults	Lord, hear our prayer
Christ, remember the good they have done	Lord, hear our prayer
Christ, receive them into eternal life	Lord, hear our prayer
Christ, comfort all those who mourn	Lord, hear our prayer
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy	Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Dear friends, Jesus Christ is risen from the dead and sits at the right hand of the Father, where He intercedes for all God's people.

Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join our prayers to his.

- In baptism, our loved ones received the light of Christ. Scatter the darkness now and lead them into eternal light.Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.
- Our brothers and sisters shared with us in the celebration of the Eucharist and were nourished with the Body of Christ. May they be welcomed with joy to the eternal feast in the heavenly kingdom.Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.
- We pray for consolation for all who are grieving. Heal their pain, strengthen their hope, and comfort their hearts.Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.
- We pray for all who are anxious, afraid, or isolated. May we be attentive to their needs and may all find courage and hope through the care and support of others. Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.
- We pray for all those who are impacted by the ongoing pandemic and for the cooperation of all in fighting its transmission. We pray for patience and an end of fear for all of us.
 - Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.
- We pray in gratitude for those who cared for our deceased loved ones and especially for those who accompanied them in their last hours when family members could not be present.
 - Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

With Christ there is mercy and fullness of redemption; let us pray as Jesus taught us: **Our Father...**

CONCLUDING RITE

Let us pray.

O Lord, we thank you for the gift of our loved ones who have died and whom we are remembering during this month of November.

We remember especially all those who have died since we gathered as a Parish Community last November. We thank you, compassionate God, for walking with us in all the dark moments of our grief and loneliness. Even when we find it hard to see you, we know and trust that you are beside us, and in the resurrection of Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, you give us a reason for living, a reason for hope.

Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us direction and courage in this difficult time. May we live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people we have known and loved and may you help us, Lord, to bring light and hope to others. We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

<p>Reminder: Each candle will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for 7 days!</p>
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- Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them.
- May they rest in peace. Amen
- May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen
- May the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
- And may almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen