

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR NOVEMBER 2022



“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...” ~Hebrews 12:1

All Saints Day is November 1st, it marks the day in which we give honor to those saints who have passed away as well as recognize our responsibility to carry on the faith they so faithfully lived. We must fill in the empty space they left in the church when they passed on from this life to be with God.

This means that All Saints Day is not a passive day where we sit back and only remember the saints, rather, it is an active moment of commitment and awareness that if we do not carry on the faith, no one else will. They are gone and we must keep the spirit alive.

If you want to have a choir, you must sing. If you want to have a bell choir, you must ring the bells, if you want to have children, youth, and more people in the church, you must go and get them and invite them. If you want to keep your church alive, you must commit to being an active participant in the ministry of your church. As my father used to tell me, “Faith is a fact and faith is an act”.

This reminds me of how the Spanish translation of John 1:1 reads, “And the Word (Jesus) was a verb.” What does a verb represent in grammar? Do you remember? A verb represents action. God through Jesus Christ has called you to action, to be a verb, by keeping the faith. God wants you to be a faithful servant of action.

This All Saints Day, let's recommit our lives to God by becoming a verb, by keeping the faith of the saints. Don't let everything our loved ones who have passed away unravel and fall apart. They are watching us, they are a cloud of witnesses who surround us. Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

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November 6 th - "Compassion On The Harassed And Helpless",	Matthew 9:35-38
November 13 th - "The Power Of Persistence"	Matthew 15:21-28
November 20 th - "Building God's Family"	Matthew 16:13-20
November 27 th - "Live Abundantly"	John 10:1-10