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There will be a Children's Liturgy of the Word (5-10 year olds) during the 9:30AM Mass this Sunday. (if you want to help please let me know)

- <http://usccb.org/bible/readings/102818.cfm>
Sunday Readings - Please share them with your children before Mass!!
- Sunday October 28th. Any parent who has a child preparing for their First Holy Communion is asked to stay to learn about the next steps in First Communion preparation, meet your child's Catechist and meet some of the other parents. After the opening prayers and announcements please remain in the cafeteria.

OCTOBER - 2018 (Month of the Rosary)

28th CLASS, Hosp. & Information Sunday for Parents of children preparing for 1st Communion

NOVEMBER

4th CLASS, Flyer sent home for Thanksgiving food collection, Daylight Savings Time

11th CLASS, Hospitality Sunday for 3rd and 4th grade parents (Catechists meeting at 12:10 in cafeteria)

Discipleship News



Dear Parents:

Good afternoon. Every year I receive a few enquiries about Halloween. While some people think that Christians should have no issue with celebrating Halloween, other Christians believe that it has links to evil, the occult, paganism and satanic worship and should not be celebrated. Although there is certainly evidence to show that around this time of year the occult and various forms of Satanic worship seem to increase in many parts of the globe, that doesn't mean that with the right intention and actions that we can't be part of this annual feast day. After all, Wikipedia tells us below the word Halloween literally translates to "All Saints Eve" which the Catholic Church begins celebrating on Halloween night.

So as we typically do during this time of year we are thankful for many things – like the food on our tables, our friends & neighbors & the saints that intercede for us. We should also pray for the souls in purgatory who can use our prayers in order to enter fully into heaven! Some final thoughts: Scary costumes can be worn with the intention of frightening demons away and not necessarily your neighbor. Children can also dress-up as a saint!

If these are some of the ways you celebrate Halloween then go for it. Enjoy this feast day/eve by sharing it with others and thanking God for his many blessings! Here's a link with some more info: <https://www.thoughtco.com/should-catholics-celebrate-halloween-542788>

Halloween

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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Halloween or **Hallowe'en** (a contraction of **Hallows' Evening**),^[5] also known as **Allhalloween**,^[6] **All Hallows' Eve**,^[7] or **All Saints' Eve**,^[8] is a celebration [observed in a number of countries](#) on 31 October, the eve of the [Western Christian](#) feast of [All Hallows' Day](#). It begins the [three-day observance](#) of [Allhallowtide](#),^[9] the time in the [liturgical year](#) dedicated to remembering the dead, including [saints](#) (hallows), [martyrs](#), and all the faithful departed.^{[10][11]}

It is widely believed that many Halloween traditions originated from ancient [Celtic harvest festivals](#), particularly the [Gaelic](#) festival [Samhain](#); that such festivals may have had [pagan](#) roots; and that Samhain itself was [Christianized](#) as Halloween by the [early Church](#).^{[12][13][14][15][16]} Some believe, however, that Halloween began solely as a Christian holiday, separate from ancient festivals like Samhain.^{[17][18][19][20]}

In many parts of the world, the Christian religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting [candles](#) on the graves of the dead, remain popular,^{[21][22][23]} although elsewhere it is a more commercial and secular celebration.^{[24][25][26]} Some Christians historically [abstained from meat](#) on All Hallows' Eve, a tradition reflected in the eating of certain vegetarian foods on this [vigil](#) day, including apples, [potato pancakes](#), and [soul cakes](#).^{[27][28][29][30]}

If you have any questions please let me know.

Have a great weekend!

Tony MacDonnell,
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