

All Souls' Day

An All Souls' Day Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 2, in Upper Church at 9:30 a.m. All Souls' Day provides the opportunity to gain indulgences for our departed loved ones and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory. From the Handbook of Indulgences:

A plenary ("full") indulgence, which is applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a church or an oratory on All Souls' Day.

Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence on All Souls Day are:

- Visit a church and pray for the Souls in Purgatory
- Say one "Our Father" and the "Apostles Creed" during the visit to the church
- Say one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary" for the Pope's intentions
- Worthily receive Holy Communion (on the day or soon thereafter)
- Make a sacramental confession within 20 days of All Souls' Day
- For a plenary indulgence, be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin (otherwise, the indulgence is partial, not plenary)

In addition, you can gain a plenary indulgence visiting any cemetery each day between November 1, and November 8. The Columbarium in the Lower Church is considered a cemetery in meeting this qualification. These indulgences are applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory.

A partial indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, can be obtained when saying the "Eternal rest" prayer: "Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."