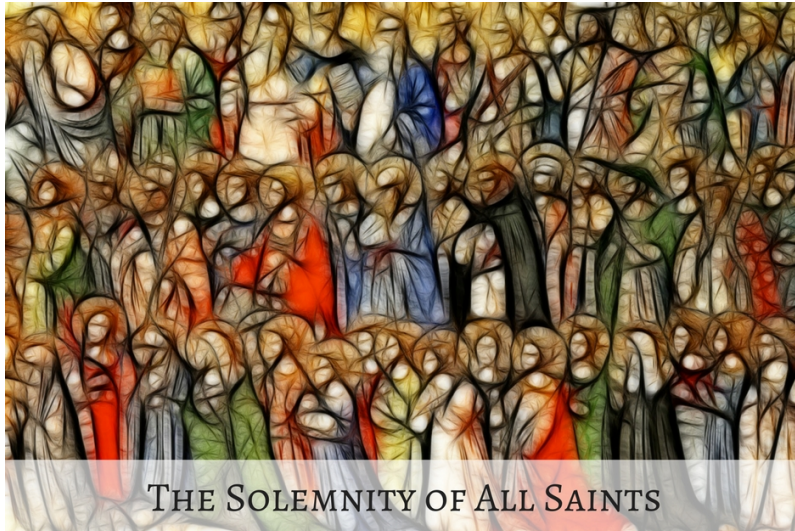


## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Sunday, November 1, 2020

The Solemnity of All Saints

Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14 † 1 John 3:1–3 † Matthew 5:1–12a



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.

Matthew 5: 11-12

**Reflection by: Sister Ann Marie Rimmer, OP**

### Lost in Wonder

The author of the Book of Revelation describes a huge number of people gathered before our God. They are wearing white robes, symbolic of their loyalty and favor with God. God says “These are the ones who have survived the times of great distress and they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.”

John’s letter gives a description of us. We are God’s children, chosen ones. We, too, have survived times of distress. We, too, are favored. Not because we are good, but because of God’s gratuitous love. Everyone who has hope in God will be as pure as God is pure. That is a wonder!

In Matthew’s gospel Jesus spells out for us a pathway to holiness for us. Be humble, be meek and pure of heart. Mourn for the sorrows and losses of the other; be a peacemaker.

I live in a community of Sisters of St Dominic. Are we perfect people? Certainly not. We acknowledge our sinfulness and shortcomings. And yet I see kindness, generosity, and tender mercy shown in so many ways. I see those who bring peace to a situation. I see attentiveness to those in need. I see creativity in bringing joy to a situation. I see those who can share prayer and blessing with others. I see those who can ponder the Scriptures and bring deep insights to us. When I ponder that, I am lost in wonder.

That may be our invitation this day. See the light, the beauty, the goodness in the other. You, too, may be lost in wonder.