

# Trinity News

## ALL SAINT'S and REMEMBRANCE

This weekend many people have travelled to burial sites to recall past lives. How real will be the recall? Is it just the re-doing of a ritual practice year by year?

Jesus asked us to remember him in words and wine and bread. He may have expected that his exodus would be recalled like the historical Exodus of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land.

Moses and Elijah had spoken with him about his exodus on the Mount of Transfiguration according to Luke (9:30). The Jewish Passover was enacted in the actual expectation of that event coming alive and being relived.

An old chalice from the holy site of Iona has the inscription, "Do this in order to call me back."

We relish true ancestral memories and we recall the Saints for a number of reasons:

1. They seem to have lived like Christ expected us to live.
2. They were intent on seeking and doing the will of God.
3. Their example, particularly in writings from them or about them, continues to sustain us.

The Church chooses the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-11 as the gospel text today. This passage speaks of humility of spirit, thirst for righteousness, showing mercy, purity of intention, peace loving, right courage and suffering for the sake of Christ etc. That is a commendable list of the qualities of a Saint and sustaining virtues for all people.

"For all the Saints who from their labours rest" is a line from a hymn. We count those labours as worthy because we are always looking for the spiritual gold in those who claim to follow Christ. **No beautifully expressive life is ever forgotten on the earth.**

Recall past Saints and still-living ones who have touched your life. We do not call Christ a Saint because he is the model of holiness before God for all of us. Those who have displayed him most clearly we call "Saints", those who stand out among us because of their love of God, their humility and their openness to the best of humanity. We thank God today for their encouragement of us in walking the way that leads to God and Beyond.

Bishop Arthur Jones

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## **THIS WEEK:**

Wednesday, November 5.

- Bible study, 10:00am
- Group discussion, 7:30pm, Parish office

Thursday, November 6.

- Midweek Eucharist, 10:00am, Chapel

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

*November 9.*

- *Remembrance Sunday, 9:30am*

*November 16.*

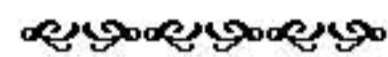
- *Stewardship Sunday (both services)*

*November 23.*

- *NCCP Sunday, 9:30am*
- *Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service & Dinner, 7:30pm*

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70  
I Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13



The Rt. Rev. Renato Abibico shall be installed as the 5th Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines on Thursday, 20th November 2014, 9:00am at the Cathedral of St. Mary & St. John, 277 E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City. Everybody is sincerely invited to grace this occasion.