

November 1, 2020 - Saint Kateri Faith Formation- Family Mass Lesson - All Saints Day

Mass Readings: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 ♦ 1 John 3:1-3 ♦ Matthew 5:1-12a

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” – Matt. 5:12

The teachings Jesus give in the Gospel of Matthew for Nov. 1 are called the Beatitudes. These teachings are part of the “Sermon on the Mount” in which Jesus went up a mountain to teach the crowds. Jesus revealed how he fulfilled the Law God gave to Moses. Jesus told his listeners how to live a Christian life in order to be happy.

FAMILY – You only need to complete 2 out of the 3 Family Activities.

1. Family Activity: Beatitudes

♦ In your Bible, look up the Gospel of Matthew 5:1-12 a. As a family, share in reading out loud this Gospel passage.

♦ How many beatitudes are there? _____

♦ As a family, discuss how living one of the beatitudes would help you to live a Christian life and bring you true happiness.

2. Family Activity: Saints

Today is All Saints Day. A saint is someone who leads a life in union with God, through the grace of Jesus Christ, and receives the reward of eternal life – heaven. We are all called to follow God’s will and become saints. A *canonized* saint is a person who has died and has been declared by the Pope to be a great example of heroic virtue (moral behavior) and an intercessor (praying for us from heaven). Some remained faithful to God through martyrdom. The saints showed us how to live out the beatitudes (see today’s Gospel.)

♦ As a family, think about what qualities you appreciate in people and in each other. Then choose a saint who reflects qualities and virtues you admire and discuss as a family. Choose one below or feel free to find more saints at www.catholic.or/saints/.



Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta (India) (1910-1977). She was a nun who dedicated her life to helping the poorest of the poor and the sick. She received the Nobel Peace prize for her humanitarian work.



Saint Padre Pio of Italy (1887-1968). He was a priest who received the stigmata (marks on his body that corresponded to the wounds suffered by the crucified Jesus), had the gift of healing and could read people’s souls in Confession. He was known for his holiness and charity.



St Therese of Liseux (1873-1897). She is known for discovering the “Little Way” to become a saint which is to do small things with great love. St. Therese wrote “After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good on earth.” Many who pray to St. Therese receive roses as a sign of her intercession.



Saint Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941), was a Polish Catholic priest who, during World War II, volunteered to die in place of a stranger who had a wife and children.

♦ Which Saint (s) did you discuss as a family? _____

3. Family Activity: Beatitudes

The Beatitudes are blessings that come from following Jesus. We should strive to live out the Beatitudes each day.

Family activity – Use the Bible passage for this Sunday’s Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12a, to find the answers. Draw a line matching the first part of each beatitude in the left-hand column with the second part of the beatitude listed in the right-hand column.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,	●	●	for theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are they who mourn,	●	●	for they will inherit the kingdom of land.
Blessed are the meek,	●	●	for they will see God.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,	●	●	for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the merciful,	●	●	for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart,	●	●	for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the peacemakers,	●	●	for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,	●	●	for they will be called children of God

Students – Write below

◆ Which Mass did your family participate in: _____

Homily: Each student in family write one new insight the November 1st homily gave you:

Student Name & Grade: _____

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