

ALL SAINTS

FIRST READING – Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle around the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 23: 1-6.

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

The Lord's is the earth and its fulness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **R.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

SECOND READING – John 3: 1-3

A reading from the first letter of John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia

GOSPEL – Matthew 5: 1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage;

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted;

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied;

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them;

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God;

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God;

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord

Let's reflect...

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." (Matt 5:11)

We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in defending the Faith.

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(Year A)



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You can now follow us on Facebook too!

Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation

Until further notice the Saturday morning time for the Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation will be suspended. Arrangements can be made privately by contacting one of the priests.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Althea, Dominic Xavier & family, Oswind Rebeiro, Esharnie Fernando, Marie & Sanjay, Jean Kariyawasam

For the sick: Alvito Gracias (2), Jenice Lopina

For those who have died recently: Elizabeth Duddy

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Bertha D'silva, Emily D'mello, Michael Charles Hessing, Bertha D'silva, John, Antoinette & Joseph Crasto, Damiana Sismar Piastro, Dorothy Abeyadeera, Stephen Ward, Milton MacFarlaine Pauline Mary Pereira

NOV: General Guidelines: Latest Update (27th Oct)

Temporary Times at St. Kevin's Church for Weekday Masses now permit up to 10 people.

Mass Times starting 2nd November:

Monday: 9.15 am

Tuesday: 9.15am

Wednesday: 6 pm (followed by Novena).

Thursday: 9.15 am

Friday 6 pm (followed by Devotions on 1st Friday)

Parishioners, who wish to attend a Mass, are requested to come to the church at a time when the church is open in order to register for a Mass. The number 10 will be arrived at according to the order of contact, namely ‘first in, best dressed’! Out of consideration for others, please register for only **one Mass in the week**.

The four square metre rule still applies, as well as the maintenance of the Records Book and the hygiene and disinfectant measures. The doors are locked at the start of Mass.

There will be door monitors to ensure the number of attendees does not exceed 10, and who will direct people to the hand sanitiser and Records Book to enter their first name, contact number, date and time. There will be a seating plan in the church to ensure the proper distancing. Please observe the signs indicating the entry and exit points.

ALL SAINTS DAY: All whom we have loved in life and who have done their best to live a good life, are with the Lord in eternity. We pray today especially to all whom God has received into heaven to claim their everlasting reward. We pray that they will remember us and ask God to grant us His love and mercy to help us through this valley of tears where we are often ‘mourning and weeping’. The grace of faithfulness to the end is our hope and we are helped enormously by the prayers of our beloved relatives and friends who are already with God.

HOLY SOULS MONTH: November is also “All Souls” month and we are praying for all who have died and are still waiting for our prayers and sacrifices to help them claim their reward. They are greatly helped by our personal prayers, but most especially when we attend Mass for them and offer, with Jesus, His redeeming sacrifice on the Cross. During November we owe it to our deceased parents, and all relatives and friends to accompany them regularly with our prayers and Masses. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Fx. Dong Tran