

# NOVEMBER

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*ALL SAINTS DAY (ALL HALLOWS)*  
Hallowe'en the night before ushers  
in this day that honors all saints.

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*ALL SOULS DAY,*  
*DIA DE LOS MUERTOS, FESTA DEI MORTI*

These old and sacred days each  
autumn when we most remember  
our beloved dead help to keep us  
connected to those who have come  
and gone from this world.

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*MARTINMAS (HOLLANTIDE);*  
*VETERANS DAY, ARMISTICE DAY*  
Traditionally, we taste the new young  
wine on Martinmas. In Germany,  
children craft paper lanterns that they  
illuminate at night and carry about  
town on sticks. Martinmas marks the  
full onset of winter, and the conclusion  
of our annual days of remembrance.  
In the US, Veterans Day honors all  
who have served in the armed forces;  
we wear poppies for remembrance  
for Armistice Day.

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*ST. CECILIA'S DAY*  
A day of musical delights:  
Cecilia is a patron saint of musicians.



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Autumn's subdued yet lovely light: Our cover star for November is a painting called *Autumn Afternoon*, circa 1900, oil on canvas, by László Mednyanszky. Convivio Book of Days November 2025



*Autumn afternoon.*

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*STIR-UP SUNDAY;*

*ST. CLEMENT'S DAY*

Old Clem is a patron saint of metal  
workers and blacksmiths. His day this  
year also happens to be the last Sunday  
before Advent, and that is known as  
Stir-Up Sunday: it's the traditional day  
to bake fruitcakes and to get puddings  
started so they have time to properly  
age before Christmas.

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*THANKSGIVING*

We count our blessings each  
Thanksgiving Day (a lovely traditioo\*/

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*FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT;*

*ST. ANDREW'S DAY*

On this First Sunday of Advent,  
we light one purple candle, beginning  
our journey toward Christmas,  
illuminating the dark nights.  
St. Andrew is sacred to Scotland,  
Ukraine, Russia, Barbados, Greece,  
and other countries.