

# Month of Remembrance

During November, the Church calls us to remember all of those who have died. We believe they are still members of the Church with us and we have the obligation to pray with and for them, and they for us! The month begins with the great feasts of All Saints and All Souls. We have arranged for other opportunities to honor those who have gone before us. Please join us!

## **November 1-November 20: A Gallery of Remembrance**

We invite you to bring framed pictures of family members and loved ones who have died. Please be sure to place your name and phone number on the back of the frame. Place your framed pictures on the shelves in front of the altar to remain throughout the month as a reminder to pray for all who have died. This is also a reminder that death does not separate us in this great Communion we have in the church. You are welcome to remove these the weekend before Thanksgiving.

## **November 1: The Ofrenda**

Located in the Gathering Space, this family altar to honor deceased family in various Latino countries is placed to honor all of our deceased brothers and sisters. Our Latino community will also serve Mexican hot chocolate and *Pan de Muertos* (Bread of the Dead) following 9:15 Mass on November 6.

## **November 1-30: The Book of Remembrance**

The **Book of Remembrance** is available near the statue of Saint Joseph so that you may inscribe the names of relatives and friends who have died. We will honor this book each weekend and remember the names written there in prayer. Saint Joseph is the "Patron Saint of the Dying" so it is appropriate that we remember our deceased members under his watchful gaze.

## **November 1: All Saints Day Masses at 12:15pm and 7:00pm**

While not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday, we will still offer two Masses in order to commemorate all the saints in glory and reflect on the hope of heaven which is the promise for all of us!

## **November 2: All Souls Day Mass at 5:30pm**

Special envelopes for All Souls Day invite you to list the names of the deceased. When offered in the collection, they will be gathered and placed at the Tabernacle for the month of November and remembered at daily Masses throughout the month.