

Memorial for COVID victims

President-elect Joe Biden is planning a lighting ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool to honor those killed by the coronavirus the day before he is sworn into office on Jan. 20.

This event will be on the evening of Jan. 19, calling it the “first-ever lighting around the Reflecting Pool to memorialize American lives lost.” Communities around the country are invited to join Washington in lighting up buildings and ringing church bells at 5:30 p.m. in “a national moment of unity and remem-



HERE AT SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH, we invite you to participate in this memorial in one or more of the following ways.

- Offer the prayer nightly in your household that is available to the right.
- Place a special candle in your household to share in the memorial illumination
- At your meal table, leave an empty chair to place yourselves in solidarity with those who have empty chairs in their homes.
- Participate through streaming in a special Mass to be offered January 19 at 6:30pm

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. AMEN..*

A Coronavirus Prayer

Loving God, Your desire is for our wholeness and well being. We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time.

We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened. We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future.

We pray: may love, not fear, go viral. Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.

Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity.

Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence, You, the God who does not abandon.

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