



The Catholic Community of Divine Savior

# Family Faith Focus

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## Dates to Remember

- October 31: 4:00 PM Mass
- November 1: 9:00 AM Mass
- Please see our parish website for reservation information and links to view Sunday or weekday Masses online.

## All Saints Day

On November 1st, the Church celebrates all saints, known and unknown, who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. The Solemnity of All Saints is designated to be observed by Catholics as **a Holy Day of Obligation** as we remember the communion of saints, all holy people now joined together in heaven.

## All Souls Day

On November 2nd, the Church celebrates the Feast of All Souls, a day to commemorate all those who have died, praying that they may be cleansed of any sins so that they may live in eternal peace and joy with all the angels and saints in heaven.

## Solemnity of All Saints

### Matthew 5: 1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Catholic Terms to Know

**Beatitudes:** The teachings of Jesus about finding true happiness that are found at the beginning of the long teaching discourse in Matthew's Gospel known as the Sermon on the Mount.

The word “beatitude” means blessing or great joy. The eight beatitudes focus on the rewards of God's kingdom for those who seek to follow the example of Christ.

# Sunday Gospel Connection: November 1, 2020

## Solemnity of All Saints

### Matthew 5: 1-12a

**Gospel Background:** Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.



What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favored." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

**Family Connection:** One of the great gifts of our Catholic tradition is remembrance of and prayer with the saints. The Church offers us an official canon, or list, of saints. On All Saints Day, we recall and pray with these saints. It is important to continue to tell these stories of saints and saintly people to our children so that they have ample models of people of faith for their own lives.

Together as a family, name and tell the story of favorite saints. Together prepare a list of some of the traits that these people have in common (generosity, courage, prayerfulness, and so on) After preparing this list, read together today's Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12. Identify how the attitudes described in the Beatitudes are reflected in the lives of the saints and people you named.

Pray together as a family a Litany of the Saints. (For example, the leader prays, "St. Elizabeth," and the children are invited to reply, "Pray for us.") Include in your list the saints and holy people you named in your discussion. Conclude by praying that your family will follow the example of these people as disciples of Jesus.

For more information and Sunday Connection resources visit:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/all-saints-day-preparing-for-this-feast-day/>

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# *Fill a Box = Feed a Family*

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Each day add the items listed to a box (or do it all at once!) – whatever works best for you, your family and your schedule!

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- November 1 – Peanut Butter & Jelly (plastic)
  - November 2 – Fruit (canned or plastic cups)
  - November 3 – Tomatoes (canned)
  - November 4 – Tuna (canned or packets)
  - November 5 – Applesauce (plastic jar or cups)
  - November 6 – Cranberry sauce (canned)
  - November 7 – Sweet potatoes/yams (canned)
  - November 8 – Beans (canned)
  - November 9 – Soup (cream of chicken/mushroom or broth)
  - November 10 – Green beans (2 cans)
  - November 11 – Corn or carrots (2 cans of same vegetable)
  - November 12 – Pasta (box/package) & pasta sauce (plastic/can)
  - November 13 – Potatoes (boxed) & gravy (can, box or packet)
  - November 14 – Macaroni and cheese
  - November 15 – Rice (package or box)
  - November 16 – Dessert box mix (brownies or cake & frosting)
  - November 17 – Stuffing Mix (boxed)
  - November 18 – French-fried onions
  - November 19 – Brown sugar & marshmallows
  - November 20 – Cereal (box) OR pancake mix & syrup

Please email [Kacie723@yahoo.com](mailto:Kacie723@yahoo.com) if you need a box (we have lots!)  
and to arrange drop off or pick up on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Boxes will be donated to St. Eulalia Church on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.