

All Hallows' Eve

"Halloween" 2025

Today we stand at the doorway of something ancient, sacred, and profoundly Catholic — The holy days of Hallowtide: All Hallows' Eve, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day.

These three days are not about fear or darkness, but about the intense light of Christ's victory over death. We begin with All Hallows' Eve, what the world calls Halloween. For us, it is the vigil — the holy day before the great feast of all God's saints.

The word "Halloween" simply means the eve of All Hallows. It is a Catholic celebration — found in the Church's calendar — when we remind the world that heaven is real, that holiness is our calling, and that death has lost its sting.

Why, then, is Halloween so important?

Because it teaches us that we do not fear the dark. We light candles, pray the Rosary, visit cemeteries to honor the dead, and offer Mass intentions for the souls who long for heaven — to proclaim that Christ has conquered the grave!

The saints are our heroes; they show us the destiny prepared for all who follow Jesus. And the souls in purgatory — whom we pray for — remind us that love extends even beyond death.

So, as we begin these holy days, let us reclaim Halloween for what it truly is: the joyful prelude to Heaven's triumph. Let us teach our children that holiness is exciting, courage is holy, and eternity is real. For Christ has shattered the darkness — and in Him, death gives way to glory.