

HOLY MASSES FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS  
GREGORIAN MASSES

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the month of November, we are all encouraged by scripture and the holy tradition of the church to pray for all the souls. Many souls, upon departing from this world, are awaiting the act of God's mercy. This time of longing – Purgatory – is a way to our Heavenly Father's eternal embrace. As a pilgrim church, faithful people on a journey, we are called to offer the Holy Eucharist. In union with the sacrifice of Christ, we implore God's mercy for one particular soul dear to us.

The practice of Gregorian Masses goes back to a long church tradition, to Pope Gregory the Great (540-604). Gregorian Masses are a series of HOLY MASSES always offered on 30 consecutive days. Many saints throughout church history testify to the need of our prayers for the souls in purgatory. Many souls in gratitude give glory to God for this act of charity on their behalf. The perfect and only way to the Father in heaven is through Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life. Jesus said: "Nobody comes to the Father except through me". At Mass we are united with Jesus in the mystery of his death and resurrection, who offers us a new life.

Many of our loved ones who passed away seek and need our spiritual intercession and the grace of Christ offered at Mass for their souls. I see a great need for such 30-day consecutive Masses (within 30 days, 30 Masses offered). You may request for the month in the year 2022 as follows: (January, March, May, July, September, November). Masses will be offered in our local churches in Onoway, Wabamun, and Lac La Nonne.

Donations can be made to: Piarist Fathers Sch.P.

Deep in our hearts we can discern, through the grace of God, if our loved ones need and seek this kind act of Christ's mercy in order to be counted among the holy souls.

Let us pray and reflect on the spiritual act of mercy toward them

All saints in heaven – pray for us.

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