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NEWS RELEASE

Archdiocese confirms it will not be celebrating All Souls Day Masses at cemeteries this year

The Archdiocese of Agana confirms that it will not celebrate Masses at any cemeteries across the island this year on All Souls Day, Monday, Nov. 2.

We acknowledge the joint news release issued by directors of Catholic and private cemeteries yesterday, Oct. 7 announcing that their cemeteries will be closed on All Souls Day weekend, Saturday Oct. 31 to Monday, Nov. 2, 2020 and that All Souls Masses at their sites are cancelled this year.

We understand the decision by the cemetery directors which was made to safeguard against the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Our Catholic faithful are encouraged to pray for their departed loved ones privately and offer prayers during the regular Sunday and weekday Masses celebrated at their parishes.

As an example, Monsignor James Benavente said that the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica will offer a live-streamed Mass, with Responso (Prayers for the Dead), at noon on All Souls Day, Monday, Nov. 2. It can be viewed at www.aganacathedral.org and on Facebook/Agana Cathedral.

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