

Homily for All Saints' Day – “Heaven's Great Reversal”

Dear friends, a very happy All Saints' Day to you all! Today we celebrate that great company of men and women who have gone before us in faith, the saints of God who now rejoice in heaven, Probably enjoying milk and honey and singing Hosanna to the King of Kings. They are not just the famous ones with statues and feast days (known), but also the quiet (unknown and forgotten), faithful souls who loved God in the ordinary moments of life.

The Gospel today from Luke gives us Jesus' vision of what true blessedness looks like. He says, “*Blessed are you who are poor... who are hungry... who weep now.*” It sounds strange, doesn't it? The world tells us that the rich, the powerful, and the popular are the blessed ones. But Jesus turns everything upside down. He shows us that God's blessing rests not on what we have, but on how we love, not on our success, but on our trust in Him.

The saints understood this. They lived the Beatitudes. They chose compassion over comfort, forgiveness over revenge, humility over pride. They loved their enemies, prayed for those who hurt them, and gave without counting the cost. They remind us that holiness is not about perfection, but about love, love that looks like Christ's.

And that same call is given to us today. We, too, are called to be saints, not someday, but here and now. Every act of kindness, every moment of mercy, every quiet “yes” to God brings a bit of heaven to earth.

But we also know that we fall short. We are often selfish, impatient, or proud. So today's feast is also an invitation, an invitation to repent, to turn again toward Christ, and to let His grace renew us.

Let us ask the Lord to open our hearts, that we may walk in the footsteps of the saints. May we live the Beatitudes with joy, love as Christ loves, and one day join that great crowd of heaven in everlasting praise.

Happy All Saints' Day — and may God make saints of us all. Amen.