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Autumn Blessings.

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Believe it or not, it is almost time for Halloween (Oct. 31). For many of you this could be your first Halloween as a parent; a mother or father who has recently baptized your child a Catholic Christian. So, how do you begin to teach your child(ren) that "Halloween," is actually a contraction of "All Hallows Eve" (Hallow means saint) and signifies the vigil, of All Saints Day? How, at even a very young age, can children begin to understand that "Halloween" is more than dressing up in costume and getting candy?

All Saints Day, November 1 commemorates the saints of the Church, that is, all who have reached heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, which means that

the faithful are obliged to attend Mass.

Both the feast of All Saints and the vigil have been celebrated since the early eighth century, when they were instituted by Pope Gregory III in Rome.

It is followed by All Souls Day on November 2, where we recall all of our faithful departed who have not yet reached heaven. Perhaps, along with going to Mass on Nov. 1, young families could pray together for loved ones who have died. Or take the time to read about the lives of the saints. Remember, we are all called to be saints. God bless you all!

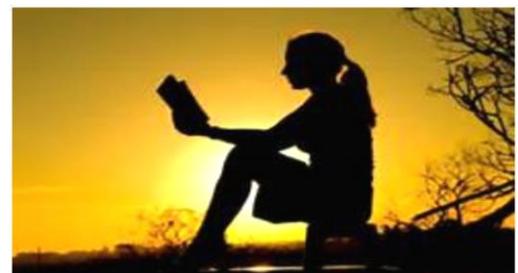
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Prayer: Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina, Latin for “holy reading” is an ancient method of Christian prayer. It involves reading a text from Scripture slowly and repeatedly so that the word of God can speak to one’s heart.

You may choose to look at the readings of the day, or a particular text that you feel drawn to.

The method of Lectio Divina is as follows:

- Find a comfortable position, relax, and take a few deep breaths
- Become mindful that you are in the presence of God
- **Read:** Read the passage out loud.
- **Meditate:** Read the passage a second time. Listen for a word or phrase that speaks to you.
- **Pray:** Read the passage a third time. Reflect on how God may be speaking to

you through that word or phrase.

- **Contemplate:** Read the passage a fourth time. Reflect on how God may

be calling you to act through the word or phrase that spoke to you.

- **Act:** Close with a prayer of gratitude and response to God’s invitation.



Looking for an evening out?

Date Nights are a monthly gathering of married and engaged couples. It’s a fun – and free! – opportunity to meet other couples, learn more about God’s plan for marriage and spend quality time with the one you love.

**First Saturday of the Month from 6:30 – 8 PM
at St. Theresa’s Parish Hall.**

Contact Jennifer Kearns for more info:
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OCTOBER PARENT TIP



Try sharing this idea of us being like a pumpkin the next time you are carving a family pumpkin for Halloween. 

MASS TIMES FOR ALL SAINTS DAY ON NOV. 1

St. Theresa Church	9 AM
St. Andrew Church	12:05 PM
St. Mary Church	4 PM
St. Theresa Church	7 PM

