



# November Honoring Our Dead

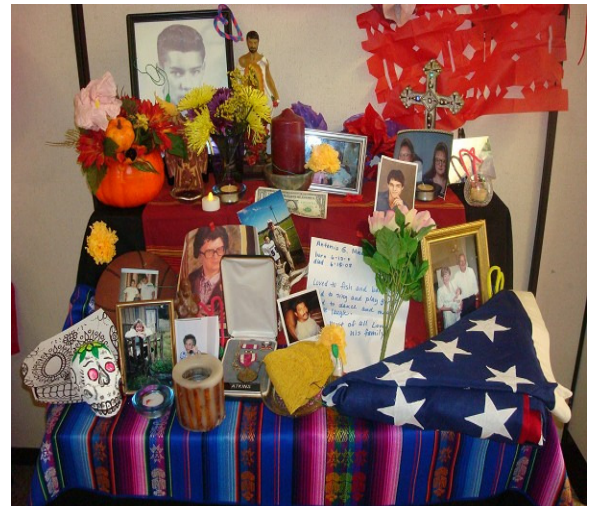
## *Parish Altar for "Day of the Dead"*

St. Catherine's will create a *Día de los Muertos* altar honoring our loved ones who have passed away. This pre-Hispanic custom of remembering our deceased coincides with All Souls Day. The celebration of *Día de los Muertos* as we know it today has evolved from a blending of the traditions from the Catholic and indigenous ways. Creating an altar is a ritual to welcome, connect with, and joyfully remember our ancestors.

- All are welcome to bring a memento or photo of your loved one for the altar.
- Please leave the memento on the table in the narthex the weekend of Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> & Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> before or after the Mass.
- Clearly mark item with your name and phone number so that it may be returned to you at a later time.

This altar will be displayed through Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Home Altars** – We encourage you to remember and celebrate the life of those who have passed on with an altar for All Souls Day in your homes. Place a photo, keepsake items, a candle, and religious items on colorful cloth in a place of honor in your area. These simple home altars create a sacred space in your home where family history is actively preserved, where loved ones are celebrated and remembered.



**The Book of the Names of the Dead** – Beginning Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, the book in which we record the names of all our loved ones who have died and entered into new lives in heaven will be set out. This tradition comes from ancient monasteries that kept Necrologies or "Lists of the Dead."

*During November, we will pray during our liturgies for all people listed.*



***Please join us for the All Souls Day Mass on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm***