



32nd SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME ***YEAR C – November 10, 2019***

The Scriptures today remind us that there is life after death. It is of course a matter of faith. When Jesus tells us that at death we leave the land of the dying and go into the land of the living, none of us can say, "Yes I know" - I've been there, done that" - but he can. Do you trust him. Do you believe him.

In the first reading today, we are told that after death, we will be raised up to live a better life and we will live it forever. Do you really believe that? It is after all a matter of faith.

In the gospel we hear that the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection. For them, there is no life after death. Jesus clearly disagreed with them and concluded by saying, "God is the God of the living; not of the dead,"

If you believe Jesus instead of the Sadducees, then you need not fear death. Then you are not without hope

During this month of the Holy Souls. We remember all our loved ones who have died. Scripture reminds us, that it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins.

Here in the Church, we have a book called the Book of Remembrance. We pray each day this month for all the people whose names appear in that book. If you would like to enter the names of your loved ones who have died, please do so and we will remember all of them in our prayers too.

The All Souls Envelopes which bear the names of loved ones are placed on our altar every day during the month of November and the people whose names are on those envelopes are remembered each day at Mass.

Why do we do that. We do it because we believe that our loved ones who have died have simply left the land of the dying where we are now and have gone into the land of the living where they are now. We believe that because Jesus said so.

On the night before he died, Jesus told us to do what he did with bread and wine because he wanted to be remembered. Our loved ones want to be remembered too. The need for "remembering" is not only theirs, it is ours as well. In a book called the Rabbi's Manual, we find these words:

In the rising of the sun and in its going down.

We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength

We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart

We remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share

We remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live

For they are now a part of us, as

We remember them.

We are busy with many things and rightly so. For a few moments now in silence, take time to remember.