



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

UST:SO06-00-CI27  
A.Y. 2022-2023

**TO :** THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

**FROM :** OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

**RE :** UNDAS BREAK AND MASSES IN SUFFRAGE FOR  
THE DEPARTED MEMBERS OF THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

**DATE :** 19 OCTOBER 2022

---

"We hold on to our faith in the Communion of Saints and to our oneness with our beloved dead. We believe that death does not totally separate our loved ones from us. In physical death, life is changed, not ended."<sup>1</sup>

### 1. UNDAS BREAK

As stipulated in the University's Academic Calendar for AY 2022-2023, this year's **UNDAS BREAK**, in observance of the traditional *All Saints' Day* and *All Souls' Day*, shall be observed from **31 October 2022 (Monday) to 3 November 2022 (Thursday)**.

Regular classes and office work will resume on **4 November 2022 (Friday)**.

### 2. MASSES IN SUFFRAGE FOR THE DEPARTED THOMASIANS AND LOVED ONES

The University, through the UST Office of the Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs and the Center for Campus Ministry, shall celebrate the *Masses in Suffrage for the Departed Members of the Thomasian Community*<sup>2</sup> at the UST Chapel on the following dates:

November 1 (9:00 AM) - Solemnity of All Saints  
November 2 (9:00 AM) - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)  
November 8 (11:00 AM) - The Annual Commemoration of All Deceased Thomasians

### 3. MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE DEPARTED THOMASIANS AND LOVED ONES

Kindly submit the names of your departed loved ones, relatives and friends, by filling out the Google form through this link:

<https://bit.ly/Suffrages2022>

---

<sup>1</sup> Most Rev. Broderick S. Pabillo DD, *Pastoral Instruction: One with Our Beloved Death*, 21 September 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Masses shall be live-streamed via the official FB page of the Santísimo Rosario Parish-UST ([SantisimoRosarioUST](https://www.facebook.com/SantisimoRosarioUST))



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

**4. INVITATION TO CELEBRATE MASS FACE-TO-FACE ON NOVEMBER 1 AND 2**

In line with the invitation of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) to return to *face-to-face* Mass attendance "with a purified heart, renewed amazement, and increased desire to meet the Lord,"<sup>3</sup> the University *highly encourages* the Thomasian community to **participate onsite** in the liturgical celebrations for November 1 and 2 in their respective parishes or localities.

**5. FAMILY PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

The Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission of Manila has provided copies of the "*Family Prayer for the Faithful Departed*", in English and Filipino, which may be used during a visit to the cemetery or columbarium in areas permitted by health protocols (*See attachments*).

To foster an atmosphere of prayer, the family may prepare an altar with a crucifix, lighted candle, and photos of the departed loved ones. The head of the family may serve as the prayer leader, and other members of the family may serve as readers.<sup>4</sup>

o-o-O-o-o

Let us take this opportunity to spend more time with our families and pray for our departed loved ones.

Thank you.

  
FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, O.P., EHL  
Secretary-General

<sup>3</sup> CBCP, Circular No. 22-36, *Encouraging the Faithful to Return to Sunday Masses in Churches*, 14 October 2022.

<sup>4</sup> cf. Archdiocese of Manila Liturgical Commission, *Preliminary Notes: Family Prayer for the Faithful Departed*, 2021.