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TODAY'S COMMEMORATION

November 2: All Souls' Day. The Church prays for all the faithful departed.

St. Odilo of Cluny (died 1048) ordered that all the faithful departed be remembered every year in the monasteries of his congregation. From there the custom spread to other monasteries and dioceses.

The souls who leave this life not yet fully cleansed can be helped by the prayers, almsgiving and above all the Masses offered by the faithful on earth.

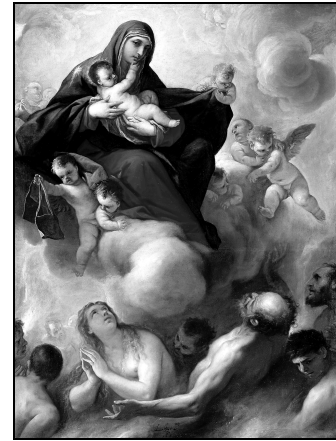
CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: What special privilege do priests have on All Souls' Day?

A: They may offer three Masses; Pope Benedict XV extended this to all priests in 1915.

FROM THE ROMAN MARTYROLOGY

✙ **St. Victorinus**, Bishop of Ptuj (in present-day Slovenia), who wrote many commentaries on Holy Scripture and was crowned with martyrdom under Diocletian.



Madonna and Child with Souls in Purgatory, Luca Giordano (1665), Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Lay this body anywhere, let not the care for it trouble you at all. This only I ask, that you will remember me at the Lord's altar, wherever you be."

—*St. Monica, in St. Augustine's Confessions*

PRAYER FOR THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in union with all the Masses said around the world today, for all the Poor Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, in the Universal Church, in my home and in my family.

Amen.

(*St. Lucy Prayer Book*)

For my dear parents and grandparents, my Jesus mercy!

Recommended Prayer Brochure: PS1 Prayers for the Poor Souls



Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(John 6:37-40, November 2, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

A	S	E	B	E	L	I	E	V	E	S	E	N	T	I
E	F	A	T	V	J	U	O	O	N	H	L	B	C	S
D	A	H	C	E	L	C	H	B	C	U	O	L	E	E
G	T	N	J	R	R	E	J	E	C	T	C	V	A	F
O	H	I	Y	Y	O	N	W	S	A	W	O	W	E	J
N	E	R	T	T	N	W	A	W	V	V	M	U	G	B
R	R	P	A	H	H	L	D	L	P	L	E	D	R	I
N	D	N	V	I	N	I	L	S	B	O	S	N	G	A
M	G	U	A	N	S	F	N	L	A	S	T	U	R	H
J	Y	H	L	G	I	E	P	G	U	E	L	B	A	Y

Jesus said to the **CROWDS**:
“**EVERYTHING** that the **FATHER** gives me
will come to me,
and I will not **REJECT** anyone who **COMES**
to me,
because I came down from **HEAVEN** not to
do my own will
but the will of the one who **SENT** me.
And this is the will of the one who sent me,

that I should not **LOSE ANYTHING** of what
he gave me,
but that I should **RAISE** it on the **LAST** day.
For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and
BELIEVES in him
may have **ETERNAL LIFE**,
and I shall raise him on the last day.”

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

FROM THE CATECHISM

210. What is purgatory?

Purgatory is the state of those who die in God’s friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 210