



Mater Dei Academy Weekly

October 29th, 2021

Upcoming Events and Reminders

- Reminder: No school Monday, November 1st and Tuesday, November 2nd.
- Mass and Confessions will be Tuesday, November 9th.
- Friday, November 5th is the last day of quarter. Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, November 12th.
- Mater Dei Bonfire is scheduled for November 13th. Please see the attached flyer for details. We would love to see you there!
- We greatly appreciate your donations of bottled water for the students. Bottled water can be brought to the school at any time.

Thank you!

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honored. The holy day of obligation was established by Pope Gregory III (731) when he consecrated a chapel to all the martyrs in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. This celebration was originally confined to the diocese of Rome, but Pope Gregory IV (827) extended the feast to the entire Church and it to be celebrated annually on November 1st. Around



1668, in the Puritan areas of the United States, All Hallows Eve and All Hallows Day, celebrations were outlawed for being Catholic. Irish Catholic immigrants in the United States revived the practice as a way of celebrating the vigil of All Saints' Day. All Saints' Day is dedicated to and celebrates all those saints who have entered heaven. This includes saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not. All Saints Day is followed by All Souls' Day, November 2nd, the day on which Catholics commemorate all those Holy Souls who have died and are in Purgatory.

Have a safe and blessed weekend.

Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Let us open our hearts to the will of God and follow Christ by looking to the example set by the saints. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love. Make us and all those we love worthy to be called your saints.

We ask this through your loving Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

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