LIVING FAITH



November 1, 2026

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Today is the Solemnity of All Saints. As the days get shorter and we near the close of our Liturgical Year, we turn our minds and hearts to grateful remembrance of those who have walked the path of faith before us. We remember all saints and martyrs known and unknown, as well as every ordinary soul who has attained Heaven. The saints we venerate—whether officially canonized by the Church or recognized in a more informal way for their holiness-- walked the path of the Beatitudes. They did this not because they were better than us, but simply because they "knew" that we are all children of God. They knew they were "sinners who had been forgiven": They learned to know themselves and to direct their efforts toward God, toward themselves and toward others, knowing in their weakness how to trust in God's Love and Mercy.
Through this feast, the Church shows us the saints who are at our sides, friends of God and models of a blessed life who intercede for us, who encourage us to live this last part of the liturgical year with greater intensity.

- **What saints have you looked up to throughout your life?**
- **Why have you looked up to these people?**

The Beatitudes

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. Matthew 5:1-2 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



S	A	Y	X	O	L	B	G	C	Q	J	D	U	W	Z	N	T	R	P	E	V	I	M	K	H	F
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9. 24-22-16-8-12-5-23 _____
10. 25-20-2-21-20-16 _____

HUNGER	MOURN	SPIRIT	MERCIFUL	MEEK
POOR	PURE	KINGDOM	BEATITUDES	HEAVEN

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