

Solemnity of All Saints

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

[Full readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

Pick up your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking [HERE](#). (Bishop O'Connell's Gospel Reflection page.)

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, channel The Chosen, 3:45 min)

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (YouTube, Crossroads Kids' Club channel, 4:02 min)

2. PRAY

Gather in your designated room with family and or friends, and prepare a prayer space. *(You may gather all materials listed below and invite your family and friends or process into the room as each material is placed on the prayer space.)*

Gather the following: a white piece of fabric or cloth to represent the liturgical color; your Bible (opened to today's Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12); a crucifix; a lit candle or lamp (to represent Jesus, who is the Word incarnate, made flesh). You may add a clear vase filled with water, symbolizing purity of heart and a reminder of our baptism. Finally, if possible and desired, add live flowers and various images of saints you may own.

After reading the Gospel of the day, invite all to sing along with this [video](#). (YouTube, Oliver Leong channel, 5:29 min)

This same song can be played if you do a procession to build your prayer space.

3. TALK

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus presenting to us the Beatitudes. They represent the path Jesus offers so we can live as His true disciples. One of the Beatitudes calls us to be pure of heart, that is, to have God as our only treasure. When we practice the Beatitudes, we become more like Jesus and allow our hearts to be transformed. The Beatitudes bring us closer to our brothers and sisters because they help us leave selfishness behind and live with love and generosity.

Ask each person to choose one of the Beatitudes and think of practical ways they can focus on practicing that Beatitude each day. They may also select one single Beatitude to practice it throughout the week that begins today. *(Allow for time to let each person search for their Beatitude and imagine how they can make it come alive.)*

Working in pairs, each person shares how they imagine their chosen Beatitude can come to life in their daily lives. *(Allow for time to share with one another.)*

When sharing time is over, ask each person to choose one concrete act of love they will do in the coming days to help others. *(If children are present, one adult may work with them to guide them as they imagine concrete ways they can put the Beatitudes in practice.)*

Don't forget that many parishes have a "food bank" where donations of food or money can be dropped off to benefit the poor of the parish.

