Solemnity of All Saints – Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us…"

On this special day in the Catholic liturgical year we remember and live in hope for all those who allowed themselves to be emptied in order to be filled with Christ and show that face of Christ to all around them. In the Beatitudes, Jesus Christ presents a path to sainthood firmly rooted in all of the Gospel values.

OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 24:6)

Leader: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

All: **Lift up your heads, O gates!**
And be lifted up, O ancient doors!
That the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is the King of glory?

All: **The Lord strong and mighty,**
The Lord mighty in battle.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes could be described as one of Jesus' greatest teaching moments. In the Gospel of Matthew there is also a beautiful set of guidelines known as the "antitheses" found in chapter 5:21-48 which expand upon the Beatitudes and deepen Christ's call to live them out.

1. Pick one Beatitude that challenges you.
2. Is there a common link/theme that underlines the teachings of all the Beatitudes?
3. Is there a project your local parish could take on using one of the Beatitudes as a theme?
4. In light of the celebration of All Saints Day this Sunday, is there one particular saint who inspires you to live the Beatitudes? Share what they mean to you.

LIVING THE WORD

How does God's Word challenge me/us this coming week?

PRAYING THE WORD

Intercession: We pray for all of us that we may grow in our understanding of Christ's teachings, that we may live in a culture of the Beatitudes where earthly power falls and God's redeeming love triumphs.

(Invite personal intentions, ending with "Our Father …")

Closing Prayer:

Leader: Lord Jesus, give us a sincere, expanding love.

All: **Lord Jesus, give us the love that surpasses all knowledge.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, give us a love that springs from a pure heart.

All: **Words cannot measure the boundaries of love for those born to new life in You, Christ Jesus. Raise us beyond the limits this world imposes, that we may be free to love as You teach and find our joy in your glory. Amen.**

Leader: Let us share with one another the peace of the risen Christ, a peace the world cannot give.