NOVEMBER



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All Saints Day (All Hallows)

Hallowe'en ushers in this day honoring all saints. It's also Samhain, the Celtic New Year, bringing us closer to winter.

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All Souls Day,
Dia de Muertos, Festa dei Morti

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

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Martinmas (Hollantide);
Veterans Day, Armisitice 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; in the UK, poppies are worn for remembrance for Armistice Day.

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Stir-Up Sunday; St. Cecilia's Day

A day of musical delights: Cecilia is a patron saint of musicians. Her day this year is on the last Sunday before Advent, a day known as Stir-Up Sunday: it's the traditional day to bake fruitcakes and get puddings started so they have time to properly age before Christmas.

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St. Clement's Day

Old Clem is a patron saint of metal workers and blacksmiths.

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Thanksgiving

We count our blessings each Thanksgiving Day (a lovely tradition).

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First Sunday of Advent

On this First Sunday of Advent, we light one purple candle, beginning our journey toward Christmas, illuminating the still darkening nights.

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