

CHURCH OF ST. PETER

Prayer of Remembrance for Our Parish Dead

Month of November 2015



*Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,
and, as our faith in your Son,
Raised from the dead, is deepened,
so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find
new strength.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

*~Collect (formerly called the Opening Prayer),
First Mass, All Souls Day*

For all the faithful who have died we pray, but in particular for

*Carol Grayson
Mark Toetschinger
Peg Eilers
John Hettinger
James Krakowski
Margaret Kane
James McBride
Patricia Gill
Fred Sharpe
Arlean Mertensotto
Duane Hitz
Joan Fee
George Zirnhelt
Arlene Swain
Leo Fecht*

*Mark Ginder
Patricia Swenson
Arlean Mertensotto
Julie Merrill
Marlene Sullivan
John Dybdal
Callen (Cal) Reinhardt
Steve Smith
Patricia Black Peyton
Gerald Ferrian
Ryan Giguere
Richard Gangl
Michael Woolley
Robert Weinzettel
June Hall*

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Amen.

†A remembrance book to write the names of your deceased loved ones will be placed in the Main Church through the month of November.

NOVEMBER

“The Close of the Liturgical Year”

November brings us to the end of the liturgical year, beginning with the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1 and ending with the final Sunday of the year, The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. As we draw closer to the end of the year, the focus of our Sunday readings turns to the end of time. We are challenged to examine our own lives in terms of their final, last moments.



On All Saints Day we come to realize that, like our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, we are called to holiness of life and perfect union with God one day in heaven. All Souls Day reminds us of our need to pray for the dead who are being purified.

As in the Gospel, the wedding party waiting at the groom's house need to have their lamps prepared and burning to be ever ready. We too are challenged to be prepared, since we know neither the day nor the hour.

We are also challenged to be good stewards of that which God has entrusted to us. We have an obligation to care for these goods, but also to use them wisely, in order to help the Kingdom grow.

And finally, our actions need to be in line with our words. It is not what we say that is significant, but what we do. Have we been willing to take risks because of the Kingdom? The task of building up the Kingdom of God in the present continues. May the presence of Christ in the Eucharist move us to make a gift of our very self so that our world might have life!