

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you and your family well. It is such a different experience for the children at school, but I hope they are managing well. It is also very different for so many parents, working from home – not easy for those with limited space and working amid the hustle and bustle of home life. I am aware that some of you have lost your job and that truly makes me very sad to hear. I am keeping you all in my prayers.

This weekend we are celebrating All Saints. Please take time to read with your child the Beatitudes that I have attached below.

Let's pray together this week for:

- The Church, and the promises that are promised through following God.
- For leaders in our schools, in our city, in our province and in our country and other countries.
- For people needing care and for the people that care for them.
- For us, St. Veronica's parishioners, that we may learn to pray to God and trust that He will help us.

The lesson plan this week is to complete the exercise in their duo tang, cover the chapter in their work book and review the attached Beatitudes.

The chapter to cover in their "Be My Disciples" book this week is:

- Level One – Chapter 15
- Level Two – Chapter 13
- Level Three – Level 14
- Level Four – p. 265 - 271
- Level Five – p. 265 - 271
- Level Six – p. 265 - 271

You will find below the duo tang masters that show different questions than those you received in your duo tang. Remember, the questions to be answered are those in the duo-tang you received at book pick-up, not the questions on the masters below. I encourage you to use the questions below to open a dialogue with your child. Children in Pre-K and K will also enjoy the Interactive Bible Story of the week.

The prayer service this week can be found at <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2020-11-01>

Feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Have a Blessed week!

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BEATITUDES FOR FAMILIES

1. **“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

The poor include people who are poor because they have no money for food etc, and it also means people who are not followers of God but would like to be.

2. **“Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.”**

People who mourn could be anyone who is sad because of a loss of any kind. Jesus promises to comfort those who suffer. When we suffer we have a choice to make: we can become angry, or we can become more understanding to others who are suffering.

3. **“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.”**

The meek are people who are humble and patient. A person who solves problems peacefully, without violence is meek. When you act in a meek manner you are following God's wishes.

4. **“Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.”**

This blessing is for people who want things to be fair in our world. When you see something that is wrong, someone not being treated fairly, you should think of ways that you can help make that situation better and more fair.

5. **“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”**

Mercy is a word that holds many meanings: being kind, thoughtful and caring about others. It is easier to extend mercy to others when you begin with yourself. Instead of focusing on the mistakes that other people make, try to be understanding and forgiving.

6. **“Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.”**

Look for the good in others and treat others the way God would. Before reacting to any situation ask yourself “What Would Jesus Do”?

7. **“Blessed are the peacemakers, they will be called children of God.”**

Through your Baptism you became a child of God. That means that you now have a responsibility to try very hard to make peace, even when it would be easier to stay silent and do nothing.

8. **“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

God understands that it can be difficult to do what is right, whether at school, at home, on our sports team and other activities. Because you are a child of God you have to try really hard to follow Jesus, even when it is hard.



THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

Living New Life

John 4:1-15, 25-30, 39-42 ♦ RHYTHM STORY

Jesus walked along the road to Galilee.
He and the disciples were hot and thirsty.
They entered the country of Samaria;
Usually they avoided that area.

“Please sir, give me that water right away!”
Then Jesus had more he wanted to say.
Jesus talked to her all about her life.
He knew all about her sin and her strife.

Nearby there stood a well of great renown.
Jesus sat while the others walked to town.
At noon it was the hottest time of day,
surprisingly a woman walked his way.

She recognized him. God had sent the Son.
This Jesus surely was the Promised One!
The disciples returned with food just then.
Why was Jesus talking to that woman again?

She came at noon so no one would see,
yet Jesus said, “Please draw a drink for me.”
Why would Jesus talk to someone like her?
If she touched that water it wouldn’t be pure!

Jesus said, “My water is for everyone.
It doesn’t matter what a person has done.
I offer new life to male and female.
I give them the source that will never fail.”

Jesus told her about the gift of God.
Everything he said sounded very odd.
“If only you understood,” Jesus said.
“You would have asked me for water instead!”

The woman left her jar and ran to town.
She spoke to everyone who was around.
As she talked of Jesus the woman glowed.
Out of her, Jesus’ living waters flowed.

His offer sounded very good to her.
Those who drank it would never need water.
They would be filled with a bubbling spring.
To never thirst again? What a great thing!

The people were amazed at what they heard.
They went to find Jesus and listen to His word.
Soon they had what only Jesus can give.
Jesus’ living water - now they too would live!

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Saints: Still Alive Now

This Week's Readings at Mass

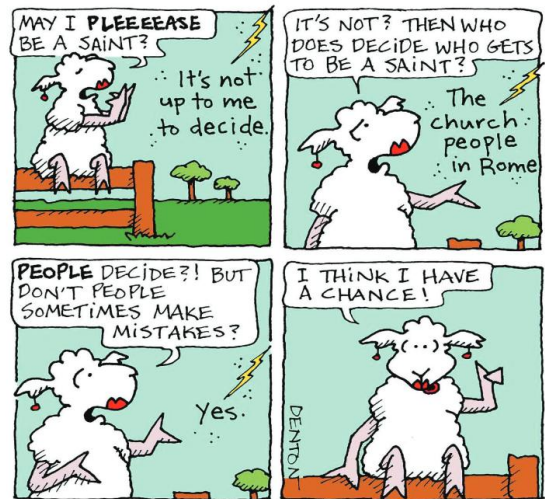
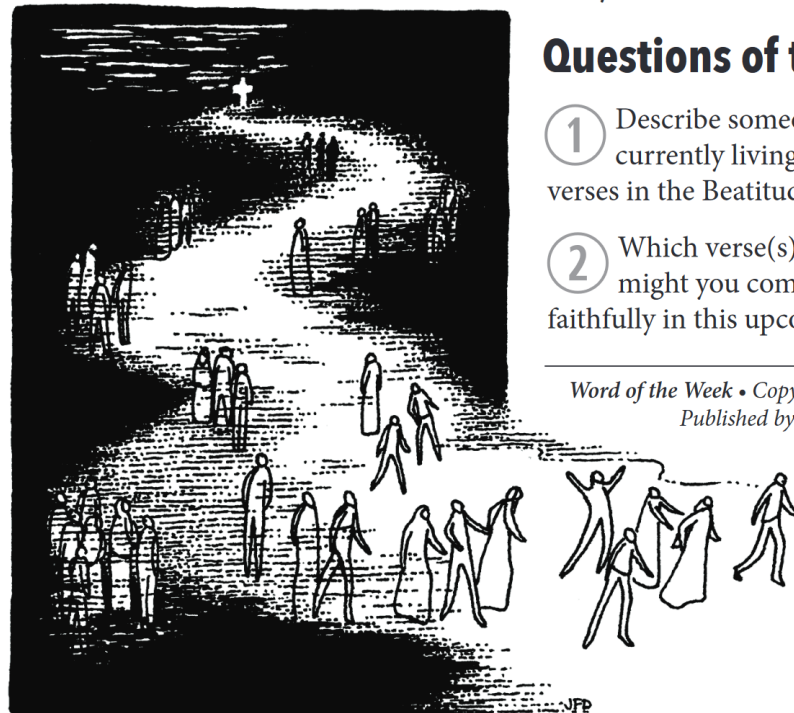
- Revelation 7:2-4,9-14 - Rejoicing of the Elect
- 1 John 3:1-3 - Children of God
- Matthew 5:1-12a - The Beatitudes

On this feast of All Saints Day, the beatitudes offer a description *of* and an inspiration *to* sainthood. This is a day to recognize and remember saints. We remember those who have been officially recognized through the Church's canonization process, *and* those who will never be universally recognized because they lived "ordinary" lives of saintliness.

In the New Testament, all Christians were called saints; the term wasn't reserved only for famous martyrs. What if we widened our personal definition of saints to include people we know who live the beatitudes? In that case, a loved one who is grieving

the death of a spouse is a saint. The young people volunteering for the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in their thirst for righteousness are saints. The person who shows mercy to an estranged relative is a saint. Sainthood doesn't mean someone is living a life of perfect holiness, and they have attained perfection. None of the official Saints with a capital "S" were able to reach that either.

If we only think of saints as people in a distant time and place who lived with outstanding piety, we risk letting ourselves off the hook in recognizing and cultivating holiness in our own lives. The truth is, we are all called to be saints in the particular time and circumstances in which we each live. The sainthood of a



"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."

Sheepish Question:

What can I do every day to improve my chances of saintliness?

parent trying to work and homeschool a child during the time of COVID-19 will look different from the sainthood of a healthcare worker or a grocery store cashier, or a widow living alone during the pandemic. All of them will suffer their own shortcomings, maybe impatience, despair, or anger at times. Yet in still striving to live the Beatitudes, they will be living saintly lives.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Describe someone you know who is currently living out at least one of the verses in the Beatitudes.
- 2 Which verse(s) of the Beatitudes might you commit to living out more faithfully in this upcoming week? How so?

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