

**VATICAN EXTENDS TRADITIONAL ALL SOULS' DAY
INDULGENCES**
(CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE)

VATICAN CITY — With the COVID-19 pandemic still underway and with restrictions on gatherings still in place in some countries, the Vatican has again extended the period of time when people can earn a plenary indulgence for visiting a cemetery and praying for the souls of the faithful in purgatory.

Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican tribunal dealing with matters of conscience, said the indulgences traditionally obtained during the first week of November can be gained throughout the entire month of November, the Vatican announced Oct. 28.

The cardinal said he was acting in response to "pleas recently received from various sacred pastors of the church because of the state of the continuing pandemic."

Traditionally, the faithful could receive a full indulgence each day from Nov. 1 to Nov. 8 when they visited a cemetery to pray for the departed and fulfilled other conditions, and, in particular, when they went to a church or an oratory to pray Nov. 2, All Souls' Day.

Because of the pandemic and the popularity in many cultures of visiting cemeteries for All Souls' Day, some local governments and dioceses closed cemeteries in the first week of November to prevent crowding. That led Cardinal Piacenza to issue a decree in 2020 extending the period for the indulgences. The decree for 2021 renewed those provisions.

Indulgences are granted when a Catholic visits a cemetery to pray for the dead, goes to confession, attends Mass and receives the Eucharist and prays for the intentions of the pope.

An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment one deserves for one's sins; people often will seek the indulgence on behalf of a loved one who has died or, especially in early November, for an unknown soul in purgatory.

The church teaches that prayer, particularly the Mass, and sacrifices may be offered on behalf of the souls in purgatory. The feast of All Souls differs from the Nov. 1 feast of All Saints precisely because it offers prayers for the eternal peace and heavenly rest of all those who died in a state of grace, but not totally purified.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven."

Year of St. Joseph Prayer

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.



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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM; Sunday: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Saturdays at 5:00 PM and by appointment.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 31, 2021

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs, 1423-4, Tempera on wood, Fiesole San Domenico Altarpiece
Fra Angelico, The National Gallery, London

On the mission of the Church...

"The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers.

It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach... to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented."
From Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium*

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Parish Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 30—Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Brigitte Richards (livestreamed)

Sun., Oct. 31—Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish
12:00 PM—Rel. Ed. All Saints Festival Party

Monday, Nov. 1—All Saints' Day

Tuesday, Nov. 2—All Souls' Day
12:00 PM—Mass: Special Intention

Wednesday, Nov. 3—St. Martin de Porres
***Office Closing at 1pm for Deanery Mtg. at Redeemer**

Thursday, Nov. 4—St. Charles Borromeo

Friday, Nov. 5—Weekday

Saturday, Nov. 6—Vigil
5:00 PM—Confessions
5:30 PM—Mass: Special Intention (livestreamed)

Sun., Nov. 7—Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM—Mass: Special Intention
9:30 AM—Rel. Ed. Class
11:00 AM—Mass: People of the Parish

***All Souls' Day Mass is Tuesday, at 12:00 PM.**

SEAS Parish Prayer List



Please hold in prayer this week all the sick, suffering and home-bound of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond.

Those who have died are remembered in a special way, especially those who passed away due to complications of COVID-19.

James 5:15

For an end to the pandemic:

Let us pray, dearly beloved, for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father, will heal the sick, strengthen those that care for them, and help us all to persevere in faith.

Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your fatherly providence, grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge. Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Parish Contributions

If you are a registered SEAS parishioner and would like contribution information, please contact the parish office at 804-932-4125.

Donation options: Sign-up for E-giving on the parish website at seascatholicchurch.org; mail your contributions to our mailing address: PO Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141; drop off contributions at Mass or to the office during office hours, M-F 9am-2:30pm.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

Mass for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) will be on Tuesday, November 2, at 12:00 PM. Please see the back of the bulletin for information on the extension of traditional All Souls' Day indulgences.

*Please note, All Saints' Day (Nov. 1) is not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2021.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help break down the SEAS Social Hall for voting readiness for the Tuesday, Nov. 2nd general election. All chairs and tables will need to be stacked and the floors cleaned. If you are available to help out on Monday, Nov. 1st, please call the office.

OFFICE CLOSING EARLY ON WEDNESDAY

The parish office will be closing at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, Nov. 3rd for a Deanery meeting at Church of the Redeemer.

Scripture Readings

Sat., Oct. 30 Sat. of the Thirtieth Wk in Ord Time
Rom 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29/Ps 94:12-13a,14-15,17-18/
Mt 11:29ab/Lk 14:1,7-11

Sunday, Oct. 31 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-4,47,51/Heb 7:23-28/Jn 14:23/Mk 12:28b-34

Mon., Nov. 1 All Saints' Day
Rv 7:2-4,9-14/Ps 24:1bc-4ab,5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 11:28/Mt 5:1-12a

Tues., Nov. 2 All Souls' Day
Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3ab,4-6/Rom 6:3-9/Mt 25:34/Jn 6:37-40

Wed., Nov. 3 Wed. of the Thirty-first Wk in Ord Time
Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2,4-5,9/1 Pt 4:14/Lk 14:25-33

Thurs., Nov. 4 Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo
Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde,4,13-14/Mt 11:28/Lk 15:1-10

Friday, Nov. 5 Fri. of the Thirty-first Wk in Ord Time
Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1,2-3abcd,4/1 Jn 2:5/Lk 16:1-8

Sat., Nov. 6 Sat. of the Thirty-first Wk in Ord Time
Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27/Ps 145:2-5,10-11/2 Cor 8:9/Lk 16:9-15

Sunday, Nov. 7 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7-10/Heb 9:24-28/Mt 5:3/Mk 12:38-44

Parish News

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

Due to COVID-19, Mass and Holy Days of Obligation are being livestreamed for use on our social media platforms and various Diocesan digital media accounts of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and *The Catholic Virginian*. Photography and/or screenshot images may be used for *The Catholic Virginian* print edition.

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR COMMUNION

A longtime parishioner at SEAS who is elderly and no longer able to attend Mass needs communion brought to her home each week, preferably during the week instead of over the weekend. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office at 932-4125.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Did someone you love pass away this past year? Would you like for them to be remembered during Mass? Place the person's name in the Book of Remembrance, which will be located on the altar, to the left of the votive stand, beginning next week and throughout the month of November.

NUN RUN FOOD DONATIONS

Our next monthly food collection for the Poor Clare Nuns and Little Sisters of St. Francis is Nov. 6/7. Please drop off all donations to the collection box, located in the Commons Area of the Church. Thank you for your support of this ongoing ministry.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul. Since I am unable at this moment to receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

SUNDAY ACCOMPANIST POSITION

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish seeks an enthusiastic individual to accompany on piano or organ our two Sunday Masses and various Holy Days.

Applicant should possess a strong knowledge and appreciation of Roman Catholic liturgy and a thorough knowledge of the principles related to service playing. The ability to work with various ages and musical abilities is also preferred.

Compensation will be commensurate with experience as per the Catholic Diocese of Richmond guidelines.

Interested candidates please send a resume with references to seassecratory@verizon.net; P.O. Box 648, Quinton, VA 23141.

SEAS OCTOBER VIRTUAL WOMEN'S ZOOM SCRIPTURE STUDY "PONDER"

All are invited to join us as we explore the "Ponder" program and share fellowship! The program is an introspective four week Scripture study that looks at Jesus' life through the lens of the mysteries of the Rosary. Beginning Tuesday, October 19th we will be focusing on the Action portion of the study examining the flow of Grace, Gift and Gratitude.

The cost of the "Ponder" study guide is \$21.59 per person plus shipping and handling. Each day you will find Scripture, a devotional essay, pages for *Lectio Divina* and space for journaling. See the link below for additional information and/or to order materials.
<https://www.takeupandread.org/scripturestudies>. Scroll down until you see "Ponder."

Email Donna Thomson at seas.dthomson@verizon.net to receive the Zoom meeting link.



Schedule: K of C meetings have resumed on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM in the SEAS Social Hall.

Coats for Kids Collection: The Knights will be collecting new and gently used coats, hats and scarves for children and adults. Drop them off to the bin in the Church from Sept. 26-Nov. 14, 2021.

Novena for Life Prayer: For nine days we ask that you and your family all pray the Novena for Life Prayer. The Novena will be sent via email to all members Oct. 25-Nov. 2, 2021.

October Knight of the Month: John "JJ" Gothreau. *Congratulations!*

October Family of the Month: John "Jack" Simzak & Family. *Thanks for all you do!*

Prayer Request: Please remember in prayer: the Gillikin family, the Gothreau family, the Cashin family, the Almeida family, the Cason family, and all our military, law enforcement, first responders and their families.

Membership: To learn more about the K of C at SEAS Parish and all we do to help our pastor, parish and community, please contact GK Jeffrey Gargiulo at: jrgarg55@yahoo.com. To learn more about the K of C in Virginia, visit kofc.org/joinus.

SAVE THE DATE!

We will be having a special Parish Charities collection Nov. 13/14. This is the collection which funds our Rel. Ed. Program Thanksgiving Baskets delivery each year.

Many thanks to Liz Miller who has volunteered to coordinate this year's effort. The youth in our program will be putting the baskets together and with help from our K of C, delivering to local families in need on Sunday, Nov. 21st.

DIocese of Richmond OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Bishop Knestout encourages anyone aware of sexual abuse of minors on the part of clergy or staff of our diocese to notify civil authorities, call the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064, and reach out to the confidential Victim Assistance Reporting 24-Hour Number at 1-877-887-9603.