**FR. THANH'S MAILBOX—October 13, 2024**

***ALL SOULS:  BELIEVING IN LIFE BEFORE DEATH***

***Dear parishioners and friends in Christ,***

On **Saturday, November 2, 2024**, we will celebrate the**Feast of All Souls at** the 11:00 a.m. Mass.  It is a special day in the liturgical year dedicated for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.  It is a special time to remember those of our family members and friends who have *"died in the Lord.''*

The commemoration of the dead **(All Souls)** was rooted in ancient Christian tradition, around the 2nd century A.D. Saint Odilo of Cluny established a memorial for all the faithful departed in 988 and it was accepted in Rome in the 13th century.

**All Souls** is the time to capture the full meaning of resurrection. Resurrection means freedom from death.

♦ Freedom from *physical death is* the most obvious implication of our belief in the resurrection.

♦ But freedom from *spiritual death* is the most important implication of believing in the resurrection.

We die *spiritually* whenever **selfishness** gains the upper hand over **generosity**, whenever **lust** overpowers the ties of love,

whenever **despair** crowds out **the light of hope**.

By the same token, we come back to life spiritually whenever we

overflow with **generosity**, whenever we reach out in

**Love,** and whenever we are lifted on **the wings of hope**.

If you would like your deceased loved ones to be remembered at all the Masses celebrated throughout the month of November, please fill out the All Souls envelopes *(available in Commons)* with the names of your deceased loved ones and place them in the Sunday offertory baskets or return them to the Parish Office. As a remembrance, these All Souls Mass intentions envelopes will remain on the altar the entire month of November.

May all the faithful departed rest in the peace of the Resurrected Christ.

***God bless,***

***Father Thanh***