



1st November

ALL SAINTS FEAST DAY

Scripture scholars tell us that the Beatitudes are at the heart and center of Jesus' teaching. One author calls the Beatitudes the badges of a disciple of Jesus. The word Beatitude means Blessing. We are blessed greatly when we live the Beatitudes.

Through His discourse we hear Jesus telling us that the answers we seek do not belong 'out or up there' but are within us, they are a new scale of values.

Pope Francis in 'gaudete et exultate' on the call to holiness in today's world said that:-

Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy when he gave us the Beatitudes they are like a Christian's identity card. So if anyone asks: "What must one do to be a good Christian?" the answer is clear. We have to do, each in our own way, what Jesus told us in the Sermon on the Mount. In the Beatitudes, we find a portrait of the Master, which we are called to reflect in our daily lives. St Oscar Romero said that the Beatitudes 'turn everything upside down' Certainly St Vincent saw them as a blueprint of how we as Vincentians can live our lives in a way that reaches out to those in need and in so doing bring about the world that Jesus proclaimed on that day on the mount. Today we have:- (intercessions)

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All of which we place before our Lord and ask him for the strength and courage to bring into being for the good of all we serve .