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Solemnity of All Saints ~ November 1st, 2026

REGNUM CHRISTI DAILY MEDITATIONS

Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

Opening Prayer: Dear Lord, I come before you today with the desire to grow in faith, hope, and love, which are at the very heart of my relationship with you. I desire the holiness to which you have called me, and which the saints, whom we celebrate today, have shown me is possible. Open my mind and heart so that I may receive the lights and graces you wish to share with me in this time together.

Encountering Christ:

1. **Jesus Our Model:** The Beatitudes speak principally of Jesus himself. He is our model, the norm of the new law (cf. CCC 459). In him we see a "poverty" that, although rich, emptied himself for our sake (cf. Phil 2:7). Who is meek if not Jesus who said, "Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart" (Mt 11:29)? He is merciful like no other, seeking out the lost sheep, which is humanity gone astray (cf. Mt 18:12-14). As Christians, we follow the person of Jesus Christ. Dogmas are an effort to understand him; norms are an effort to follow him. As Our Lord's self-portrait, the Beatitudes become the Christian's Magna Carta. They do not replace the Ten Commandments; they go beyond them. The former insists that we do not offend love; the latter insists we love as Jesus did.

2. **The Saints Have Followed:** It Our Lord's invitation to imitate him is daunting. However, Jesus has made it possible through the gift of the Holy Spirit, which we receive in baptism (cf. CCC 1227). Then, as children of God, we are able to cry out "Abba, Father!" (Gal 4:6). All the saints, whom we celebrate today, have preceded us and shown us that sanctity is within our reach. Sanctity is simply allowing the grace God has planted in us through baptism to grow and develop. No situation or circumstance can prevent God's grace from working powerfully in a docile soul. The saints, men and women from all ages and all walks of life, have modeled the way. Their example and their intercession are powerful aids on our own journey. We know we can make it to heaven because they have. They fortify in us the theological virtue of hope.

3. **An Invitation to Joy:** In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus' invitation to blessedness is an invitation to joy. However, Jesus' joy sets the world's joy on its head. We want to avoid discomfort and pain at all costs. Jesus says, "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you… Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." However, the promise of heaven amidst suffering is not merely a promise of future joy, but of a joy already begun even while suffering. This joy amidst suffering was the "insanity" that only the saints understood. St. John Paul II said, "To know that God is not far but close… is reason for profound joy that different daily events cannot affect… An unmistakable characteristic of Christian joy is that it can coexist with suffering, because it is totally based on love." The saint knows they are secure in God's love amidst suffering. This experience of God's love then moves the saint to give everything back to Christ and, in that self-sacrificing gift, to find deep joy.

Conversing with Christ: Dear Lord Jesus, you offer me your joy by concretely showing me how I should imitate your virtues, such as meekness, purity, and mercy. In addition to your grace, you have given me my older brothers and sisters in the faith who are living icons of you. They inspire me with their lives and sustain me with their prayers. May my increased devotion to them augment my devotion to you. Let me embrace the joy of the cross and console your Sacred Heart.

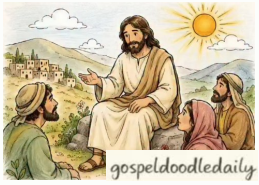
Resolution: Lord, today by your grace I will read at least one brief article about the life of a saint. Then I will say a simple prayer to that saint asking for their intercession for my family and me.

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We shall see God as He is.

MT: 5 : 1 - 12a



Reflect today on the saints in Heaven. They were not perfect on earth, but they were faithful. They allowed divine charity to take root in their hearts and persevered through trial. Read the Beatitudes slowly and ask, "Do I truly want to be counted among them?" If the answer is "Yes," then live today—and every day—with Heaven as your only goal.

Most glorious and Triune God, I long to gaze upon You, to bask in Your radiance, and to dwell in Your divine presence forever. Open my mind to understand the road I must walk, and my eyes to see the path before me, so that I may follow the example of the saints who have gone before me—embracing the life of the Beatitudes, that I may one day share in Your eternal life. Jesus, I trust in You. [1]

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Festeggiare tutti i santi è guardare coloro che già posseggono l'eredità della gloria eterna. Quelli che hanno voluto vivere della loro grazia di figli adottivi, che hanno lasciato che la misericordia del Padre vivificasse ogni istante della loro vita, ogni fibra del loro cuore.

I santi contemplano il volto di Dio e gioiscono appieno di questa visione. Sono i fratelli maggiori che la Chiesa ci propone come modelli perché, peccatori come ognuno di noi, tutti hanno accettato di lasciarsi incontrare da Gesù, attraverso i loro desideri, le loro debolezze, le loro sofferenze, e anche le loro tristezze.

Questa beatitudine che dà loro il condividere in questo momento la vita stessa della Santa Trinità è un frutto di sovrabbondanza che il sangue di Cristo ha loro acquistato. Nonostante le notti, attraverso le purificazioni costanti che l'amore esige per essere vero amore, e a volte al di là di ogni speranza umana, tutti hanno voluto lasciarsi bruciare dall'amore e scomparire affinché Gesù fosse progressivamente tutto in loro.

È Maria, la Regina di tutti i Santi, che li ha instancabilmente riportati a questa via di povertà, è al suo seguito che essi hanno imparato a ricevere tutto come un dono gratuito del Figlio; è con lei che essi vivono attualmente, nascosti nel segreto del Padre. [2]

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PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community.

"Make sickness itself a Prayer"
~ St Francis de Sales ~





During the Month of November
The Book of Remembrance
will be available.



Come and spend some quiet time in prayer

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm (Church)*
Every Friday 9am - 7pm (Church)*
*In Chapel, when there is a funeral.



Mass Intentions for the week



SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS VIGIL
SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST – SABATO

5:00 P.M. For All Our Parishioners

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST – DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners
10:00 A.M. Per Tutti e Nostri Parrocchiani
11:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners
5:00 P.M. For All Our Parishioners

ALL SOULS
MONDAY NOVEMBER 2ND – LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. For All Our Parishioners
7:00 P.M. For All Our Parishioners

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3RD – MARTEDI
8:30 A.M.+ Herbert, Joyce & Arnold Morris

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4TH – MERCOLEDI
8:30 A.M.+ Patricia Thompson

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5TH – GIOVEDI
8:30 A.M. + Alfredo & Florence Bahingawan

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6TH – VENERDI
8:30 A.M. + Filomena & Valentine Fernandes

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7TH – SABATO
8:30 A.M.+ Carmela & Antonio Scarano

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: $ 5,960.35
Climate Control : $ 7,834.70
Country Dinner/Dance: $2,025.00





This Week Second Collection:
Building Fund



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"The greatest among you will be your servant." Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. David Twaddle, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-261-7207 ext. 801.
Email: vocations@archtoronto.org
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First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Registration OPEN for children in Grade 2 or older

Parents **MUST** register online, bring all the requirements and attend **ONE** of the registration dates in the Parish Hall:

Reminder

Thursday, November 5, 2026,
from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM

Saturday, November 7, 2026,
from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM

Registration forms are only online on our website.

Parents of children preparing for First Holy Communion are required to attend a two-hour catechetical session designed to support and guide them in preparing their children for the joyful celebration of the sacraments.

Thursday, November 19, 2026,
from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM

Saturday, November 21, 2026,
from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM

Confirmation

Registration OPEN for children in Grade 7 or older

Parents **MUST** register online, bring all the requirements and attend **ONE** of the registration dates in the Parish Hall:

Thursday, November 12, 2026,
from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM

Saturday, November 14, 2026,
from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM

Registration forms are only online on our website.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) / Adult Confirmation

We are now accepting registrations for the 2026-2027 RCIA Program. Please visit our website for information and to download the RCIA Initial application form

SLMC CRAFT GROUP

Warm Hearts Warm Feet

Help our homeless at Good Shepherd Refuge stay warm this winter.

Now accepting NEW men's socks.
Please place them in the box at the entrance of the Church.

2026 Sock Collection: October 17th - Nov 22nd 2026

Catholic Cemeteries Funeral Services
Archdiocese of Toronto

ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

Saturday November 7, 2026 at 2 p.m.

All Masses will be held indoors at the following locations:

- Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga
  – Our Lady of Fatima Mausoleum
- Christ the King Cemetery, Markham – Reception Centre
- Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill – Holy Family Mausoleum
- Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge
  – St. Anthony's Mausoleum (Liturgy in Italian and English)
- Resurrection Cemetery, Whitby
  – Our Lady of the Assumption Mausoleum

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Last chance to get tickets!

Registration closes **Nov 4.**

FREE CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

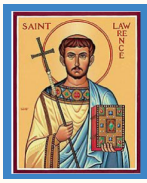
Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Learn:

- **How to avoid problems:** in your Will, in the Powers of Attorney, and through proper Estate Trustee selection
- **How to create your own legacy**
- **About our Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals**

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