

Holy Souls Sodality

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"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen"

God bless all of our faithful members of the Holy Souls Sodality! Our humble society is just over one year old now and I am so proud to be able to have the Holy Souls Sodality at our parish. When things return to normal, we plan to have another membership drive to encourage an even larger number of people praying with us. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining, please have them call our parish office and request to be included in our membership. Our current membership is around 100 members.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will resume the optional Stations of the Cross along with the Divine Mercy Chaplet on the first Friday of the month, starting with Friday, February 5, 2021. However, we are going to change the time for these monthly Stations in order to provide consistency with our Lenten Stations. All of our Stations will be held in the church at 5:15 PM; this includes our Holy Souls Sodality stations, which are only offered outside of Lent! Our schedule for the Holy Souls Sodality Stations for 2021 will be as follows:

Friday, February 5, 2021 at 5:15 PM
Friday, May 7, 2021 at 5:15 PM
Friday, June 4, 2021 at 5:15 PM
Friday, July 2, 2021 at 5:15 PM
Friday, August 6, 2021 at 5:15 PM
Friday, September 3, 2021 at 5:15 PM
Friday, October 1, 2021 at 5:15 PM
Friday, November 5, 2021 at 5:15 PM
Friday, December 3, 2021 at 5:15 PM

That is our schedule for the year, which can always get changed. So, watch the bulletin for our monthly announcement of the Stations of the Cross for the Holy Souls Sodality!

Because of COVID, we will not be sharing the Stations of the Cross book. Printed copies of the Stations will be provided for you to keep. Some people have asked about purchasing these books for their private use. You may also buy one of the books for \$5.00.

PRAYER

Say the "Eternal Rest" prayer daily. As an integral part of your membership, I hope that you have made this short prayer a part of your daily life. Many people pray it more than once. I hear that it is sometimes added to the Rosary prayed before Mass at our Church. When you pray the Eternal Rest prayer for a specific individual/a loved one, you keep their memory fresh and your love for them grows even deeper.

HOLY MASS

Have one Mass said for the Holy Souls each year. Don't forget to have a Mass said for the Holy Souls this year! This is the other integral part of your membership. You can have this Mass said anywhere.

God bless you, *Fr. Andrew E. Whiting, IVE*

Father Andrew Whiting, IVE
Pastor

NOVENA PRAYERS
FOR THE
SOULS IN PURGATORY

O Jesus, You suffered and died that all mankind might be saved and brought to eternal happiness. Hear our pleas for further mercy on the souls of:

(Respond to all with "MY JESUS MERCY".)

My dear parents and grandparents,
My brothers and sisters and other near relatives,
My godparents and sponsors of Confirmation,
My spiritual and temporal benefactors,
My friends and neighbors,
All for whom love or duty bids me pray,
Those who have offended me,
Those who have suffered disadvantage or harm through me,
Those who are especially beloved by Thee,
Those whose release is near at hand,
Those who desire most to be united to Thee,
Those who endure the greatest sufferings,
Those whose release is most remote,
Those who are least remembered,
Those who are most deserving on account of their services to the Church,
The rich, who now are the most destitute,
The mighty, who now are powerless,
The once spiritually blind, who now see their folly,
The frivolous, who spent their time in idleness,
The poor, who did not seek the treasures of heaven,
The tepid, who devoted little time to prayer,
The indolent, who neglected to perform good works,
Those of little faith, who neglected the frequent reception of the Sacraments,

The habitual sinners, who owe their salvation to a miracle of grace,
Parents who failed to watch over their children,
Superiors who were not solicitous for the salvation of those entrusted to them,
Those who strove for worldly riches and pleasures,
The worldly-minded, who failed to use their wealth and talents in the service of God,
Those who witnessed the death of others, but would not think of their own,
Those who did not provide for the life hereafter,
Those whose sentence is severe because of the great things entrusted to them,
The popes, kings and rulers,
The bishops and their counselors,
My teachers and spiritual advisors,
The deceased priests of this diocese/order,
The priests and religious of the Catholic Church,
The defenders of the holy faith,
Those who died on the battlefield,
Those who fought for their country,
Those who were buried in the sea,
Those who died of apoplexy (stroke),
Those who died of heart attacks,
Those who suffered and died of cancer,
Those who died suddenly in accidents,
Those who died without the last rites of the Church,
Those who shall die within the next twenty-four hours,
My own poor soul when I shall have to appear before Thy judgment seat,

Eternal rest, grant unto all these, O Lord; and let the perpetual light of Your countenance shine upon them soon. Amen.