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## Liturgical Living Resources

### October 28 – November 4

#### October 28: Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude

St Jude is well-known as the saint of impossible causes. Entrust those family members and friends who seem farthest from God to St Jude today.

#### October 31: All Hallow's Eve

- Share some caramel popcorn: [CatholicCuisine.com offers a recipe with a free printable reading](#): "These earthly treats will pass away. Store your treasure in heaven."
- [CatholicCuisine.com shares a very interesting account of the origins of trick-or-treating](#) with a recipe for a simple cake called "a soul cake."

#### November 1: The Solemnity of All Saints

**The Octave of All Saints Day lasts from November 1 through November 8.** "The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home whence they call on us to follow them. The Gospel of the Beatitudes, read today, while it shows their happiness, shows, too, the road that they followed; there is no other that will lead us whither they have gone." --from CatholicCulture.org

- Pray the [Litany of the Saints](#).
- Read a few stories of saints and then open up the dress up bin to make costumes.
- At dinner, talk about which saint is each family member's favorite. Make sure everyone knows the story of his or her namesake saint.
- Play a [Guess the Saint game](#).
- A really sweet [All Saints Day craft](#) that makes good use of the images from holy cards. You will need to buy a few supplies ahead of time.

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- [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) has a number of saints' videos for kids, of course. Check out the one from the Brother Francis series.
- Feast!

## November 2: All Souls Day

We, the church militant, remember the poor souls in purgatory especially on this day and make pious acts to aid them.

- Go to Mass for the intentions of the souls in purgatory.
- Make other sacrifices for them: forgo treats, for example, or TV. Fast from lunch or even meat.
- Pray the Rosary for the departed.
- Pray the [Little Litany of the Holy Souls](#)
- From CatholicCulture.org: "Make a nice poster listing all the family and friends departed. Put this on display where the members of the family can be reminded to pray for the loved ones throughout November. Remind family members to offer extra prayers and sacrifices for the poor souls in purgatory. Of course this shouldn't be the only motivation, but do include the fact that after these souls reach heaven, they will intercede on your behalf."
- Visit the cemetery with your children, and walk among the gravestones, praying for the dead.

## November 3: Optional Memorial of St Martin de Porres (d. 1639)

Read the [biography of St. Martin de Porres](#).

- Check out these books from your library:  
*Martin de Porres: The Rose in the Desert* by Schmidt  
*Stories of the Saints* by McAllister  
*The Pied Piper of Peru* by Tompert
- Make [St. Martin de Porres Broomstick Snacks](#). These adorable treats will take 10 minutes of extra time (plus some pretzels, string cheese, and chives) and will, I guarantee, be memorable for your children!

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- Known for his love of animals, St Martin maintained an animal hospital at his sister's house. Young children can play vet with their stuffed animals, and older children can make a homemade bird feeder.

## **November 4: Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo**

From CatholicCulture.org: "Great was Charles' love of neighbor and liberality toward the poor. When the plague raged in Milan, he sold his household furniture, even his bed, to aid the sick and needy, and thereafter slept upon bare boards. He visited those stricken by the disease, consoled them as a tender father, conferred upon them the sacraments with his own hands. A true mediator, he implored forgiveness day and night from the throne of grace. He once ordered an atonement procession and appeared in it with a rope about his neck, with bare and bloody feet, a cross upon his shoulder—thus presenting himself as an expiatory sacrifice for his people."

- [Learn more about St. Charles Borromeo.](#)
- Explain to your children the common priesthood bestowed on us at Baptism. What can we do to imitate St. Charles Borromeo?

**These activities were compiled and created by CatholicMom contributor Amanda Woodiel. Learn more at her blog, [In a Place of Grace.](#)**

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