

LAZARUS MINISTRY

MONTHLY COMMEMORATION OF DEAD

Second Saturday of the Month

9 A.M.

St. John the Baptist Church

Have you suffered the death of a family member, friend or acquaintance recently?

Do you find yourself unsure about how you should feel or what you should do after the funeral?

Has this death brought to mind other deaths you have experienced or thoughts about your own mortality?

Do you have new questions about your relationship to God since this death?

Have you wondered what your future will be like?

Has the memory of someone who died in the past recently come to mind and caused you to wonder?

Do you feel the burden of unfinished business over the death of someone?

Would you like to do something for the anniversary of someone's death, but do not know what to do?

Has the absence of someone who has died been filled with a new presence or remained simply an absence?

Have you experienced difficulties in your prayer?

If any of these questions or similar ones have found an echo in your mind and heart, you have had the experience of bereavement. Bereavement or grieving is the time we spend seeking healing after death. This time has some general characteristics that we all share and some which are particular to each of us. Its dynamics are both predictable and surprising. It is a journey that has as it's hoped for outcome, peace, but can often be a rather bumpy road to that goal.

As a community that hopes in Jesus' promise of a peace "that the world cannot give", St. John's would like to offer you a way station along the path of your bereavement. Each month on the second Saturday at 9:00 A.M. in the Church we will remember by name those who have died ourselves and each other. We will do what Jesus told us to do in face of the mysteries of life. We will gather together to tell his story of his Life, Death and Resurrection, to calm our fears and anxieties and to hold our hope on high.

There is no need to call ahead and you are welcome to come as often as you find helpful. Please communicate this invitation to your extended family, friends, neighbors and anyone anywhere who might find this gathering to be of assistance. In addition, we would be most welcoming to our fellow Christians from other Churches.

The commemoration will take place at a Prayer Service in the Church. After each of our gatherings we will have some aids for your continuing reflection and prayer available as well as a listing of opportunities in our area for other avenues of seeking healing such as individual grief counseling and bereavement groups.

The dates for these celebrations are as follows:

October 8
November 2 (Annual Commemoration of All Souls Day)
December 10
January 14
February 11
March 11
April 8
May 13
June 10

Interested?

We will advertise in the Sunday Parish Bulletin

Want to be individually contacted?

Sign-up on the St. John the Baptist Parish E-mail Address Book for announcements of upcoming dates.

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