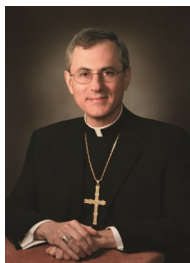


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The Beatitudes-Our Call to Holiness

"As we come to the end of the Church year we celebrate this great feast of All Saints. It is important to emphasise from the beginning what we mean here by 'saints'. Normally we apply the word to people of extraordinary holiness who have been canonised or beatified by the Church. Among them each one has their favourites: St Francis of Assisi, St Therese of Lisieux, St Anthony, St Joseph and so on.

But today's feast uses the word in a much wider sense. It refers to all those baptised Christians who have died and are now with God in glory. It also certainly includes all non-Christians who lived a good life sincerely in accordance with the convictions of their conscience. We simply do not know how many people we are talking about but it must be a very large number. Putting it the other way, there is no way we can decide which people have made an irrevocable choice of rejecting what is true and good and have chosen to be alienated from God forever. Hopefully, their number is much smaller.

The Gospel chosen for today's feast is interesting. It gives us what we know as the Eight Beatitudes from the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. It is, in fact, a charter for holiness. When many people think of holiness they think of keeping the Ten Commandments and perhaps some other requirements of the Church like going to Mass on Sundays or fasting during Lent. The Beatitudes go far beyond the Ten Commandments in what they expect of a follower of Christ and yet the sad thing is that one hears of relatively few Christians saying that they base their lives on the Beatitudes. When we go to Confession it is the Ten Commandments we normally refer to and not the Beatitudes. And this is sad because it is clear from their position in Matthew's gospel that the Beatitudes have a central place. They are a kind of mission statement saying what kind of person the good Christian will be.

The word 'blessed' is sometimes translated 'happy'. It might be more accurate to translate it as 'fortunate'. In other words, people who have these qualities are really in an envious position. All of these beatitudes are indications that we belong to the 'kingdom of heaven'. This is to be understood not as a place, still less as referring to life after death. It rather describes the kind of society that exists when we live according to these values – a place of truth and love, of compassion and justice, of peace, freedom and sharing.

The general message is that those are really blessed when they know their dependence on God and on their sisters and brothers; when they commit themselves totally to the Way that Christ invites them to follow. This is the kind of Christian we are all called to be. It is these qualities which made the saints and which will make saints of us too. They go far beyond what is required by the Ten Commandments

Being a Christian is a lot more than not doing things which are wrong. The Beatitudes are expressed in positive terms. They also express not just actions but attitudes. In a way, they can never be fully observed. No matter how well I try to observe them, I can always go further. They leave no room for smugness, the kind of smugness the Pharisees had in keeping the Law. The Beatitudes are a true and reliable recipe for sainthood."

*Excerpt from Living Space, Commentaries on the Daily Readings, Feast of All Saints,
<https://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/f1101/>*

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IN REMEMBRANCE 2020

“For the past 15 years, the Amabile Boys & Men’s Choirs have partnered with St. Peter’s Cathedral Basilica to present a concert of Remembrance – to honour and remember the millions of military and support personnel who have given their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace.

Each year, about 800 audience members have joined the boys and men in remembering our lost loved ones, and each year we present a different story of service, bravery and sacrifice in song and story. For the 120 boys and men who participate in this concert each year, it is a treasured time of reflection and gratitude – their favourite and most anticipated concert of the season.

With the onset of the pandemic and the necessity to stay isolated, we worried that our annual tradition might have to be cancelled; however, with the assistance and support of many individuals, who were motivated to ensure that we shouldn’t forget, we are pleased to bring you a new In Remembrance story from World War I.

This story recounts vignettes of Canada’s participation in World War I through the eyes of a father and child. We will meet Major Henry Colbourne, a veterinarian from Winnipeg,

who was conscripted at the age of 27 to care for the army’s tens of thousands of horses shipped overseas to war; and the orphan bear cub whom he adopted and named Winnipeg Bear, or Winnie for short.



Through a powerful story narrated by guest actors; exceptional music by the boys and men of Amabile and guest artists; and the breathtaking videography of HOP Studios, this film recalls Canada’s involvement in the Great War through the eyes of a father and son as they track the journey of our most famous black bear soldier — Winnipeg Bear — later to be immortalized as Winnie-the-Pooh.”

Amabile Boys & Men’s Choirs of London

A huge thank you to Carol Beynon, Co-artistic Director of the Amabile Boys & Men’s Choirs of London, the choir conductors and accompanists, as well as the boys and men of the Amabile Family for undertaking this great project to continue to remember those who generously served and sacrificed their own lives that we may live in freedom.

For tickets, click [here](#). (Check out the Early Bird pricing)

Bill C-7 - Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)

A page on the Diocese of London website has been created for access to resources related to the euthanasia legislation currently before the Canadian parliament (Bill C-7). You will find Bishop Fabbro’s letter to the Diocese asking you to write your MP expressing your opposition, as well as the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops’ statement opposing the legislation and other materials at this [link](#).

New Video Series from King’s Centre for Advanced Research in Catholic Thought

King’s University’s Centre for Advanced Research in Catholic Thought (CARCT) has launched a new video series, “Spiritual Resources in a Time of Pandemic: A Catholic Reflection Series.” The videos are designed to provide the King’s community, and beyond, with spiritual and theological resources to help think through the big questions that have arisen due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The videos replace CARCT’s annual conference and focus on three key Catholic themes: hope, resiliency, and mortality. The series begins with an introductory video by Dr. Carolyn Chau, Director of CARCT and continues with Dr. John Dool, Professor of Theology at St. Peter’s Seminary, discussing Hope In a Time of Pandemic. You can read more about CARCT and access the videos at this [link](#).

Pickleball Anyone?

St. Peter’s Cathedral now has a pickleball court which has been installed in the gym and is available for booking from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm Monday to Friday in 1 1/2 hour increments. The rental cost for a court is \$25 for the 1 1/2 hours. Free Parking is available and a change room is available if needed. Players will need to bring their own paddles and balls. Please contact basilica@dol.ca or 519-432-3475.



Knights of Columbus Beatification

Formed in 1882, the Knights of Columbus has worked to strengthen the Church, families, and community. Our beloved founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney will be beatified on Saturday October 31st. We invite you to watch the ceremony LIVE online at www.kofc.org/beatification and celebrate with us!

St. Peter’s Seminary “Come and See” Virtual Weekends

Due to the Pandemic, this year’s Come and See will be a virtual experience. This online retreat is planned for three separate Saturdays and each has an individual topic and theme.

Nov 14th from 7 p.m. -10 p.m. (Discernment)

Nov 21st from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Priesthood)

Nov 28th from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. (Seminary)

This retreat is for single, Catholic men 17 years of age and older, that are in good health and psychological maturity, and are considering a call to priestly life and service. If you know any men that are interested in discerning a priestly vocation or open to attend the Come and See please have them email vocations@dol.ca. See the attached [poster](#) with additional details.

Brescia and King’s Virtual Fall Preview Days—November 7

Brescia University College and King’s University College Virtual Fall Preview Days are on Saturday, November 7. Registration information and additional details are available [here](#).



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From the Desk of the Rector

We remember those who have died. On today's bulletin cover you will find a reflection on the Beatitudes, the gospel read at all Sunday Masses this year – All Saints Day. We remember those people in heaven who are not recognized individually throughout the year with a designated feast day. The saints are all those women and men who have been faithful to God's call and now live with him forever. Among them are our family members, friends and colleagues. As well, on Monday, the Church celebrates All Souls Day – the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. A few years ago, while walking through Montreal's Cotes des Neiges Cemetery I came across this inscription on a tombstone: "Remember me as you pass by. As you are now so once was I. As I am now, one day you'll be. So stop and say a prayer for me." This sums up All Souls Day – it is not only a call to pray for our deceased loved ones. It's also an awakening to our own mortality and that one day we will be welcomed into God's loving embrace. Grieving is natural but it's more often for ourselves, who will miss our loved ones, than for those who have died. St. Paul reminds us those who have died have run the race and finished the course. We are left behind. We are still running and now they are no longer beside us - physically. We experience a deep sense of loss. However, as people of faith we know we will meet up with them again. Their memory and their time among us give us moments of inspiration to carry on our work, provide opportunities to grow in faith and hope and become more firmly grounded each day in God's love. We focus on what really matters. Of course, it's not just

during one month of November that we recall our loved ones but it is strengthening to know we are all doing it together. An ongoing tradition in many parishes has been The Book of Life. In it we wrote the names of those who have died. They were prayed for at all Masses. This year, due to health protocols in place we will be unable to place the Book of Life in the cathedral but that definitely won't stop us praying because at every Mass we always remember those who have died. However, I'm going to suggest we expand that prayer to our homes either with our families or individually. A good time to remember is prior to the evening meal. Before praying a blessing over the meal, name those loved ones who have died and offer the following prayer, one of your choosing or use your own words: *"God of all ages we entrust to your loving care those we have named. Lead them into eternal life so they may enjoy your presence forever. As we mourn their loss increase our faith and hope that we will enjoy their company again. Remind us that the bonds of love and affection knit together on earth are not unravelled at death nor can our pain, grief and sadness separate us from your love as we entrust them to a place of light and peace. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

Living among us. There are those we can call saints living among us now. Do you know anyone whose life reflects the holiness, prayer, service to which God calls us? How do they reflect God's presence to us? What is it about them that attracts us to God?

Fr. Jim Mockler

Celebration of Weekday Liturgy

Wednesday, November 4th - 12:00 pm

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We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died including Sister Vivienne Caron, OSU; and comfort those who mourn.

We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry throughout our diocese:

Rev. John Betkowski; Rev. Robert Rocheleau; Deacon Guy Coyle; Deacon Anthony Hogervorst; Rev. Antony Kolenchery, C.S.T.; Most Rev. Ronald Fabbro, C.S.B.;
Rev. Robert Renaud

READINGS - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2020 THIRTY-SECOND OF SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Wisdom 6.12-16

Psalm - Ps 63.1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (R. 1a)

R. My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

Gospel - Matthew 25.1-13

Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.

Come Pray With Us

Join us each Sunday for our Sunday Prayer Service online. The service invites us into the Sunday scriptures and celebrates a time of prayer, music, and reflection led by members of our Pastoral Team. The service will be available at the following [link](#) each Sunday morning.



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