Saint Anthony's

The Solemnity of All Saints **November 1st, 2026**

MESSAGE

WASHED IN THE BLOOD

We hear in today's reading about the holy ones in heaven: "*They have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.*"

It does seem rather odd using blood as a sort of soap to make clothes white!

What is God thinking about here?

In the spiritual life there is the principle of *purity of intention.* This is when we love a thing uniquely for itself and not for what we get out of it. For example: when we love another person uniquely for *their* well-being and *not* because they like us or are friendly to us or do nice things for us!

But this involves making sacrifices. In this case we must sacrifice the desire of being loved by another person since our goal is a pure love of them without any return.

Christ made the ultimate sacrifice for us and loved us with the most pure love and this was represented by the shedding of his blood for us.

It's his sacrifice that obtains for us the the white garment and his sacrifice on the Cross was the blood of our Redemption.

It's through his Blood that we are purified and sanctified and made white as snow.

May we always be thankful that Christ has obtained for the white garment of salvation.

May God bless you all! -Fr Rob

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Daily 9am
Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 10am
In Elk: Saturday at 4pm

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EVENTS

7@7 Prayer Group with Fr Rob - Mondays at 7pm on Zoom7

Bible Study - Tuesdays at 10am

Men's Lunch at Patterson's- Thursdays at Noon

Rosary in Church - Weekdays at 8:30am

Knights of Columbus Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the Month At 6:30 pm

K of C Pancake Breakfast - 2nd Sunday of the Month 8am - Noon

Games and Ping Pong Night Thursdays at 6:30pm

Silent Meditation Group - Wednesdays at 4pm

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History of All Saints Day

It was common in the first few centuries for the faithful to venerate martyrs. They would like to gather at tombs to commemorate these holy people who had witnessed to their Faith by their life. This usually occurred on the Sunday after the Pentecost.

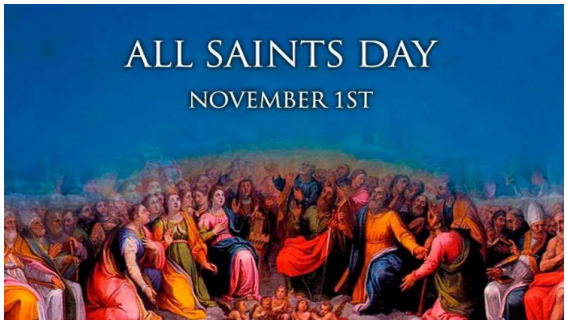
In ancient lore, this is the time of the year we see the transition of life to death. The harvest of fall has gone and winter decay has arrived. This was considered a time when the distinction between this life and the life to come had been blurred. A time when people could easily connect with those beyond the vale: deceased family members and others.

There is certainly a cohesion between God's plan in nature and God's plan for our spiritual life.

The Church decided in the 8th century to recognize this cycle and honor it by creating All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

It wasn't just the sanctification of a pagan feast it was about recognizing the profound reality of nature and the lesson nature can teach us.

I hope you will invoke your favorite Saint this weekend and also pray for your beloved departed!



There are envelopes in the back of the church where Masses can be requested for your departed loved ones.

"Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

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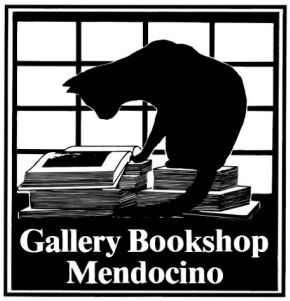
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