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The month of November will be here in just a couple more days. If you are listening to any radio or television, you are hearing a lot about the upcoming election. Perhaps you have already voted, if not I pray that you make plans right now for that. Luckily, in our country we have the privilege to elect our government officials and, sometimes, help make decisions regarding the amendments to our Constitutions. And, don't forget that 'Daylight Savings Time' ends this weekend, so you can move your clocks back one hour.

Then the very first day of November is "**All Saints Day**". That is a day that we in the Catholic Church honor all the Saints who are in heaven. You have probably heard about: St. Joseph the foster father of Jesus, and I've mentioned in my "Lighting the Way's" about St. Mary Magdelene, St. Isaac Jogues, and others. But there are many more saints in heaven than those who have special days, hence the Catholic Church takes one day each year to honor **all the Saints**. I often think that is the day to honor my own mother and father, and my family members who have also died. I think they are in heaven, but I'm sure they will never be canonized. So this is the day to honor all those people who are in heaven, but not yet canonized.

Then the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November is **All Soul's Day**. On that day we pray for all those who have died, but have not yet reached the heavenly kingdom. The Psalm Response for that day says: "*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*" Right now, many of us do want for things – we want our families to be more loving, we might want for better health, etc. But perhaps someday, you will no longer be in need of anything because Jesus is right there beside you? Let us pray for each other, so that someday it can be true for **all of us** – '*we shall not want*'.

**May God bless each and every one of you!**

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