



Sacred Heart Parish Bulletin

Mass: 9:00 am – Sunday
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November 02, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

All Souls Day The Church, after rejoicing yesterday with those of her children who have entered the glory of heaven, today prays for all those who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory await the day when they will be joined to the company of saints. At no place in the liturgy is stated in more striking fashion the mysterious union between the Church triumphant, the Church militant and the Church suffering; at no time is there accomplished in clearer fashion the twofold duty of charity and justice deriving for every Christian from the fact of his incorporation in the mystical Body of Christ. By virtue of the consoling doctrine of the communion of saints the merits and prayers of each one are able to help all; and the Church is able to join her prayer with that of the saints in heaven and supply what is wanting to the souls in Purgatory by means of the Mass, indulgences and the alms and sacrifices of her children.

The celebration of Mass, the sacrifice of Calvary continued on our altars, has ever been for the Church the principal means of fulfilling towards the dead the great commandment of charity. Masses for the dead are found in the fifth century. But it was St. Odilo, fourth abbot of Cluny, who was responsible for the institution of the general commemoration of all the faithful departed; he instituted it and fixed its celebration on November 2, the day after All Saints. The practice spread to the rest of Christendom.

Daily in a special Memento in the Canon of the Mass, at which the priest remembers all those who have fallen asleep in the Lord, the priest implores God to grant them a place of happiness, light and peace. Thus there is no Mass in which the Church does not pray for the faithful departed; but today her thoughts are directed towards them in a particular fashion, with the maternal preoccupation of leaving no soul in Purgatory without spiritual aid and of grouping them all together in her intercession. By a privilege that Benedict XV's decree has extended to the whole world every priest can today celebrate three Masses; for the liberation of the souls in Purgatory the Church multiplies the offering of the sacrifice of Christ, from which she draws forever on behalf of all her children, infinite fruits of redemption.

Today is the Commemoration of the All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day). The Church, after celebrating the feast of All Saints, today prays for all who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory, await the day they will join in heavenly glory. The celebration of the Mass, which represents the Sacrifice of Christ on Calvary, has always been the principal means by which the Church fulfills the great responsibility of charity toward the dead. Death cannot break the bonds of the Body of Christ. —*Daily Roman Missal*

"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.
"The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC 1030-1031).

Even when November 2 falls on a Sunday, the Mass celebrated is that from the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

On this day, any Priest may celebrate three Masses, observing, nevertheless, what was established by Benedict XV in the Apostolic Constitution, *Incrumentum altaris sacrificium*, 10 August 1915: *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* 7 (1915) pp. 401-404. —*Third Edition of the Roman Missal*

We pray for the Faithful Departed especially during the "octave" of All Souls, from November 1st to the 8th.

Collection
October 26, 2025

Envelopes	\$570.00
Loose	\$40.00
Musique Royal Donation	\$150.00
	\$760.00

Notices:

1: The Christmas Bingo will be held on Sunday November 9th, 2:00 pm at the Johnstown Parish Hall. Lots of excellent prizes, door prizes, and a canteen.

2: In remembrance of our loved ones: November is the month of remembering those who have died. It is customary in our parish to remember our loved ones who have died since November of the previous year. Consequently, there will be a candlelight service of remembrance at the Sunday mass on November 2nd. As the names are read, a family member will be invited to come to the stand to light a candle. Those to be remembered can include parishioners who have died during the year, relatives of parishioners whose burials took place in other parishes or relatives of people who were buried in Johnstown. Please call or email Louise at 902-535-3107/ louisecampbel@gmail.com

3: Cape Breton Chorale - A Sing-along Gathering for Remembrance Director: Ryan Billington Piano: Kevin Orrell Sunday, November 9 @2:30pm at St. Mary's Parish Church, East Bay
Tickets: \$30.00 at the door online at capebretonchorale.com or phone: 902-270-2591

4: Comfort Tea Come For Tea

Throughout our lives we experience many types of losses, such as death of people and pets, job changes, and impacts of serious illness or life events. We wish to promote awareness of the effect of grief on our lives. You are invited for beverages and sweets in a supportive setting. You may bring a friend, memento, photo, or experience to share.
You may have words of support to offer or just be in the company of those who understand. All are welcome.
Wednesday, November 5th, 2025 1:30 - 4:00 pm
Anne Sampson Building, 39 Recreation Rd, River Bourgeois, NS
Sponsored by the Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society and the Nova Scotia Hospice Palliative Care Association

5: Annual General Meeting: Johnstown Community Development Co-operative LTD: The Annual General Meeting of the Johnstown Community Development will take place on Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Johnstown Parish Hall. Note: There will be a discussion about the Irish Cove Walking Trail as part of the 2025 JCDC AGM. Everyone is welcome to attend and join the discussion. Feedback, ideas, and comments on the work of JCDC are welcome as are new members

6: Mass for Shut Ins is beginning its 63rd Season.
As always, we encourage anyone to join us during tapings on Saturday mornings at 9:30am at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys on Cabot Street in Sydney.
We also encourage you to book a taping with your parish, community group, or organization, as this ministry means so much to the sick and shut ins who join us from home.
If you would like to book a taping or make a donation to Mass for Shut Ins, please contact Nick Vince at nick@dioceseofantigonish.ca or by phone at (902) 539-6188 ext. 222

7: MAiD: A Catholic Response

On Sunday, November 2, the Feast of All Souls, when we pray for those who have died and reflect on how we, as Christians, view death, it was considered an appropriate time also to highlight our opposition to MAiD. Bishop Kirkpatrick has requested that every parish affirm that all life is sacred from conception to natural death and that Medical Assistance in Dying, also known as MAiD, is contrary to our Christian faith. Brochures titled 'A Catholic Response to Medical Assistance in Dying' are now available from parishes, our diocesan offices and our website. To download and to learn more:
<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/medical-assistance-in-dying-a-catholic-response/>