

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

NOVEMBER 2, 2008

—Romans 6:8

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD

When Benjamin Franklin wanted to convey the inevitability of taxation by governments, he used death as an analogy. "Death and taxes" entered our vocabulary as a piece of folk wisdom. People of all religious beliefs around the world have acknowledged the place of death in the cycle of things, and have connected some of their deepest beliefs and most profound rituals to it. Those of us in the Christian tradition are no different. But what makes death different in our lives is that we connect the life of the departed not only to our own lives and the lives of those he or she knew and loved, but also to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Our celebration of the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) on the Lord's Day is a wonderful opportunity for us to recall that on each Lord's Day we celebrate the mystery that Christ has died. Christ is risen, and Christ will come again. Moreover, as we remember and celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us in faith, we take comfort in our sorrow by remembering that their lives—and their deaths—are intimately bound up in the life of Christ, who lives forever, no more to die.

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"The transcending issue of our day is the intentional destruction of innocent human life, as in abortion ... [and] no intrinsic evil can ever be supported in any way."

Cardinal Justin Rigali

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

First of all, a big **thank you** to all who participated either as walkers or sponsors in this year's CROP WALK. Your generous donations totaled \$1,043.00

By the way, in order to help you plan your holiday meals or hostess gifts, we will have our yearly bread sale on Nov. 22/23 after the Masses .

The Peace and Justice Ministry

FOR THOSE WHO WANT THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic (or if you are baptized Catholic and want to receive First Holy Communion), please call Sr. Sharon 562.439.0931 x 5.

ELECTION DAY

THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH IS ELECTION DAY.

We as citizens of this country, who are 18 years of age and older have a moral obligation to cast our vote to elect leaders who will serve and protect individual rights, family values, and the common good of our society.

As Catholics, voting for elected offices and propositions, we should be guided by a conscience illuminated by our Christian faith. A conscience that promotes values which protect human life from conception to death and protects the traditional values of the family as basic requirements and conditions to achieve a solid and just society.

IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR FLU SHOTS!

(RESERVE YOURS TODAY)

Our loving Parish Nursing ministry, along with St. Mary's Hospital and the Long Beach Health Department will provide flu shots free of charge next Sunday, Nov. 9th from 9:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in classroom #2. **In order to provide sufficient staffing, we ask that you sign up after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses TODAY (Sunday).**

COMUNIDAD MEMORIAL SERVICE

This Tuesday, November 4

Remember to bring mementos of your deceased loved ones. The evening will begin in the Parish Hall at 7:00p.m.

JOIN US...

As we pray the rosary every Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Church for the special intentions of our country.

STANDARD TIME BEGINS TODAY

If today (Sunday) you seem to be arriving everywhere early ...you may have forgotten to **set your clocks back one hour.**

