

# LIVING FAITH

ALL SAINTS

NOVEMBER 1, 2020



## THE WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY: MATTHEW 5:1-12

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

Then 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 righteousness’ sake, 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.”

## REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Think for a minute about the groups that Jesus singles out and calls “Blessed” in today’s Gospel-- the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the peacemakers, those who are persecuted, those who are reviled and persecuted. These are the people of the Kingdom—the “little ones”, the marginalized, the poor, those who often go unnoticed. The Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them ... and the Kingdom also belongs to those who see them, who give them a voice, who give them dignity and speak on their behalf. How do we do our part to make the Kingdom of God present here and now? By acting with kindness and integrity, showing mercy, working against all the forces that keep people poor and downtrodden, or deprive them of their dignity.

## TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Are you a “Kingdom Person”? What have you done to make the Kingdom of God present here and now?
- How have you shown kindness today?
- How have you helped to give someone a voice, or dignity?

*This week's Gospel talks about the Beatitudes. The word "Beatitude" comes from the Latin word "Beatitudo", meaning Blessedness. Write an idea or draw a picture or symbol of we can bring blessings and make the Kingdom of God present here and now.*



# THE CHURCH TEACHES

We continue our exploration of Pope Francis' 3<sup>rd</sup> Encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*



ENCYCLICAL LETTER  
**FRATELLI TUTTI**  
Of the Holy Father Francis  
On fraternity and social friendship

03

## ENVISAGING AND ENGENDERING AN OPEN WORLD



Jesus told us: ***"You are all brothers and sisters"*** (Mt 23:8)

### The call to universal fraternity requires openness:

- ▶ Human beings find their fulfilment in the sincere gift of self to others.
- ▶ Love calls for a greater ability to accept others and to reach out to the margins.
- ▶ A love capable of transcending borders is the basis of "social friendship."



### PROMOTING THE GOOD MEANS PROMOTING VALUES THAT ADVANCE INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.

How can that be achieved?

- ✓ By thinking and acting in terms of community.
- ✓ By combatting the structural causes of poverty and inequality.
- ✓ By requiring the state to be present and active and to invest in assistance to the vulnerable.
- ✓ By insuring that no one is excluded.
- ✓ By establishing a real and lasting peace based on a global ethic of solidarity and service.

***Every person is valuable and has the right to live with dignity.***

For an English translation of this Encyclical, click [here](#).

Subscribe to our weekly catechetical resource. Email: [familycatechesis@rcsj.org](mailto:familycatechesis@rcsj.org)



# IN THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS & THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)



## What is All Saints Day?

A liturgical solemnity in honour of all the saints in heaven, known and unknown. We celebrate every year on November 1st.

## Why do we celebrate saints?

The Church canonizes saints and celebrates their lives:

1. To encourage asking their help and prayers
2. So that their lives become a model for us to imitate
3. Because they give us reassurance:  
"If Christ can do it in them, He can do it in me!"

SOURCE: [www.catholicnewsagency.com](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com)



Archdiocese  
of Toronto

[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)  
f archtoronto

## How does one become a saint?

All Christians are candidates for sainthood. Anyone who has lived a life of great charity and held Christian heroic virtues worthy of imitation can become a saint.

### STAGE 1 Wait Five Years

A person is only considered for sainthood if five years have passed since their death, allowing for time to examine their life (*This step can be waived by the pope*)

### STAGE 2 Become Venerable

With the help of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, the pope has to formally recognize a deceased person as having lived a life of heroic virtues or martyrdom (*This is a very long process of scrutiny*)

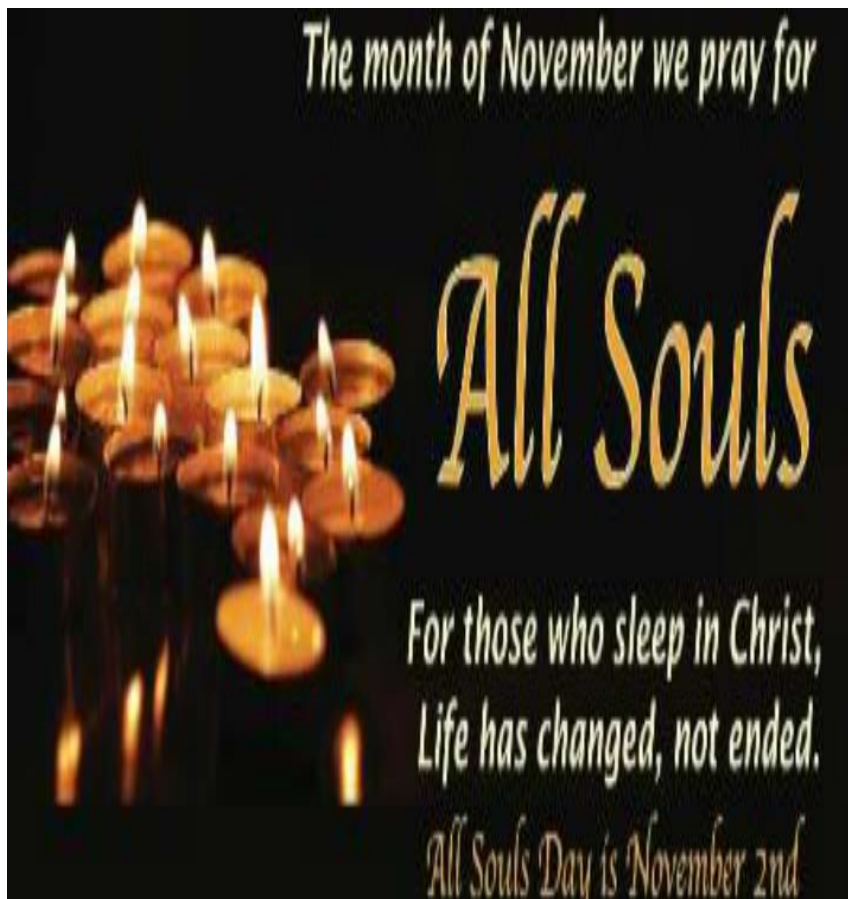
### STAGE 3 Become Blessed BEATIFICATION

Once venerable, a posthumous miracle must be attributed to his or her intercession (*This requirement can be waived for martyrs or those who died for their religious cause*)

### STAGE 4 Become Saint CANONIZATION

To be recognized as a saint, the blessed must be responsible for a second miracle after their beatification

## A PRAYER FOR ALL SOULS DAY, OR WHEN ANY PERSON HAS DIED



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

