



My Dear Parishioners,

Most of us are familiar with the expression “through thick and thin.” It’s a commendable phrase, one that evokes persistence, perseverance and faithfulness. How good it is to have a person who loves us, cares for us or merely puts up with us “through thick and thin!” That is a tremendous gift.

As we enter this November, we come to what is often described as a “thin time” of year. Certainly true of the physical environment around us, as the trees shed their leaves and we see through the fields and woods. At the same time, it is a very “thick” time. The darkness that comes now can be terribly thick and this is true not just physically, but spiritually. Seasonal Affect Disorder and downright depression can and does afflict many a person: body, mind and soul at this time of year.

Perhaps it is for these reasons that in November, the Church fully grounded in the present, turns towards Heaven and remembers: those who have died. Those who have sat in the pews in which we sit! It’s a sober time to remember our mortal existence. Not a single one of us will get out of here alive. While we know this intellectually, the fear of death: with it’s how and when still afflicts us. We know not the day or the hour and that alone can provoke all sorts of fear.

What to do? Well, Let us remember: Remember what we know and remember those who have gone before us. What we know:

- Christ Jesus, our Lord, suffered, died and rose.
- He promised Eternal Life for all who believe in Him.
- He promised to be with us to the end of the world.

We remember those who have gone before us. In this bulletin is a list of parishioners who have died this past year. I encourage you in this month to remember these persons, remember what you know. Visit our cemetery, Pray for the dead, Come to our Memorial Mass this Saturday. All of this is so very important powerful and good. Let’s be unafraid to look into the “thick” of things with the Light of Jesus Christ which pierces every darkness, fear and even death with the sharp “thinness” of His Merciful Love.

Peace,  
Fr. Rogers

**All Saints Day**– A feast day celebrated on November 1 by Anglicans and Roman Catholics. It is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown throughout Christian history. NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR.

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**All Souls Day**-This day, also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died, which is observed by Catholics and other Christian denominations on November 2.

**All Souls' Day**

REST IN PEACE

All Souls Day Remembrance Mass  
Saturday, November 6 at 9:00AM

**NO 8:00AM MASS**

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