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## El Día De Los Muertos

The Catholic faith has celebrated the feasts of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Days for years. The tradition of celebrating the dead in Mexico has been an important cultural event for almost 2,000 years. El Día De Los Muertos (Day Of The Dead) is a beautiful combination of both religious and cultural pieces bringing both the history of the Aztecs and Catholic faith together.

Middle level students at Holy Cross Catholic School brought this special holiday to life as each chose a deceased loved one and created and displayed an Ofrenda (altar) in honor of that person. Ofrendas included traditional items such as Calaveras (skulls) painted in Art class, a written piece in remembrance of the special person prepared using writing skills learned in Language Arts, and Pan de Muertos prepared and baked in class.

These Ofrendas were displayed throughout the day on November 2nd along with a blessing of these commemorative works by Fr. David McElroy. Other school students were invited to view the ofrendas and learned more about the rich history each honored person brought to us while he or she was living here on Earth.

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