



RELIGIOUS ED

LIFE WITH CHRIST IS A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE!-POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

All Hallow's Eve All= Every Hallow's= Holy Saints Eve= Night Before

While today we celebrate what is commonly known as Halloween, did you know that there is an older name for it? All Hallow's Eve is the vigil for All Saints' Day and many of the traditions we associate with Halloween have their roots in early Christianity.

For example, on All Hallow's Eve, people would go door to door and promise to pray for the deceased members of the family who lived in the house in exchange for some food or a treat. This custom of a way to pray for the dead is what we now know as trick-or-treating.

All Saints' Day

On November 1st, the Church celebrates All Saints' Day. Many people think this day is only about those people who have been canonized by the Church. However, everyone in heaven is a saint! There are many more saints in heaven than are on the Church's feast day calendar and we celebrate them today, too.

Remember, praying to a saint means we are asking that person to ask something of God on our behalf. Just like we ask our friends and family members here on earth to pray for us, we can, and should, ask the saints in heaven to do so as well. All you holy men and women, pray for us!

All Souls' Day

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory, but on November 2nd, we remember them in a special way. Remembering to pray for the dead is an important part of our faith. It's so important that it is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

If you do not already, say the following prayer for all those who have died:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

RE Calendar

November 7th: Class (10am-11:30am)

November 14th: Class (10am-11:30am)

November 21st: Class (10am-11:30am)

November 28th: No Class-Thanksgiving Break



Are you looking for a way to get involved? The RE Program is putting together a list of people who would be willing to sub, if needed. Please contact Kathleen Driscoll (kadriscoll@archchicago.org), for more information.