The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts University community. We celebrate diversity and inclusivity, providing spaces for prayer, meditation, dialogue, and reflection. We offer programs and events that cater to various traditions and belief systems.

**Tradition: Jainism**
Diwali/Mahavir Nirvana

Known as the Festival of Lights, it is dedicated to the goddess Kali in Bengal and to Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, prosperity, and the embodiment of beauty.

**Tradition: Christianity-Roman Catholic**
All Souls Day

Commemorates the souls of all the faithful departed, with a focus on the souls of those who have been recently deceased.

**Tradition: Christianity-Protestant**
All Saints Day

A day of remembrance for all the saints who are known and unknown. It is a time to remember and celebrate the lives of the faithful who have passed.

**Tradition: Hinduism**
Reformation Day

This day marks the beginning of the Protestant Reformation of Christianity with Martin Luther's challenge to the Catholic Church.

**Tradition: Judaism**
Hillel Community Action Partners (HCAP) is a Tufts Hillel-based initiative focused on direct action in the Boston area. As a volunteer, you decide which weeks you are able to serve. We will provide transportation on the 96 bus into Harvard Square. Volunteers travel together and we will send new folks with an experienced volunteer.

**Event:** The Luce Lecture Series on the Changing Role of Chaplains in American Higher Education

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**Event:** Beckwith Lecture: Paula Wilson & Faith Wilding

Thursday, October 28, 6 p.m. ET, held virtually. Paula Wilson & Faith Wilding will address the Beckwith Lecture, "Shadows, Colors!" This event is intended for those who identify with the LGBTQ+ community.

**Event:** Día de los Muertos

Traditional Mexican holiday celebrating the lives of those who have passed. This event will feature the installation of the Ofrenda Project from student artists at the SMFA. Latinx Center staff and chaplains will offer support to anyone interested in creating ofrendas for deceased loved ones. Opportunities to engage with the themes and traditional items of ofrendas and the deceased loved ones. Multiple days and locations (see above).

**Event:** Latinx Center Mass in Memory of the Deceased

Goddard Chapel. The evening will feature organ music, performances by Enchanted and sQ!, and spoken word reading of grief and healing. This event is open to all individuals who identify with the Latinx diaspora.

**Event:** Martin Luther King Jr. Week Community Service Project

Volunteers can choose from a variety of projects. You can sign up for a one-hour shift and serve on one of these projects. Offers include multiple opportunities to help local community organizations.

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