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Feast of All Souls: 2 November 2021

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Introduction

All Souls' Day, also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of those who have died. It is celebrated annually by the Roman Catholic Church and other Christian denominations on November 2, throughout the world. The Church encourages the faithful to visit the gravesides of their deceased relatives and friends on this Feast Day, to pray for the souls of their departed loved ones.

Protocol for visiting the cemetery

The public health protocols that are in place for the prevention of COVID-19 transmission are in full effect and include:

1. When in public, wear a properly-fitting, face mask always
2. Maintain a safe physical distance of six feet apart
3. We recognize that there are likely to be many persons attending at cemeteries. To the extent possible, try to have your group visit the cemetery at times when it is less crowded
4. Limit public gatherings to ten (10) persons
5. Avoid direct physical contact i.e. kissing, hugging, handshakes etc. with persons outside of your own household

Given that some individuals also visit the cemetery on All Saints Day, November 1, the above protocols also apply on that day.

Throughout the month of November, each parish may continue to offer Holy Mass(es) for the repose of the souls of our departed.

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