

Dear Friends,

“Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not
fall asleep, but we will all be changed,
in an instant, in the blink of an eye,
at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be
raised incorruptible,
and we shall be changed.”

[1 Corinthians 15.51-52]

*love. We ask this through Christ our
Lord. Amen.*

Sincerely,
Father Beaudin

The month of November begins with a reflection on all things regarding life and death. We remember with love and hope those who have gone before us in death.

The Apostle’s Letter to the Corinthians highlights the notion of mystery, which death certainly captures. But he also accents death’s place within the love of Christ. The love of Christ that calls us to and is a pledge of redemption.

Therefore, we are hopeful because of Christ who has conquered death. We are hopeful because He has gone before us. We are hopeful and rejoice because he has redeemed us all.

The source of this mystery of Christ’s redemption is our own baptism. It is easy to see baptism as a one-time and static event. It is not. Baptism represents the beginning of our journey and ultimately our assimilation into him, through death. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI writes -

“Baptism means the union of our death with Christ’s death. It means that we enter into the change in value that human death underwent through the death of Christ.... The whole process of dying is, if we accept it in faith, the realization of our being baptized.”

So, we pray - *In your loving mercy, Father, be pleased to accept our beloved deceased into your heavenly company. Forgive their failings and faults and give them eternal peace and*