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1 John 3:2

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November 1, 2020  
*Solemnity of All Saints*



**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S APPOINTMENTS**

**LECTORS**

Mon. Nov. 2 - 6:00 PM - Darlene Scarpaci  
 Sat. Nov. 7 - 4:00 PM - Maria Spayd , NOT FILLED  
 Sun. Nov. 8 - 8:00 AM - Mark Kreppich, Tim Rea,  
 Sun. Nov. 8 -11:00 AM- Bob Olson, Richard Karcher

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Mon. Nov. 2 - 6:00 PM - Keaton Swope, NOT FILLED  
 Sat. Nov. 7 - 4:00 PM - Sophia Raneri, Ryan Donoughe  
 Sun. Nov. 8 - 8:00 AM - Emily & Ethan Miller  
 Sun. Nov. 8 - 11:00 AM - Evie & Estella Koch

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Mon. Nov. 2 - 6:00 PM -Barbara Bundy  
 Sat. Nov. 7 - 4:00 PM - Connie Baker  
 Sun. Nov. 8 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
 Sun. Nov. 8 - 11:00 AM - Kenneth Gorman, Walter  
 Bloom, Cecelia Bloom

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

Mon. Nov. 2 - 6:00 PM - Connie Baker, John Becker,  
 Jane Becker, Mike O'Neill  
 Sat. Nov. 7 - 4:00 PM - Betsy Lloyd, Billy Sweet,  
 NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED  
 Sun. Nov. 8 - 8:00 AM - Helen Miller, John Becker,  
 Jane Becker, Carolyn English  
 Sun. Nov. 8 -11:00 AM - Dolores Capriotti, Patrick  
 Podoletz , Wendy Campbell, Mary Grace Horton

**SACRISTAN**

Mon. Nov. 2 - 6:00 PM - Jane Byrne  
 Sat. Nov. 7 - 4:00 PM - Mary & Ray King  
 Sun. Nov. 8 - 8:00 AM - Darlene Scarpaci  
 Sun. Nov. 8 - 11:00 AM - Barbara Bundy

**SCRIP**

Sat. Nov. 7 - 4:00 PM- Mary Haenig, Julie Beiswenger  
 Sun. Nov. 8 - 8:00 AM - Chris Palazzi, Heather Yasolsky  
 Sun. Nov. 8 - 11:00 AM - Peg Madden, Marge Rudolph

## A Few Words from the Pastor:

**THE CATHOLIC CITIZEN:** in Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the American Bishops affirm these words of Pope Francis: "The call to holiness requires a firm and passionate defense of the innocent unborn. Equally sacred are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection." With these words of our Holy Father in mind, we prayerfully participate in our patriotic duty as Catholic citizens when we vote this year. The bishops offer us this prayer:

*Merciful Father, Thank you for inviting each of us to join in your work of building the kingdom of love, justice, and peace.*

*Draw us close to you in prayer as we discern your call in our families and communities.*

*Send us forth to encounter all whom you love: those not yet born, those in poverty, those in need of welcome.*

*Inspire us to respond to the call to faithful citizenship, during election season and beyond.*

*Help us to imitate your charity and compassion and to serve as models of loving dialogue.*

*Teach us to treat others with respect, even when we disagree, and seek to share your love and mercy.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.*

The full text of the bishops' document can be found on the USCCB website: <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>. Be informed, be good citizens, vote on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:** Our Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 PM Mass for the Feast of All Souls will be a special Mass of Remembrance for our beloved deceased. At this Mass, there will be a special commemoration for those who have died since last November and a candle will be lit in their honor. All are invited to attend.

**A NEW ROOF FOR SCHOOL AND GYM:** A new roof for the school building and for the gymnasium has been completed. Contributions to support this effort can still be made by dropping your gift in the collection in an envelope marked RRR (Restore, Repair, Rejoice!) Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

**BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAY EVENING:** please note that our Tuesday evening Bible study has been rescheduled for Wednesday evenings, at the same time, 7 PM. All are most welcome to join our evening zoom Bible study. Each week we take a careful look at the reading for the coming Sunday!

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Thanks to all who helped make St. John's Trunk or Treat a successful event! We hope to continue pairing our event with the Lakemont Fire Department's parade and party each year. The smiles on the faces of the children who came said it all!

### November Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

#### *Artificial Intelligence*

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

MONDAY - 6:00 PM

TUESDAY - 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY - 6:00 PM

THURSDAY - 8:30 AM

FRIDAY - 8:30 AM

*We will continue to record Sunday Mass for those unable to attend and post it on our Facebook page and website.*

### PASTORAL STAFF

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**Ken Dunmire** - Maintenance

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

We hope that everyone is checking their emails at the beginning of each week for that week's assignments. If you have any questions, please call the office at 942-5503 or email [stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net](mailto:stjohnsecretary@atlanticbb.net).

**RELIGIOUS ITEMS MADE IN THE HOLY LAND:** On November 21/22, our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace mission, a nonprofit organization, will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Sale of these goods will help them build a Charitable Hospital in Bethlehem and help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Please plan on stopping by to browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. For more information, go to: [www.landofpeace.org](http://www.landofpeace.org)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** The beatitudes describe the mindset and prioritize the activities of those who are destined for the Kingdom of Heaven. The only way to understand the beatitudes and to experience the realities they promise is to reframe our views and reshape our daily lives around them. "If we have wasted a talent, or dawdled our time away with worthless pursuits, or squander our resources, something inside of us just doesn't feel right. That's because our inner compass senses the right direction, even when we sometimes wander off course. Stewardship is already in your heart." (Catholic Update, *Seven Secrets of Successful Stewards*, St. Anthony Messenger Press, August 2002) Which direction is your spiritual compass leading you to? Can you journey into a new view and set new priorities to build up the Kingdom of God that is here and now?

### Stewardship at St. John's *October 18, 2020*

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes              | \$ 4,189.00        |
| Loose                  | \$ 369.68          |
| Children's Offerings   | \$ 4.25            |
| Catholic Charities     | \$ 10.00           |
| All Souls' Day         | \$ 35.00           |
| All Saint's Day        | \$ 10.00           |
| Christmas Offering     | \$ 150.00          |
| Christmas Flowers      | \$ 40.00           |
| World Mission Sunday   | \$ 801.00          |
| Food Bank Collection   | \$ 125.00          |
| <i>Subtotal</i>        | <i>\$ 5,733.68</i> |
| Online Giving          | \$ 1,808.00        |
| <b>Total Offertory</b> | <b>\$ 7,541.25</b> |

#### *Restore\*Repair\*Rejoice*

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| Payments/Donations       | \$162,972 |
| Pledge Payment Committed | 18,847    |
| Total Pledges/Donations  | \$181,819 |

## ST JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

Please call Ginny Reeder (695-7671) or email her at [giny.reeder@gmail.com](mailto:giny.reeder@gmail.com) to add or remove someone from the prayer list. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. *Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:*

**Adam • Aiden • Cari Ann • Lucy A. • Amy B.  
 Julie Beiswenger • Scott Brenneman • Dan Burley  
 Robert Cole • Betty Dennis • Michael DeStefano  
 Bernadine Farrell • Kathy Felty • Mary Ann Flinn  
 Helen Fornwalt • Leann Frazier • Molly Grenfell  
 Jackie Hall • Ken Hartman • Denny Horton  
 Randy Horton • Alexandra Hudson • Mary Jo Ivory  
 Brian Kopp • Amy Langenbacher • Lisa  
 Sherri Maffettone • Louis Jack Mathias  
 Camden Michael • Bryson Miller • Mildred Miller  
 Susie Miller • Barbara Moore • Ailani Myers  
 Stan Neal • Patricia Olson • Mary Oricko  
 Linda Pletcher • Karen Price • Ron Peschock • Connie R.  
 Mary Rajnish • Allison Recker • Vicki Riley  
 Allison Ritchey • Olga Romerowicz • Mike Rudolph  
 Bruce Shank • Anne Showalter • Dick Showalter  
 Steve Stefanon • Tim Temofonte • Patty Teufel  
 Kathy Wagner • Lois Werfel • Carol White  
 Len Whitten • William Wieland • Noah Wills  
 Milan & Family • Dorothy Yingling**

*Reminder: If you are sending cards to those on our prayer list, try to send one each month, preferably around the Second Sunday weekend.*

### **ST. JOHN'S ANGEL TREE 2020:**

St. John's Parish will assist Catholic Charities to work with those in need this Christmas Season. *If you know of someone who needs help, please have them call Catholic Charities at (814) 944-9388.* Families should tell Catholic Charities that they were referred by St. John's. The family will fill out a form of needs and return it to the Catholic Charity Office in person with photo ID. We will prepare the need cards that will hang from our Parish Christmas Tree in the Gathering Space before Thanksgiving. **Catholic Charities imposes the rule that you may not spend more than \$25 for a gift. You can wrap that gift and return the gift with the attached card to the Gathering Space (or just buy wrapping paper to add with the gift if you not a wrapper) by December 7** and we will take them to Catholic Charities on December 10 and they will deliver to the families. On the tree you will find a request for food cards that you can purchase with scrip and put in the special Angel Tree box provided. We will give those food cards to Catholic Charities and they will disburse them to the families. Looking forward to a blessed holiday as we build a loving community! Susanna Tomlinson (814) 414-1151



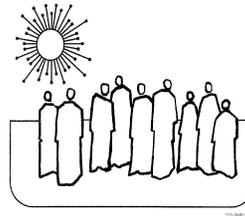
**TAKE OUT SPAGHETTI DINNER:** The Knights of Columbus of St. John's Parish in New Baltimore is sponsoring a **TAKE OUT** Spaghetti Dinner On Sunday, Nov 15h from 10:30AM to 1:00 PM. The dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. Adults (12 and over) \$8, Children (3 -11) \$3. Pre-order online by calling 814-733-2210 or email -dwambaugh@dioceseaj.org. Please leave your name, phone number, preferred time of pick-up and the number of adult and child orders to be picked up at St. John's hall. Payment should be made at time of pick-up. **WALK-INS are also welcome!** All proceeds are donated to local food banks and local charities!

**COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULT MEN:** An opportunity to discern your vocation is being made available via the convenience of Zoom. Every Friday evening at 8:30 PM join others in an organized discussion about different aspects of prayer and vocational discernment. We will use the book "To Save a Thousand Souls" which can be ordered for FREE by going to [GoPriest.com](http://GoPriest.com) and selecting "free resources." If you are interested, please contact Fr. Peter Crowe at [vocations@dioceseaj.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseaj.org) to receive the zoom link. There is no commitment or pressure, just an opportunity to be with others, at least digitally, to gather in prayer, and have a good discussion that could be very helpful. If we don't know about a vocation, it is not possible to properly discern it. We need good men to say yes to our Lord. Could that man be you? Come and see!

**WALK-THRU BASKET RAFFLE AND SOUP SALE:** Our Lady of the Alleghenies Roman Catholic Parish is hosting a COVID compliant Basket Raffle and Soup Sale on Saturday, November 7, 2020 from 10:00am to 6:00pm in the Church Hall. Chances are 25 for \$5.00. Ham Pot Pie or Stuffed Pepper soup, both provided by Custer's Market in Lilly is \$8.00/quart. Basket winners may pick up from 6:00pm to 7:00pm Saturday night or Noon to 2:00pm Sunday afternoon.

**TEEN SHELTER:** We continue to collect gift cards for Domino's Pizza, MacDonald's or any grocery store as well as food donations such as canned goods and packaged or microwavable items. Toiletries are also needed. You can place the gift cards in an envelope marked for the teen shelter and drop it in the collection. Food for the teen shelter should be left in the box behind the scrip table in the Gathering Space. Thank you!

**PERSONAL ASSISTANT FOR FEMALE PARISHIONER NEED-ED:** Very light household chores and light food prep along with food shopping and driving to doctor appointments. Must be 18 years or older and have own car. Hours are flexible - \$11.34 per hour. Call after 11:00 AM – 941-8279.



## 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

### Schedule for the Week

#### Sunday, November 1 – All Saints

8:00 AM - Mass for *Jude Wargo* requested by Bob & Ginny Reeder  
11:00 AM - Mass for *People of the Parish*  
12:30 PM - Communion in the Front Circle

#### Monday, November 2 - All Souls' Day

6:00 PM - Mass for *All The Faithful Departed* requested by Ray & Mary King

#### Tuesday, November 3 –Weekday

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer & Communion Service

#### Wednesday, November 4 – Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

5:30 PM - Confessions  
6:00 PM - Mass for *Ralph F. Lowe* requested by Richard & Joyce Lowe

#### Thursday, November 5 – Weekday

8:30 AM - Mass for *Deceased Members of the Sinchak Family* requested by Marian Monios

#### Friday, November 6 – Weekday

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer & Communion Service

#### Saturday, November 7 - Vigil of 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 PM - Confessions  
4:00 PM - Mass for *People of the Parish*

#### Sunday, November 8 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM - Mass for *Ida Proserpi* requested by John Proserpi  
11:00 AM - Mass for *Joseph & Marian Langguth* requested by David & Coleen Langguth  
12:30 PM - Communion in the Front Circle

#### 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



***VETERANS ...***

***We Want You!***

We would like to recognize all the veterans of our parish  
on Veterans Day weekend, November 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you are a present or past member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines,  
Coast Guard, Reserves, or National Guard, please complete the form at the  
bottom of this page and drop it in the collection basket by November 9<sup>th</sup>.

You may also use this form to identify a deceased member of our parish,  
or a deceased family member, who was a veteran.

*Names submitted in past years do not need to be included.*

We will include a list of these individuals in that weekend's bulletin, and  
Monsignor Becker will offer a special blessing at the close of each Mass.

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Name of Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Years served \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. 1986-1990)

If you are completing this form for a deceased veteran, please let us know  
your name and your relationship to the veteran:

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## **Sunday Readings**

### **November 1, 2020**

### **Solemnity of All Saints**

#### **Reading 1**

##### **Rev 7:2–4, 9–14**

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, “Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel.

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne,  
and from the Lamb.”

All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God, and exclaimed:

“Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving,  
honor, power, and might  
be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, “Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?” I said to him, “My lord, you are the one who knows.” He said to me, “These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.”

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

##### **Ps 24:1bc–2, 3–4ab, 5–6**

**R. (see 6) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;  
the world and those who dwell in it.

For he founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.

**R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
or who may stand in his holy place?

One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,  
who desires not what is vain.

**R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,  
a reward from God his savior.

Such is the race that seeks him,  
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

**R. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

## Reading 2

### 1 Jn 3:1-3

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

## Gospel

### Mt 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.  
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you  
and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward will be great in heaven.”

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## FAMILY REUNION

Today we celebrate a glorious family reunion, the solemn feast that gives us a glimpse of all our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone home to God before us. When we quiet ourselves to hear the Word of God today, we recall the mystery of our salvation. We praise the Lord who saves our loved ones who have died and who promises to have mercy on us as well. The reading from Revelation amazes us with its sweeping images of countless souls basking in God's glory. The Responsorial Psalm echoes our own longing to join those saints and look on the face of God. Saint John's letter affirms our deep desire to be with God, providing robust advice about how we may realize our hope: by living purely. The familiar words of Matthew's Beatitudes show the way to purity—and to genuine happiness, now and forever.

## THE MISSION

Successful organizations live by strong mission statements. All Saints' Day reminds the Church of her mission: to know the love of God on earth in order to experience the fullness of God's happiness forever in heaven. The Church herself—and each one of us, her members—can use this celebration to give thanks and to renew our commitment to evangelization. If the heart of Jesus desires to unite all souls in heaven, then we must spend time every day actively praying for and serving God's people. In our words and actions, we can pour Christ's love into the world. We can be the light of the world, reminding everyone that this life is a foretaste of what is to come.

## THE REWARD

God's enemy, Satan, does not want us to think of heaven, prepare for heaven, or long for heaven's peace. Satan wants us to forget about our connection to the Lord and live only for the glory we can find here and now. We feel that hellish pull whenever we grow tired of doing good, especially when no one appreciates or thanks us. We know the temptation to despair when we hear skeptics ridicule believers, especially if we can't point to convincing evidence that God provides for us that there is a life after this one. These shaky, uncomfortable experiences may come to us once in a while, or they may take root in our hearts and burden us for years. This is precisely why we must celebrate All Saints' Day with hearty gladness, because every single blessed soul in heaven is praying for us. The Communion of Saints is real, and the strength that Jesus sends to us through their prayers makes an actual difference in our lives. Just as we pray for one another here on earth, our big brothers and sisters in Christ continue to pray for us, inviting us to know and share the love of God.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14  
Psalm 24:1bc–2, 3–4ab, 5–6  
1 John 3:1–3  
Matthew 5:1–12a

November 1, 2020

*Solemnity of All Saints*

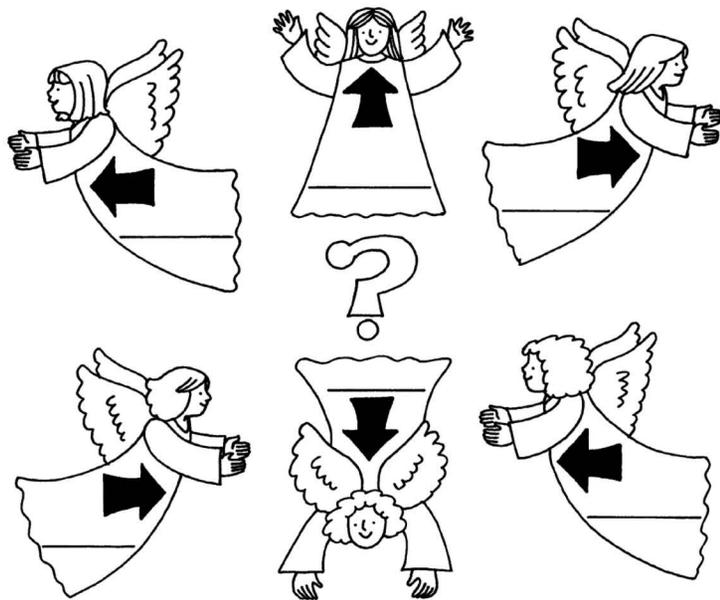
# God's Word for Children

## All Saints

John had a vision of angels and a great crowd of people, all worshipping at the throne of God (see Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

Look at the arrow on each angel.

Use the words below to write the direction in which each is pointed.



up      left  
right    down

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## All Saints

Jesus taught us about the kinds of people who are blessed by God.

This teaching is called the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12a).

Draw a line from each speech bubble on the left to the one on the right that will complete what Jesus said.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

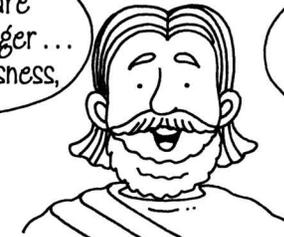
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are they who mourn,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who hunger ... for righteousness,

for they will be comforted.



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

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# CATHOLIC CORNER

## ANYONE CAN BE A SAINT

On November 1 the Church celebrates All Saints Day. The Church dedicates each day of the year to a particular saint. Sometimes saints share a feast day, since they may have lived in different parts of the world. These people are individuals who are officially recognized by the Church as having led good and holy lives and are believed to be with God in heaven. But on November 1 we celebrate all holy people, saints who are named and those who are not.

On May 13, 2017, Pope Francis canonized—that is, officially declared for all to believe and honor—two new saints. One was only 10 years old, the other was only 9. St. Francisco de Jesús Marto and his sister, St. Jacinta de Jesús Marto, were very young when, with their cousin Lúcia Santos, they first witnessed the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Fátima, in Portugal. This appearance occurred on May 13, 1917, one hundred years before these young saints were canonized. Francisco and Jacinta lived for only a few years after witnessing the appearances of Mary. During that time they lived a very quiet life of prayer, honoring Mary and praising God. They both died in the worldwide outbreak of influenza that began in 1918.

You don't have to be an adult to be a saint. You don't have to be rich to be a saint. You don't have to have a special job or live a certain kind of life. The only thing necessary to become a saint is to spend your whole life trying to live as God wants us to live. Even if you don't do it perfectly, the important thing is to keep on trying.

Are you the same age as Jacinta (9) or Francisco (10)—or even younger? Can you name some steps you've taken that have set you on the road to sainthood? Write some of your saintly actions in the footsteps. Ask yourself, "What do I try to do to live as God wants me to?"

My Steps  
on the Road  
to Sainthood

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