

31st Sunday Ordinary Time (A)

Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer One

The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reflection:

This weeks Gospel highlights the style of leader that Jesus was and the style that he would like us to have, We call this style "Servant Leadership"

Look back over these lines from the Gospel, reflect on what you think they mean:

“The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Jesus gave us a great example of leadership for us to follow. He wants us to serve others, care for others, put others needs before our own. He wants us to be humble, gentle people.

How can we follow this example in our own lives?
Can you think of examples of other “Servant Leaders”?
Why is this a good style of leadership?



Final Prayer

Loving Father,

**Give me a servants heart, not serving for my
own glory, but only so that you might be seen in
me,**

In the name of the Father and of the Son...

Prayer Two

The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Reflection:

***This coming Saturday is our national
Remembrance day. November is a
month set aside by the Church to
remember all those who have died***



In tutor time this week, we remember people that we know who have passed away...

Take a piece of paper and write down the name of the person that you would like to remember...

These names will be displayed throughout the month of November in the Chapel...you tutor group can leave them in front of the Altar

Final Prayer

**Lord we offer up all these people's names
to you ...**

**Eternal rest, grant unto 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.

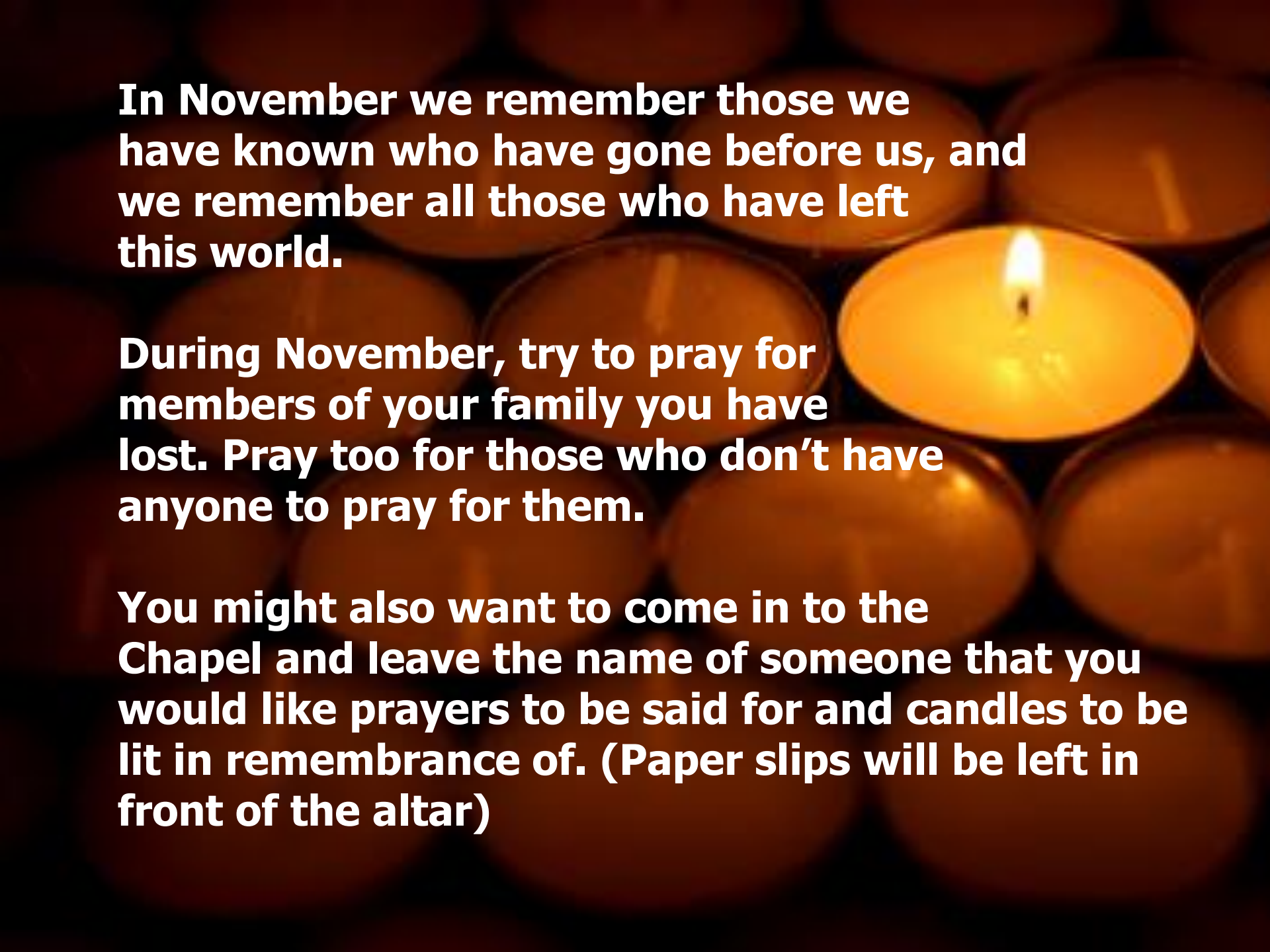
Prayer Three

The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reflection

*In November, Catholics traditionally
remember those who have died*



In November we remember those we have known who have gone before us, and we remember all those who have left this world.

During November, try to pray for members of your family you have lost. Pray too for those who don't have anyone to pray for them.

You might also want to come in to the Chapel and leave the name of someone that you would like prayers to be said for and candles to be lit in remembrance of. (Paper slips will be left in front of the altar)



Final Prayer:

LOVING FATHER...

Watch over those we have loved and lost, and keep them in your arms forever. Comfort those who have been left behind, and in all things keep us closer to you.

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN

Final Thought...



Next weeks theme: Remembrance