

ALL SAINTS DAY AT HOME WORKSHOP FOR GRADES 6-10

FAQ

- ? I'm in 7th grade and my sister is in 9th grade. Our classes don't start until January. Do we need to do this? **YES! All grades 6-10 are to complete this workshop assignment.**
- ? Does this count as one of my workshop requirements? **Yes, it counts as a 1 ½ hour workshop towards the 6-hour requirement.**

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT? *An excerpt from THE LITTLE BURGUNDY BOOK – Six-minute reflections on Stewardship In light of the Gospel of Mark written and distributed by Little Books of the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan.*

'Blessed be all saints'

The feast of All Saints dates back many centuries. In ancient Rome, it was celebrated as the feast of the "nameless martyrs."

Over the course of time, it has become one of the most popular of the holy days, probably because people see it as a celebration of the unpublicized holiness of people they've know – grandparents, parents, friends – who were good an holy people. The salt of the earth.

Most people who excise good stewardship with their skills and money don't ever get their name on plaques. But God doesn't miss it. Nor do those who are close to these salt-of-the-earth people.

That's why the Church celebrates this feast of All Saints.

YOUR TASK

- Below are the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel readings for All Saints Day. Check them out!
- Read the Jesus and the Teacher article taken from the **Break Through!** bible from St. Mary's Press.
- Take a few minutes and think of all the people in your life – near or far, on earth or in heaven, family, friends or just folks of whom you have been told.
- Which one/s are saints in your eyes?
- Which beatitude best describes their saintly attributes?
- Write that person's name on the front of the "flame", add in their Beatitude and decorate it as you wish.
- **WRITE YOUR FULL NAME AND GRADE ON THE BACK OF THE FLAME – YOU DID ALL THIS WORK SO MAKE SURE YOU GET CREDIT FOR IT!**
- If you are in 6th, 8th or 10th grade, Bring your "flame" to your next class
OR
- If attending virtual classes or if you are in 7th and 9th grade and your classes don't start until January drop in the RE Grades 6-10 mailbox found on the front steps of the Youth Center (as you face the front of the church, this is the building to the left.
- Your saint/s will be added to our HOLY PLACE TREE in the Carnevale Center lobby.

READINGS FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 24:1BC-2, 3-4AB, 5-6

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

^{1BC} The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.

² 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.

³ Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?
or **who may stand in his holy place?**

^{4AB} **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.

⁵ He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,
a reward from God his savior.

⁶ 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.

Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12A

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.

² He began to teach them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

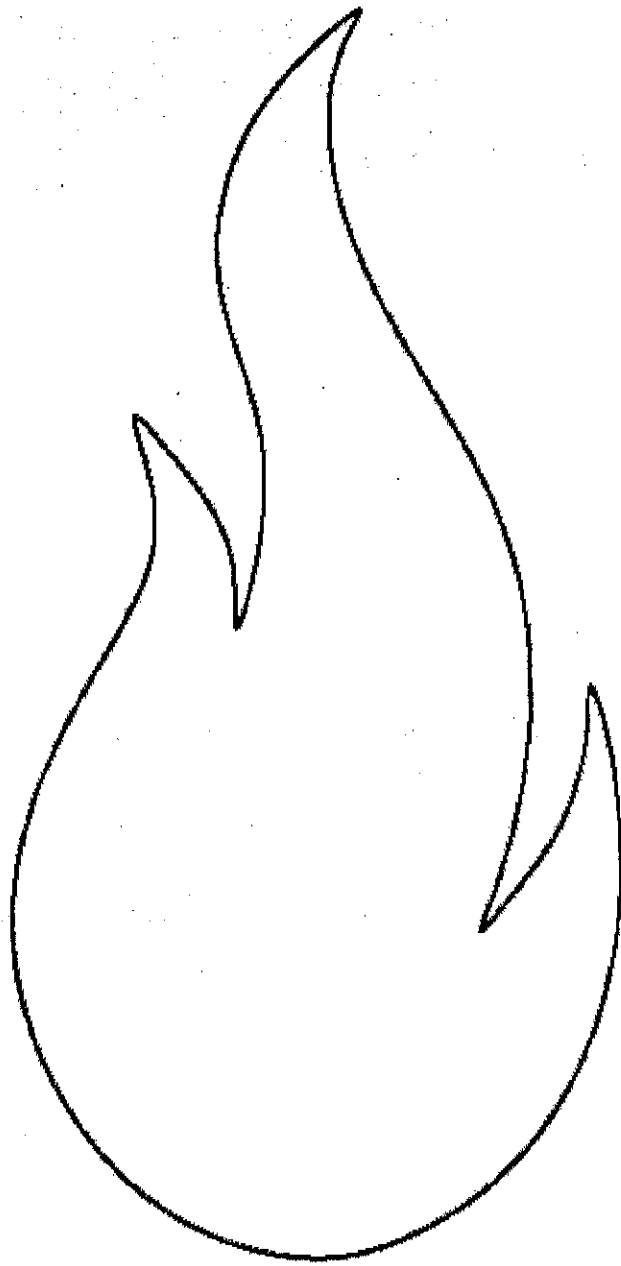
⁶ Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

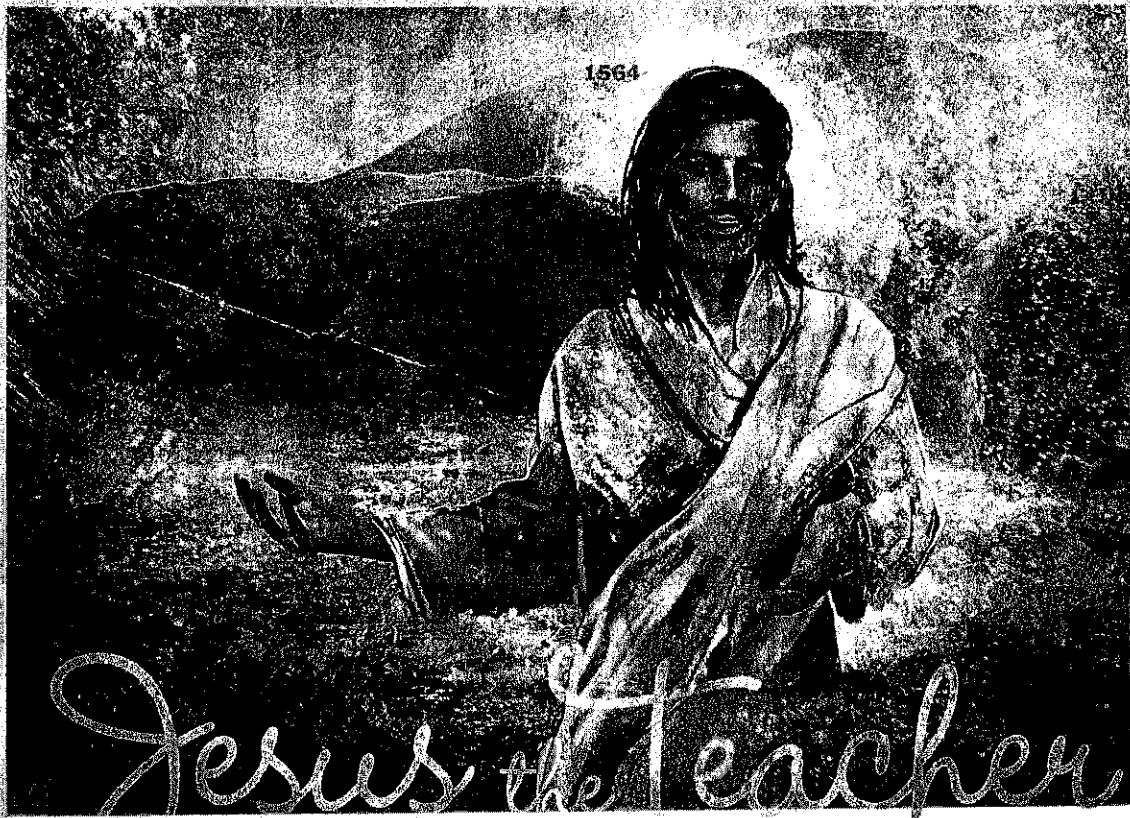
⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness for theirs is the kingdom of heaven





For highlights of Jesus' teaching, read Matthew, chapters 5-7; Luke, chapter 12; John, chapters 6; 8.

Breakthrough! Matthew, Jesus has quite a reputation as a teacher. The Gospels say he taught "as one having authority" (Matthew 7:29). What does that mean?

Matthew: Jesus taught like he had a right to teach. When he said something, you knew he meant it and that what he said was true. His words captivated many people!

B: Do you have an example?

Matthew: Sure, let's look at the Beatitudes.

B: Those are the statements that begin with "Blessed are," right?

Matthew: That's right. Although they are comforting, they're also very challenging. For example, he said that blessed are those who are poor, who mourn, who are merciful, who are persecuted.

B: Hold on! When I was sad because my grandma died, or when we didn't have enough money to visit my brother, I was supposed to feel blessed?

Matthew: Well, yes. But not because of the bad things. Jesus tells us we're blessed in

these situations because we can experience God's love in a different way. It makes us look for God and realize that he has always been there. Can you think of a time when, say, you were really happy?

B: Oh yeah! I got a new phone for Christmas, and we had relatives over. All day I was talking to my cousins, or downloading new apps, or. . . . Oh, I think I get it. It didn't feel like I needed God at all.

Matthew: Exactly. Having good things or being happy isn't bad—God wants us to rejoice in those gifts! What's bad is when we forget that God should be the center of our lives—or we forget to reach out to our neighbor.

B: So when we are mourning, or poor, or humble, there's more room for God in our lives.

Matthew: Now you've got it! Blessed are the poor . . . because it's easier for them to see God.

B: Thanks! I think I'll read the Beatitudes and see how to make room for God.

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