

# **Your Lourdes Sunday Liturgy at Home**

The Solemnity of All Saints

November 1, 2020

“Blessed are they who.....”

– Matthew 5:3

“Who are these wearing white robes,  
and where did they come from?”...

These are the ones who have survived  
the time of great distress...”

– Revelation 7:13-14

This weekend we have a convergence of many momentous occasions – All Saints Day, the beginning of Black Catholic History Month, and the Eve of a Presidential Election – all played out against the backdrop of twin pandemics – the corona virus and the continued violence toward Black and Brown bodies.

And our Scriptures today give us a pathway through these fraught days. We hear the well-known preface to Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount: the Beatitudes. Matthew’s Jesus affirms as blessed, happy or honored – the Greek word *makarios* has all these shadings – are the people who live a lifestyle attuned to God’s values and intentions, and not those of the world. If we follow this path, the promise is that someday we will be singing, “How I got over, how I got over, soul looks back and wonders, how I got over.” But first we’re called to live the Beatitudes.

Friar Gusatavo Gutiérrez, O.P., the Peruvian Dominican theologian writes: “The eight beatitudes speak to us of the fundamental attitudes of Jesus’ disciples and of Christians. Disciples must totally trust God (poor in spirit); they must share the suffering of others (those who weep). Like the Lord, they must be kind to others (the meek). They must fervently want justice to reign in this world (those who hunger and thirst for righteousness). Moreover, disciples must bear in their hearts the poor and needy of history (the merciful). They must be consistent and upright in their lives (pure of heart). They must do their best to establish peace as the outcome of justice (the peacemakers). All of this means they will be opposed by

those who refuse to recognize the rights of others (the persecuted for righteousness' sake).

A connection to the plight of the poor is a key factor in these Beatitudes. And Jesus had an expansive idea of who were poor. Sociologists would say he was talking about those without “agency”, without a say or a voice, the powerless. He harks back to the Hebrew term *'anawim* – the pious poor who were left behind during the time of the Babylonian captivity when all the leaders were taken away. As Cain Hope Felder notes of “the poor” in Matthew, “they are not just the financially destitute. People who are maimed, lame, blind, and the like were considered poor. They are those who have been misused by the powerful....The poor are those for whom ‘the system’ does not work.” By contrast, being “rich” meant having the power to get or take whatever you wanted.

Our reading from Revelation is not meant to scare us, but to give hope. The apocalyptic style of speech and writing was quite popular in Jesus' day. It was not meant to predict a far off future, but the comment on contemporary events and depict a new heaven and new earth that was near at hand. Who were those people dressed in white robes? They were those who had endured the times of ordeal and trial. May they be us.

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**Prelude:** Sing along with “For All the Saints” – Original Lyrics by Very Rev. William Waltham How, the Bishop of Wakefield (1864); New Musical Setting (SINE NOMINE) by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPL5zAH8H0E>

### **1.**

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who you by faith before the world confessed,  
Your Name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

2.

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one within your great design.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

3.

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon to the loyal faithful comes their rest;  
Sweet is the calm of Paradise so blest.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

4.

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in the bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

5.

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of heav'n streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, alleluia!

**Leader:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and  
the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**Penitential Act**

Lord Jesus, you lived that we may know how to live:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you died that we may live with you forever:

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you live today joining us together in hope:

Lord, have mercy.

## Opening Prayer

All-holy and eternal God,  
you have given us this feast to celebrate on one day  
the holy men and women of every time and place.  
Through their manifold intercession  
grant us the full measure of your mercy,  
for which we so deeply long.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. Let the Church say.....AMEN!

In honor the premiere saint, Mary Mother of God, listen to  
“Ave Maria” by Schubert & presented by Aretha Franklin:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1ONGBiCLMw>

Then move into reading today’s Scriptures.

### Readings for the Solemnity of All Saints 2020

#### 1st Reading – Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

<sup>2</sup> I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea,  
<sup>3</sup> “Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”  
<sup>4</sup> I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel.  
<sup>9</sup> After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count,<sup>[SEP]</sup>from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.  
<sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice: “*Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb.*”  
<sup>11</sup> All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne,<sup>[SEP]</sup>worshiped God,  
<sup>12</sup> and exclaimed: *Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen.*”

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me,<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>“Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?”

<sup>14</sup> I said to him, “My lord, you are the one who knows.” He said to me, “These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.”

The Word of the Lord.....Thanks Be to God.

### **Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6**

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

<sup>1BC</sup> The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>  
the world and those who dwell in it.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

<sup>2</sup> For he founded it upon the seas<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>  
and established it upon the rivers.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

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

<sup>3</sup> Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
or who may stand in his holy place?<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

<sup>4AB</sup> One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>  
who desires not what is vain.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

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

<sup>5</sup> He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>  
a reward from God his savior.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Such is the race that seeks him,<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>  
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.<sup>[L][SEP]</sup>

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

### **2nd Reading – 1 John 3:1-3**

Beloved:<sup>[L][SEP]</sup><sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.....Thanks Be to God.

## **Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12A**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.<sup>2</sup> He began to teach them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.<sup>11</sup> Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. <sup>12A</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.....Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Reflection Prompts:**

First, sing along with “We Are the Light of the World” written by Jean A. Greif (1898-1981)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_m\\_LiCY3MJQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_m_LiCY3MJQ)

#### **“We Are the Light of the World”**

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit,<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>

Theirs is the Kingdom of God.<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>

Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit;<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>

Bless us, O Lord, our God.

**Refrain: We are the light of the world.**<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>

**May our light shine before all,**<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>

**That they may see the good that we do,**

**And give glory to God.**

Blessed are they who are meek and humble,<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>

They will inherit the earth.<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>

Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble;

Bless us, O Lord, our God.

**Refrain: (above)**

Blessed are they who will mourn in sorrow.<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>

They will be comforted.<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>

Bless us, O Lord, when we share their sorrow;

Bless us, O Lord, our God.

**Refrain:**

Blest those who hunger and thirst for justice.<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
They will be satisfied.<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for justice;<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Bless us, O Lord, our God.

**Refrain:**

Blessed are they who show others mercy,<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
They will know mercy too!<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Bless us, O Lord, hear our cry for mercy;<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Bless us, O Lord, our God.

**Refrain:**

Blessed the hearts that are clean and holy,<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
They will behold the Lord!<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Bless us, O Lord, make us pure and holy;<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Bless us, O Lord, our God.

**Refrain:**

Blessed are they who bring peace among you,<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
They are the children of God!<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Bless us, O Lord, may Your peace be with us;<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Bless us, O Lord, our God.

**Refrain:**

Blest those who suffer from persecution,<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Theirs is the Kingdom of God.<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Bless us O Lord, when they persecute us;<sup>[L]</sup><sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Bless us, O Lord, our God.

**Refrain:**

Review the eight Beatitudes. Then ask:

- Which of the Beatitudes describes your faith journey today?
- Which of the Beatitudes is hardest for you to embrace? Discuss.
- Which Beatitude does Our Lady of Lourdes most exemplify?
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**Meditation Prompts:**

First, listen to another version of the Beatitudes in song: “Blest Are They” – by David Haas & the Notre Dame Folk Choir –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzH-Vo4ocRo>

Here is an alternative set of intercessions keyed to the Beatitudes. Use them in your meditations this week to deepen your connection to these blessed states to which Jesus beckons us.

**Intentions:**

“Blessed are you when they persecute you”:  
that Church leaders be bold in giving a voice to the forgotten  
and those whom society disdains or dehumanizes, let us pray:

“Blessed are the peacemakers”:  
that the children of God be known by their forgiveness and their love  
for all, let us pray:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit”:  
that the ways of God be manifest in all who embrace the values and  
relationships of the kingdom, let us pray:

“Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness”:  
that the world be ordered to provide for the needs of all who live upon  
the earth, let us pray:

“Blessed are they who mourn”:  
that the God of compassion be manifest in those who bring comfort to  
the sorrowing and suffering, let us pray:

“Blessed are the merciful”:  
that courts, prisons, and jails help effect restoration for both  
wrongdoers and their victims, let us pray:

“Blessed are the meek”:  
that rights be restored to those dispossessed or disenfranchised by  
the rich and powerful, let us pray:

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness”:  
that their example give courage to those who seek a more just world,  
let us pray:

“Blessed are the clean of heart”:  
that those who live the way of everyday holiness teach us to see God  
in all things, let us pray:

“Blessed are you when they insult you”:  
that we be vigilant against the everyday temptations that weaken our  
faith and compromise our Christian values, let us pray:

In the meantime, here are this weekend's prayers of the faithful:

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS – November 1, 2020

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

**Presider:** Loving God, a cloud of witnesses beckons us to be followers of Christ. We now pray for those holy men and women to continue to inspire us to serve.

**Worship Leader**

1. St. Mary, Mother of God and of the Church, through your prayers may we grow in holiness. St. Mary: **Pray for us.**  
(Response: **Pray for us.**)
2. St. Matthew, you were an extortionist and collaborator with the enemy, but by God's grace became an Apostle and Gospel author. St. Matthew: **Pray for us.**
3. St. Mary Magdalene, you were a women burdened by wealth and demons, but by God's grace you became the First Preacher of the Good News. St. Mary Magdalene: **Pray for us.**
4. St. Augustine, you broke your mother's heart by your errant, trifling ways, but by God's grace you became a brilliant theologian and preacher. St. Augustine: **Pray for us.**
5. St Moses the African, you were a cut-throat highwayman, but through God's grace became a hermit monk, spiritual guide and a founder of monasticism. St Moses: **Pray for us.**
6. St. Francis, you were a spendthrift lover of partying, but through God's grace you became a lover of poor and of all God's creation. St. Francis: **Pray for us.**
7. That our pre-election Novena to St. Martin de Porres, that concludes on Election Day, will prepare for any struggles ahead. St. Martin: **Pray for us.**

8. For an end to the Death Penalty and Human Trafficking, especially in Georgia. Holy Prophets: **Pray for us.**
9. As we begin National Black Catholic History Month, we pray for all our ancestors in faith, especially the founding mothers and fathers of Our Lady of Lourdes, that we honor their memory in our acts of kindness, mercy and justice. Ancestors of Lourdes: **Pray for us.**
10. For all those who are separated from us by infirmity, especially those listed in our bulletin, and for all those living with HIV and AIDS, that they know our community's care for them. Healing Saints: **Pray for us.**
11. For all the dead, that they see God face to face, especially Ava Grace Alexander and Brother Duane Brown, O.P. for whom this Mass is being celebrated. Consoling Saints: **Pray for us.**
12. Please share any intention you have [PAUSE.....] as well as all our own needs. All Saints of God: **Pray for us.**

**Presider:** God of justice, you have spoken clearly regarding our responsibility to love not only you, but also our neighbors. You have called us especially to love and serve those who are most vulnerable. Help us to love as Jesus loved. We pray in his name. LET THE CHURCH SAY – AMEN!

Sing or recite "The Lord's Prayer." Then, behold The Mississippi Mass Choir present "I'm Pressing On!":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lg3VFXooo10>

### **Closing Prayer**

All-holy God, you call your people to holiness.

As we keep the festival of your saints, give us their meekness and poverty of spirit, a thirst for righteousness, and purity of heart.

May we share with them the richness of your reign and be clothed in the glory you bestow.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Let the Church say.....AMEN!

## **Closing Hymn**

Sing along with “When the Saints Go Marching In” by the Clara Ward Singers (1962)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvb8wW-Nk5g>

### LOURDES LITTANY OF SAINTS AND SOULS

St. Mary, Mother of God; St. Joseph, Protector of the Savior;  
Simon of Cyrene & the Ethiopian Eunuch and all Africans in the  
Bible; Sts. Augustine and Monica of Hippo; Sts. Perpetua and Felicity;  
St. Cyprian; Pope St. Victor I.; Pope St. Miltiades; Pope St. Gelasius;  
St. Maurice and the Theban Legion; St. Moses the Black; St. Benedict  
the African; St. Martin de Porres; St. Peter Claver; St. Charles  
Lwangaa and the Martyrs of Uganda; St. Josephine Bakhita and all  
the saints with African roots; Pierre Toussaint and Daniel Rudd;  
Mother Elizabeth Lange, Mother Theodore Williams and Mother  
Henriette Delille; Fr. Augustus Tolton and the early Black priests;  
Sr. Thea Bowman & Fr. Clarence Rivers and the founders of Black  
Catholic liturgy; St. Katharine Drexel & Fr. Ignatius Lissner – the  
Founders of Our Lady of Lourdes; J.J. Spalding and the Sacred Heart  
parish community, who helped Lourdes begin along with  
Bishops Patrick John Ryan of Philadelphia and Joseph Keiley of  
Savannah; Archbishop Paul Hallinan and the Bishops of Vatican II

Archbishops of Atlanta Eugene A. Marino and James P. Lyke;  
Fr. Michael Scherrer, Lourdes' first pastor; Frs. Weiss and McKeever;  
Fr. Joe Cavallo and Deacon Homer Woods; and all the deceased  
clergy of Lourdes; The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, especially  
Mother Thomas Aquinas, Sister Carmelita, Sister Theophane, Sister  
Marguerita, Sister Aloysius, Sister Virginia, Sister Mary Peter and all  
Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament who taught at Our Lady of Lourdes.