

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION
Solemnity of All Saints 2026!

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners and Visitors,

On All Saints Day, we don't celebrate perfect people. We celebrate our family.

The Gospel gives us the Beatitudes (Mt 5:1-12). Jesus doesn't say "blessed are the perfect." He says blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the merciful, the peacemakers. That sounds like people we know.

John in Revelation sees "a great multitude, which no one could count" (Rev 7:9). They are not famous saints on pedestals. They are the ordinary faithful - grandmothers who prayed the rosary, fathers who worked honestly, young people who chose kindness when it was hard. They washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb through small, daily faithfulness.

We often think holiness is for others. But All Saints tells us: holiness is your vocation. The Catechism says all are called to holiness, not just a few.

Look at your life today. When you forgave when you could have stayed angry - that was holy. When you mourned with someone, when you chose mercy, when you made peace - you lived a Beatitude.

The saints are not distant. They cheer for us. And one day, with God's grace, our parish, our families, we hope to join that countless multitude.

Not perfect. Just faithful.



Have a Blessed Sunday!

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