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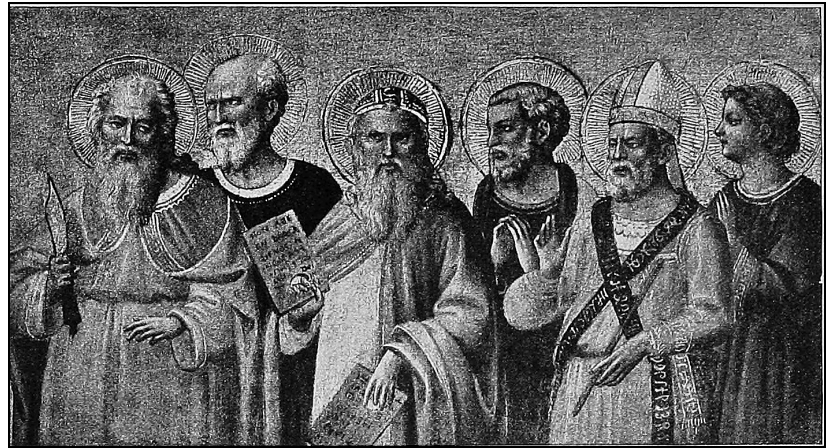
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TODAY'S SOLEMNITY

November 1: All Saints. Today the Church honors all the saints, known and unknown.

In the West, Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs on May 13, 609 or 610. Pope Gregory III (731–741) dedicated a chapel in St. Peter's to all the saints and fixed the feast on November 1. Pope Gregory IV (827–844) extended it to the whole Church.



Saints, from the predella of Fra Angelico's Fiesole Altarpiece (c. 1423–24), National Gallery, London

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue."

—St. John, Revelation 7:9 (today's first reading)

PRAYER TO OBTAIN THE HELP OF THE SAINTS

Assist me, I pray, all ye Saints of God to whose protection I fly, assist me before death lays its hand on me; before the wrath of God strikes me, before the grave closes over me.

... Again and again, yea always, will I turn to you, O all ye holy Saints: come to my aid, take pity on me; raise me up when I fall; correct me when I err.

(*Mothers for Priests brochure S22*)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: When do the Byzantine Churches keep their feast of All Saints?

A: On the first Sunday after Pentecost.

ON THIS DATE IN CATHOLIC CHURCH HISTORY

November 1, 1950: Pope Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*Munificentissimus Deus*).

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For those who are especially beloved by Thee, my Jesus mercy!

Recommended Prayer Brochure: S44 Litany of All Saints



Sunday Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Matthew 5:1-12a, November 1, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

F	H	P	E	A	C	E	M	A	K	E	R	S	C	D
V	M	R	E	Y	D	A	M	K	I	N	G	D	O	M
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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.”

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), Solemnity of All Saints.

FROM THE CATECHISM

165. In what way is the Church holy?

The Church is holy insofar as the Most Holy God is her author. Christ has given himself for her to sanctify her and make her a source of sanctification. The Holy Spirit gives her life with charity. In the Church one finds the fullness of the means of salvation. Holiness is the vocation of each of her members and the purpose of all her activities. The Church counts among her members the Virgin Mary and numerous Saints who are her models and intercessors. The holiness of the Church is the fountain of sanctification for her children who here on earth recognize themselves as sinners ever in need of conversion and purification.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 165