

ARE YOU A SAINT?

Sounds like a silly question to ask?

Perhaps you're thinking, are you serious?

Well, truth be told none of us are there yet, but we are all called to sanctity or holiness. To be holy is not about living as though we are in a monastery and walking around with our hands folded, but rather, about the way we live our lives in relationship to God and one another.

Matthew Kelly, in his book, **The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity**, says that the biggest lie that most Christians believe is that holiness is not possible. We are all called to holiness and the path is outlined in the Gospels, particularly as stated in the Beatitudes of St. Matthew's Gospel where Jesus states the qualities of those who claim to be His followers:

- The humble ones
- The poor in spirit
- The meek
- The merciful
- The peacemakers
- The pure of heart

By our baptism we are all called to holiness. It is a life-long process. There is a saying "Every saint had a past and every sinner has a future."

This Sunday, November 1, is All Saints Day, a solemnity of the Church. A solemnity is the highest level of the Feasts of the Church for the significance they hold for the faith. When a solemnity falls on a Sunday it replaces the ordinary Sunday Mass and readings unless it occurs during the Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter seasons, then it is deferred to a weekday, as nothing takes precedent on Sundays during these seasons.

On the Feast of All Saints

"we remember all those who have gone before us in faith and who we trust now live forever in God's heavenly love. It is also a feast of recommitment for those of us who, inspired by their lives, are encouraged to imitate these saints. Though most of us will never be officially recognized by the Church as saints, our baptismal call to this goal is no less ours.

We pause on November 1st and November 2nd (Feast of All Souls) each year to remember those members of our broad faith community who have run the race, who have endured to the end and now share in the promises of heaven. We think of the well-known holy ones whose stories inspire us; we think also of the saints from our own lives, real people with faults and failings as well as plenty of love and laughter, people whose lives we recall with pain and joy. We trust that these beloved children of God do indeed see him in truth, for to them have been revealed the truths that we know only in part."

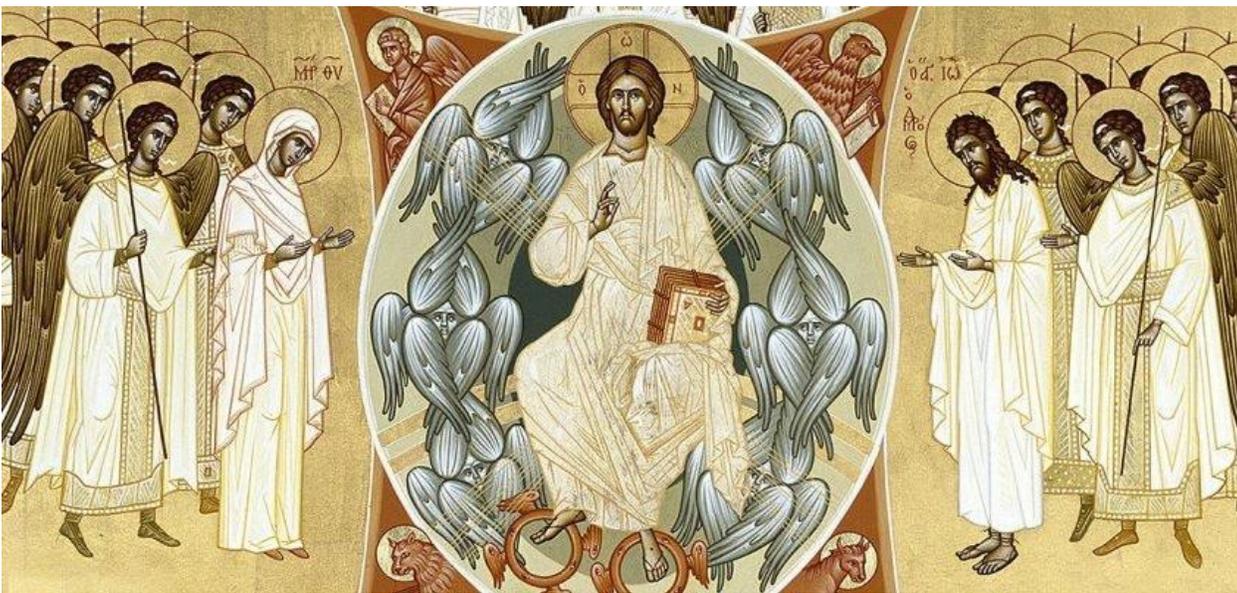
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HAPPY FEAST DAY



God Bless!
Fr. Joe