



## The Solemnity of All Saints

November 1, 2020

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that  
we may be called the children of God.

*1 John 3:1*

### OUR HOPE AND GOD'S PROMISE

The Church uses these waning November days and darker skies as the season to remind us of the last things. Today's feast, the Solemnity of All Saints, is the centerpiece of three days that point to doctrines we proclaim each time we say the Apostles' Creed: "We believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." And while the days and our hearts may be dark, the readings today are bright with the light of faith. John's vision in the book of Revelation reveals dazzling angels and white-robed saints gathered in triumph around the throne of God. In the responsorial psalm we sing our longing to see God's face, and in the second reading John writes that we are God's children and will, in fact, see God "as he is" (1 John 3:2). This is our hope. This is God's promise. Today we celebrate the triumph of those who already gaze on the face of God. Tomorrow we cry out for mercy with those in purgatory, who, like us on earth, still long to see God's face.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the days ahead, we celebrate the saints who live in glory, and the vast number of people who have gone before us in the Christian life as "works in progress." Reading any saint's biography, you quickly become aware that they were persons singularly aware of their faults and sins, their human propensity to miss the mark. Penance is a recurring theme in their lives, and many found a "confessor" who coached them in the spiritual life.

Today, a new form of penance can coach us in our journey, because the setting is an assembly of the faithful. In this form, there is time given for people who wish to confess and be absolved to meet privately with a priest for a few moments. Before the community is dismissed, everyone joins in an act of praise for God's mercy, usually by singing a hymn together. The individual part is not compulsory, and you can certainly participate fully and fruitfully without the individual confession. The joy of this liturgy is itself an impetus to change and to open up more fully to this wonderful gift of our faith. You have already been forgiven, of course. That was accomplished for you on the cross. It is the Christian task to open ourselves up, as did the saints, to the reality of that gift.

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### Remember In Prayer

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — John's vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

**Psalms** — Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

**Second Reading** — By God's love, we may be called God's children (1 John 3:1-3).

**Gospel** — The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;  
Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or  
from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

**Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

**Friday:** Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9;  
Lk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18  
[13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

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WEEKLY OFFERING

BUDGET \$1351.00

\$849.00

Nov.8th 2020

LECTOR JEFF

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** All Saints; Daylight Saving Time  
Ends  
National Vocation Awareness

**Monday:** Commemoration of All the  
Faithful Departed  
(All Souls Day)

**Tuesday:** Thirty-first Week in Ordinary  
Time; St. Martin de Porres;  
Election Day

**Wednesday:** St. Charles Borromeo

**Friday:** First Friday

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary;  
First Saturday



Monday, November 2nd, Mass for All  
Souls Day will be 11:30 am at St Andrew  
and 5:00 pm at St Regina.

Monday, November 2nd,  
the office will be closed for  
All Souls Day.