

# Trinity News

## **All Saints' Day 2015 The Vision of a Life Lived for God on Earth**

A Christian saint is someone who does the will of God revealed in the Gospels by the life and witness of Jesus of Nazareth. That revelation is confirmed in the rest of the New Testament. Saints in other Religions have their models. There is no other complete model for us. He was not a saint, not a copy of anything or anyone, but the unique model from which to trace all of our concepts of sainthood. Yet Jesus was a "faithful witness" (Revelation 1:5), one of the key requirements of being a saint. The word "saint" has no gender in English, and in New Testament Greek it is *hagios*, in paraphrase, "someone set apart by God in Christ and made holy in the process".

Jesus describes the qualities of a saint, someone who seeks to truly follow him, in the opening of the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:1-12. He is speaking about his own attributes, though with his indescribable humility.

1. Happily secure are those of a humble spirit.
2. Those who grieve will be reassured. It is an inflexible promise.
3. Those of unwavering gentle strength gain everything.
4. Inner satisfaction comes to those who search diligently for justice and the rights of others above themselves.
5. Those who show mercy have hearts that are open to receive mercy.
6. Set free are those who are cleansed in heart and thus more open to God.
7. Those who exemplify peace are loved by God as family. He is truly Abba to them because he sent The Prince of Peace and they receive him.
8. Those who uphold all that is noble and life-enhancing and are persecuted for it are more secure than their persecutors. Heaven draws near to them.

9. False and vile testimony against someone who upholds these precepts should be accepted as Christ the Innocent Victim accepted the suffering of the Cross to come in his life. He was vindicated, and so are those who suffer with him, by the grace of God. Those who persecute the Lord's anointed will themselves suffer self-inflicted rejection.

This is the model of being a true follower of Jesus as reflected in his life as portrayed in the rest of Matthew's Gospel. The Beatitudes as they are called are programmatic for the writer and his community.

The saints know this:

I am superior to no one as a person.

No one is superior to me as a person, though their gifts may be greater than mine, and their authority may be greater than mine.

The declared will of God is the measure of everything that I do.

Discrimination against other people is a waste of my time and also damaging because we are all children of our Heavenly Father.

Jesus came bringing love and our task is to imitate him in bringing love to others to enhance their life. Taking away life and dignity in any way from another person does not have the sanction of Jesus. It does not sanctify even if it is with reason called 'justified'.

**Bishop Arthur Jones**

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## **TO PLAN:**

**November 8.** *Remembrance Sunday, 9:30am.*

**November 22. Sunday.**

*Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 7:00pm,  
Santuario de San Antonio Parish. Dinner follows.*

**November 26. Thursday.**

*Thanksgiving Dinner, 7:00pm, Holy Trinity  
Parish Hall. A sign up paper is on the board.  
Suggested closing date for booking is November 9.*

***Please join us!***

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

**[7:30]** *1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146;  
Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.*

**[9:30]** *Isaiah 2: 1-4; Ephesians 6:10-18;  
John 15:12-17*

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## **THIS WEEK:**

**Wednesday.**

- Group Discussion, 7:30pm,  
Parish Office

**Thursday.**

- Midweek Eucharist, 10:00am,  
Chapel.

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**Typhoon Lando Appeal:**

Cut-off time to receive your donations is tomorrow, November 2. Thank you for all your help!