

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count,
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.
They stood before the throne and before the Lamb.

REVELATION 7:9

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

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May you find Christ here . . . May you bring Christ to the World.

Sacraments/Other Information



BAPTISM

Scheduled every Sunday at 1:15pm. Baptism preparation class is required. Call 636-240-3721 ext 235 to register.



RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

(RCIA) Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. For more information, call Missy Lowrey 314-630-3983.



CONFIRMATION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 8th grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020 for more information.



CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Those preparing for marriage should contact the parish office six months in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Angie at the Parish Office, xt 235.



RITE of CONFESSION

Weekdays 7:30 - 7:50am Church
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45pm Church
Or by appointment



FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 2nd grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



FUNERALS

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721

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Hello,

Since the practice of cremation is becoming more and more common, and this week we celebrate the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, I thought it would make sense to comment a little on the Church's teachings regarding cremation. In 1963 an instruction was issued permitting cremation as long as it was not done as a sign of denial of our Christian beliefs. Then in 2016 the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued an instruction, "*Ad resurgendum cum Christo*" (To Rise with Christ) on "the burial of the deceased and the conservation of the ashes in the case of cremation." This newer instruction provided some additional details but was consistent with the words from previous instructions that allow for cremation "in the absence of motives contrary to Christian doctrine." (AR 4).

The primary intent of our burial rites are to maintain the proper respect for the body and to reflect in our actions and in the treatment of the remains this respect as well as our faith in the resurrection. Particularly when we are remembering and honoring those who have died we also reflect on our basic beliefs. We think about heaven, and hell, and purgatory. We reflect on the life of the deceased, as well as on our own. And we consider how we are to live out our lives and why. We desire comfort at this time, but also are seeking answers and truth. We know we will not get all of the answers we desire, but it is a critical time to know how much God cares for us and is with us especially when we are carrying our crosses.

For this reason the cremated remains are to be laid to rest in a sacred place where they may be visited both now and in the generations to come at places of prayer and remembrance. Specifically this is described as "in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the competent ecclesial authority." (AR 5) The practice of keeping the cremated remains in a home is recognized as not being such a place and is permitted "only in grave and exceptional cases" and then only with the permission of the bishop and for the national council of bishops to decide what these grave and exceptional circumstances may be. (AR 6)

The particular practices that continue to be identified as prohibited are the scattering of ashes, the preservation of the ashes in mementos or jewelry, or the division of the cremated remains to be kept or buried in various places. All of these are practices that are becoming more common and thus their prohibition needs to be known. The scattering of ashes portrays an understanding of life that is over, that we can only be useful in going back to nature and participating in the 'cycle of life'. But we believe God created us for a purpose that is beyond just this life on earth, and that our ultimate end is meant to be in a glorified body in heaven. Our final burial, whether cremated or not, should be in a place for prayer and remembrance, not divided or kept only for the memories of various individuals, but for the greater community of the Church.

Discussing and reflecting on death can be depressing or morbid to some, but hopefully we see it as a part of how we were created. As we have gone through a physical birth, so we will go through a physical death, but know that we are ultimately meant, like all the saints, for heaven.

Peace,

Fr. Nick





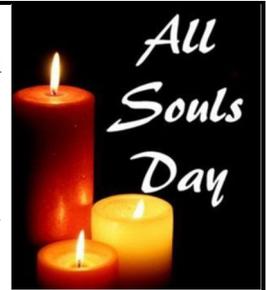
“...living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into Him...from whom the whole body, held and joined together by every supporting ligament brings about the body's growth and builds itself in love.”

- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation

ALL SOULS DAY – Monday, November 2nd

All Soul's Day is a Roman Catholic day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away. All Saints' Day, together with All Souls' Day is known collectively as Hallow tide. All Souls' Day remembers all those who have died, not just the great and the good, but the ordinary person on the street. **At the 7:00pm Mass** on November 2nd we will bring forward our Book of Remembrance to honor your family and friends who have gone before us. As part of a conclusion, we will process to the cemetery after the closing prayer. As part of our procession this year, we will have luminaries to light our way.



Book of Remembrance

As the month of November approaches, please know that we will be praying in a special way for all of our loved ones who have died. There will be sheets of paper at the doors on which we encourage you to write the names of family members and friends who have died. These sheets will be collected into our Book of Remembrance, and brought forward at Mass on All Souls Day, Monday, November 2nd so that we may pray for them with devotion, and remember them with love.



Thanksgiving Day 2020

Let's begin by celebrating Thanksgiving together! **Join us on Thursday, November 26**, and we will once again have a special Eucharistic celebration at 9:00am. It is special in several ways. First let this day be a reminder that "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving". Taking part in the Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day is a beautiful way to begin celebrating this holiday--we hope that you will join us.

We also invite you to bring gifts for the poor. These can be money or the usual items you bring for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. On this day, please **DO NOT** leave them at the St. Vincent de Paul Society Depository but bring them to your pews. At the time of the Presentation of the Gifts, you will be asked to bring your own gifts forward to bins that will be provided as a sign for us to see. The St. Vincent DePaul Society & Ushers/Greeters will be there to assist you. (*Safe distancing measures will be in place.*)

Finally, you are invited to also bring something that you will be using at your own Thanksgiving Dinner or taking to someone else's. Let it be anything--cooked or uncooked, that you can handle easily. Again, bring this to your pew with you. During the Intercessions, you will be asked to hold up these items to be blessed. After Mass take them home with you to be used for your meal.

We hope that this will help to make a connection between the Lord's Table and your own feasting table. In this way you are bringing God's blessing to your own table and might even use this item to focus your meal prayer that day.

We do hope that you will join us as one family at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish to give **Thanks to God for all that He has done for us!** **Please Note:** There will not be a 6:30am Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

Save The Date For An Advent Evening!! November 29th

Join us from your homes or here in church on Sunday, November 29 from 7-8:30pm! We still want to hold this special evening, but in a different way. We will be livestreaming our Advent Evening in church. We will have a guest speaker, reflections with music. This year, we will open up this evening for, families, small faith groups, anyone who would like to attend in person **or** online. Ladies, we still encourage you to gather your **"tables of eight"** if you are able to in your homes! You can both come to the church for the presentation with your group and then head to your host home for refreshments and fellowship! Either way, we want you to take advantage of this very special evening as we begin to prepare our hearts for a new birth of our Lord. There is more information to come!! If you have any questions, please contact Tedra at 636-379- 5958 or tedra.courtis@gmail.com.



Society of St. Vincent De Paul needs your help this Christmas!
Neighbors In Need Christmas Day



Our SVDP is again sponsoring a Christmas program for our neighbors in need and our homeless clients that will take place on December 12th. We all know that 2020 has been a difficult year for everyone. So, *please* know that all donations of any kind will be GREATLY APPRECIATED. If you are not attending Mass in person but would like to help, we can assist you online, by phone, or we will pick up any donations as well. There are several ways that you can help those in need!



GIVING TREE GIFTS - Our giving trees will be up and filled with gift needs, November 21-29. If you are still feeling a little uncomfortable, we will also have a giving tree located outdoors.

ADOPT A FAMILY OR SENIOR - If you feel that your family or organization would like to adopt a family - WE NEED YOU!! Please see the form on the next (perforated) page. →

Our **Neighbors In Need** lack the necessities that we often take for granted. When they pick up their items from the Adopt-A-Family or Giving Tree, they are invited to walk through the hall and choose a gift for themselves and/or one to give. If we have enough donations, they are able to pick up other *needed* items. Below are some ideas of items to help our *Neighbors in Need*.

STOCK THE HOUSE ITEMS - New items (unwrapped) such as: family games, lamps, Kitchen or bath towels, blankets or comforters, tool sets, hardware mini kits, hand mixers, crockpots, pillows, batteries, sheet sets, inexpensive prepaid phones for homeless, phone cards.

TWEEN GIFT ITEMS (Teen Items) - There is always a large need for: comfy sleep pants, ear buds, phone chargers, power banks, sports balls, lotion sets, earphones, gift cards, teen games.

ALSO COLLECTING any new or used wrapping paper and/or wrapping supplies that you would like to clear out. We try to give our families some ‘wrapping supplies’ for their families gifts.

PLEASE KNOW.... We do offer ‘no contact’ PICK UP at your home, *or* you can drop items in the SVDP bin in Church. Whatever you feel comfortable with ...We are happy to assist in any way!

All Christmas Program info, including *links* and Adopt-A-Family forms, are now on the parish website!
Questions or to set up a donation pick up, please contact Tammy Young at 314-603-2395 or styoung6@aol.com.
Thank you so much to all of our generous parishioners!!



“For thus says the Lord: When you call Me, and come and pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes, when you seek Me with all your heart, I will let you find Me...”

Jeremiah 29:10-13



Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 11.2.20	TUESDAY 11.3.20	WEDNESDAY 11.4.20
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Elaine Voss 8:00am Rita Dames 7:00pm Delores Mayo	6:30am Wayne Prinster 8:00am Eleanor Tidd	6:30am Sr Audrey Hemsath CPPS 8:00am Alice & Richard Leffner
Readings	1st Reading: Wis 3:1-9 2nd Reading: Rom 6:3-9 Gospel: Jn 6:37-40	1st Reading: Phil 2:5-11 Gospel: Lk 14:15-24	1st Reading: Phil 2:12-18 Gospel: Lk 14:25-33
Reconciliation	7:30 - 7:50am Church	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 7:50am Church Or by appointment

SVDP Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program



Sponsor Form ~ Please return by November 7th

Now is the time to discern your desire to help others during the Christmas season.

The Assumption St. Vincent de Paul organizes a Christmas program each year that provides assistance to needy families in our area. An important part of this is pairing these neighbors with our parishioners who are willing and able to provide gifts to them for Christmas.

Assumption St. Vincent de Paul will provide a food basket for our families in need. If you are interested in purchasing the *gifts* for a family or individual, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. After receiving your form, we will match you up with one of our families or individuals in need and send *you* their wish list! This will take a little time, so please return forms to us as soon as possible and no later than November 7th!

Thank you so much for your generous help!

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

You are: ___ Individual ___ Family/group ___ Business

(Name: _____)

You/Group would like to sponsor: ___ A family w/children ___ A senior ___ No preference

The maximum number of family members you would like in your sponsored family _____

**Please drop off your form at the Assumption Parish Office
or drop in the collection basket at Mass. Completed forms due by November 7th**

(This page is perforated, simply tear it out!)

If you Have any questions or need more information, please call:

Betty at 636-795-0406 OR Pat at 636-385-6462



PRAYER:
A heart to heart with God
"Our strength comes from the Eucharist"

Prayer

THURSDAY 11.5.20	FRIDAY 11.6.20	SATURDAY 11.7.20	SUNDAY 11.8.20
6:30am Sr Rosemary Russell CPPS 8:00am Mabel Fernandez	6:30am Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life 8:00am Bill Lucchesi	9:00am Kristi Nickels & Family 5:00pm People of the Parish	8:00am Joseph Morris 10:00am Karen Brady 12:00pm Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary 5:30pm Margaret Madigan
1st Reading: Phil 3:3-8 Gospel: Lk 15:1-10	1st Reading: Phil 3:17—4:1 Gospel: Lk 16:1-8	1st Reading: Phil 4:10-19 Gospel: Lk 16:9-15	1st Reading: Wis 6:12-16 2nd Reading: 1 Thes 4:13-18 Gospel: Mt 25:1-13
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 Continuous conversion of mind and heart
 "Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime"

Youth Formation



From the Principal's Pen

2020 Student Council

The Assumption Student Council provides students leadership experience by being involved in the school community. Our 6th – 8th grade students have been designated by their peers and their teachers as leaders in the school. Student Council's main mission is to serve the student body and facilitate programs and projects that promote service. They are dedicated to providing opportunities for Assumption students to serve the school community, the neighborhood community, and our global community.



This year's tallies are in and our Student Council (StuCo) has the following leadership: Ethan Dowdy, President, Clayton Foster, Vice President, Natalie Frazier, Secretary, and Ava Grossman, Treasurer. The Class Representatives are: Grace Arrowood, Mitchell Begley, Daniel Bergner, Charlotte Bland, Meaghan Davies, Luke Gandolfo, Faith Gibbs, Declan Jefferies, Madelin Kneale, Elena Pescarino, Izzy Schenk, Skylar Simpson, Emma Wise, and Izzy Woytus.



October Was The Month of Mary

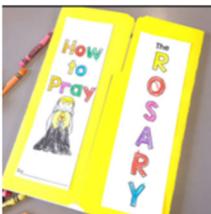
(Our Outdoor Classroom Statue of Mary)

The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer with October and May considered the months of Mary. The Rosary begins with the Apostles' Creed, which summarizes the great mysteries of our Catholic faith. The Our Father introduces each mystery.

Were you aware that the first part of the Hail Mary was formed by the words by the angel of the Annunciation: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Lk 1,28), and then these words were added from Saint Elizabeth, who welcomed her cousin, Mary, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Lk 1:42). Interestingly, the Second Part of the Hail Mary appeared in the Church in the 14th century, but its use did not become universal until St. Pius V promulgated the Roman Breviary in 1568 and ordered it to be prayed: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen".

As we moved through the month of October, our 8th graders were tasked with developing a Prayer Service using the Rosary, on October 19th. Wanting to approach each grade level with age-appropriate information and prayer, students developed plans. The 8th graders chose to visit each homeroom say the Rosary, or, in some cases, a decade of the Rosary, as well as helping our students understand how and why the Rosary should be prayed.

For our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students, a short video was shown explaining the Rosary, and then the children counted out 10 beads – each bead representing a Hail Mary. With each count, the assigned 8th graders led that class in prayer. Finally, each "little" received a coloring sheet about Mary and the Rosary.



For grades 1-5 students, 8th graders led students in creating a Lap-Book. A lap-book is a visual representation of interesting facts about a certain subject, in this case, the Rosary. Lap-books are a great hands-on method of teaching children and helps reinforce what is learned at school. The book will be a personal memory to take home and gives the opportunity to pray the Rosary daily.

For grades 6-8, students were shown an age-appropriate video giving its history and purpose, then together prayed the Rosary, announcing each Mystery before each Our Father. In addition, each student was given a "How to say the Rosary" pamphlet.



Thanks for reading about our school!



@assumption_life_teen
Assumption Life Teen @assumption_LT

Sunday, November 1st: Life Night ~ Real Talk at LT HQ

All teens are invited to come and see what the Life Teen family is all about in a fun, dynamic night of real talk and prayer. Expect fun, tasty snacks, community, and an opportunity to grow in relationship with others and with our incredible God. We can't wait to see you there.

Mass at 5:30 pm Life Night from 6:30-8:15pm
We will meet in Life Teen Headquarters (LT HQ)

Wednesday, November 4th: Hang Out @ LT HQ!

Come and check out the entirely renovated Life Teen Headquarters (formerly known as the West House)! Teens, LT HQ is a place for you to come relax and have a snack, do some homework, reconnect with friends, core members, and youth ministry staff. **LT HQ will be open from 6 – 8pm**



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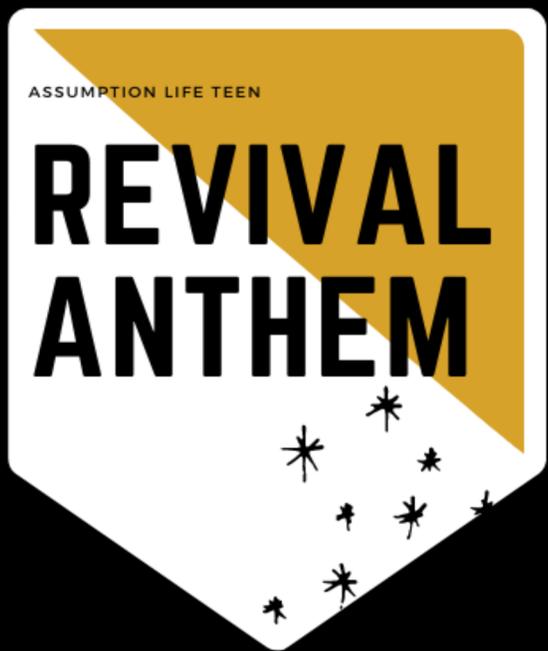
SAVE THE DATE !! December 4-6

Assumption Life Teen Winter Retreat

Teens: you're invited on an incredible weekend with the Assumption Life Teen family! Expect a retreat weekend filled with great food, impactful stories, crazy good fun, powerful prayer, s'mores, the Sacraments and so much more!

Retreat Cost has been reduced to \$75!

We want to make it as easy as possible for all teens to be part of this incredible weekend. Our teens deserve a retreat and our parish is willing to make the sacrifice – we believe that Life Teen is an investment in the present & future of our Church. If cost is a significant barrier for your family, talk to us. We want to remove any barriers between our teens and what God wants to do with this retreat! Retreat packets available on the website and in the parish office. Scholarships are available upon request.



Due to COVID-19, our Life Nights look different than they normally would as our highest priority is the holiness and health of our teens. Here are the measures we are taking:

- All Life Nights are held in a socially distant manner. Teens may only share a sitting space with a sibling or friend they have regularly been in contact with. Hand sanitizer is always available.
- In the event of rain, we will be in the Hall and spread out in a socially distant manner.
- All teens must wear a mask any time they are inside a building or if an activity requires movement.

Have a question? **Becky Whitaker, Director of Youth Ministry** 636-240-3721 ext. 243 OR

becky.assumptionlt@gmail.com AND Connect with us on Instagram: @assumption_life_teen

November 1, 2020

This Advent, Assumption Parish will be giving out a special gift to help ignite a deeper spiritual journey through Advent and Christmas! The bundle includes music by The Vigil Project, reflections by Fr Dave Pivonka TOR, and a devotional companion booklet for you and your family or small group. We only have 500 copies of this amazing bundle, so please RSVP if you would like to take advantage of this special gift. Reserve your copy to Ann Knichel at: annknichel@att.net or 636-240-3721 Ext. 333. Make this Advent and Christmas one like never before!

A JOURNEY THROUGH
Advent & Christmas



**A FREE GIFT FOR
YOU THIS ADVENT!**

MUSIC & REFLECTIONS PRESENTED BY:

 **THE
VIGIL PROJECT**
MUSIC FOR THE CATHOLIC JOURNEY

THE MINISTRY OF
THE WILD GOOSE 



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY!

NOVEMBER 6TH!

5:00-7:00pm ~ Curb Side Pickup Only

Call ahead to order: 636-281-9223 or 717-919-7558

OR Order on-line with a credit card:

knightsofcolumbus-council-2269.square.site

The Non-Lenten Dates are: 11/6, 12/4, 1/8, 2/5 and ALL Fridays in Lent.

We will be serving *delicious*: Cod and Cat Fish, beans, coleslaw, potato salad, and cake for dessert. Price: \$10/meal.

HERE IS THE PROCESS! ... Order ahead on our website or by phone, and provide your cell phone number, specify a desired time of pickup, park in the church parking lot across from the Hall, near the requested time of pickup, receive a call from K of C to pick up your order on the upper parking lot of the Knights of Columbus Hall. You can pay either with a credit card or cash.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Ruth Meyer

Cousin of Cindy LaBoube and Donna Albers

Karen Cratty

Cousin of Debbie Gentry

Assumption Blood Drive!

Next Sunday, November 8,

Please schedule

Your Appointment Now!



Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will be in the parish hall on Nov. 8, 9:00am – 1:30pm. If you have not donated blood since September 13, you are eligible to donate. Donations must be by appointment only to accommodate social distancing. Donors are eligible to receive a gift card or a retro inspired T-Shirt.

During this challenging time, many blood drives are being cancelled. YOUR donation is more important than ever so that the needs of patients in the area can be met. Strict protocols are in place to ensure your safety and the safety of the blood being collected.

Go to www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org (use sponsor code 9007) to schedule an appointment, or call MVRBC at 866-448-3253 for assistance in scheduling. Please visit www.bloodcenter.org for information about COVID-19 protocols relating to blood donations. Questions? Please call Mississippi Valley rep., Terry Deters at 314-852-3842. OR Mary Anne Robinson at 636-541-2823 to assist with scheduling.



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

- 1 Peter 4:10

Service

All are Welcome, Every TUESDAY!

Please come and pray for peace and special intentions. The Rosary and Perpetual Help Devotions; Tuesdays at 6:15pm in the Chapel.

Our Gifts to God and Parish

We are grateful to you for your presence, your participation, and your financial support of Assumption Parish.

	October 18, 2020	7/1/2020 - 10/18/2020
Envelopes (204) & Checks	\$ 15,188	\$ 313,105
Loose	\$ 87	\$ 1,548
Electronic	\$ 9,959	\$ 177,071
Total	\$ 25,234	\$ 491,724

Needed to sustain our mission \$588,500

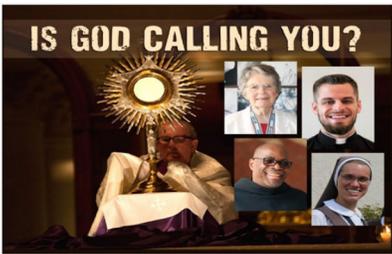
Loan Balance as of 8/31/2020: \$1,495,819

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**The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12)
We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)
God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)**

TITHING



National Vocations Week – November 1-7, 2020

Mary, our Mother, is our model for vocations. Every aspect of priestly formation can be referred to Mary, the human being who has responded better than any other to God’s call. Mary became both servant and the disciple of the Word to the point of conceiving, in her heart and in her flesh, the Word made man, so as to give him to mankind. In particular, during the week of *National Vocation Awareness Week* please ask Our Lord for more dedicated holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ and supported by our faith community to respond generously to God’s gift of a vocation. *National Vocation Awareness Week is celebrated November 1-7, 2020.* It is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education. It is also the time to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

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Matthew 5:1-12

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Feast of All Saints – November 1, 2020

RV 7:2-4, 9-14; PS 24:1B-4B, 5-6; 1 JN 3:1-3; MT 5:1-12A

On this Feast of All Saints, we have the profound joy of celebrating our big brothers and sisters in Christ: the saints! This is an especially meaningful feast for us as Christian stewards.

At our Baptism, we all receive the call to holiness and discipleship — in other words, the call to sainthood. If we wish to go to Heaven, we must strive to become saints! Thankfully, through the stewardship way of life, we can each discover our unique path to do just that.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus reveals His Beatitudes. In them, our Lord lays out the characteristics that mark His disciples, His saints-in-the-making. As we examine, tweak, and update our commitments to the stewardship way of life, we must always keep these Beatitudes in mind as a measure of our progress towards saintliness.

The “*blessed*” that our Lord speaks of are not the different types of good people who get to go to Heaven. Rather, the “*blessed*” are the characteristics of the disciples of Christ. These characteristics — *poor in spirit, mourners, meek, hungering and thirsting for righteousness, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers, persecuted for the sake of righteousness, and insulted* — can only be obtained with an abundance of grace. But we are children of God, so we have access to the infinite treasury of God’s grace.

Armed with that grace and the stewardship way of life, we can have firm hope that one day we will join our big brothers and sisters in the never-ending joys and celebration of Heaven.



SERVICE:

Love in action
 "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

Service

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