



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
(ALL SOULS)

While this is not a holy day of obligation, we are encouraged to pray for the dead. “Already back in the 2nd century, evidence exists that Christians prayed for and celebrated the Eucharist for their beloved dead. In the beginning, they would pray on the third day after burial, then on the anniversary. Later, the 7th and 30th day after death became days on which it became customary to pray for the deceased. Remembering the dead on the 2 November became official in the year 998 when Abbot Odilo of Cluny (994-1048) made it obligatory in all the monasteries subject to him. In 1915, Pope Benedict XV granted permission to priests to celebrate several Masses on this day.

The liturgy proposes various Masses on this day, all of which are geared toward highlighting the Paschal Mystery, Jesus’ victory over sin and death.”

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/commemoration-of-all-the-faithful-departed--all-souls-day-.html>

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BISHOP JOHNSTON PRESIDES AND
THE SCHOLA CHOIR SINGS THE MOVEMENTS OF
FAURE’S REQUIEM.