

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: We are God's children now, and so we pray to God through the intercession of all the saints who have lived the Beatitudes and followed the way of Jesus the Lord.

- ☺ That Pope Francis and all our Church leaders continue to call all people to lives of holiness and grace, we pray;
▶ **Spirit of God, dwell with us.**
- ☺ That all nations work toward that happy day when peace and justice will prevail, we pray;
▶ **Spirit of God, dwell with us.**
- ☺ For those who are downtrodden, meek, and forgotten in our society: May they be shown mercy and treated with dignity, we pray;
▶ **Spirit of God, dwell with us.**
- ☺ For our community of faith surrounded by the saintly cloud of witnesses: May we become ever more faithful witnesses to the gospel of Jesus Christ, we pray;
▶ **Spirit of God, dwell with us.**
- ☺ For those who are persecuted for the sake of their faith: May they enjoy a foretaste of the heavenly kingdom now, and fully come into their inheritance in the kingdom to come, let us pray;
▶ **Spirit of God, dwell with us.**
- ☺ For all who have gone before us in faith, may they be brought speedily to behold God for ever, we pray;
▶ **Spirit of God, dwell with us.**
- ☺ That we voice the intentions of our baskets, the Living & Deceased Members of the Fisher Family, the Diocesan Annual Appeal, the continued success of the Renovation projects and the needs of St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes, we pray;
▶ **Spirit of God, dwell with us.**

(Pause for intentions from the heart to be prayed.)

Presider: Salvation comes from you, O God of all time. Graciously hear these prayers that we offer to you through the intercession of your holy saints and in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord for ever and ever.

ALL: AMEN!

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

November 1, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS:

The Living & Deceased
Members of the Fisher Family



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PENITENTIAL RITE:

We seek God's mercy and forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, you are the way to eternal life:

Lord have mercy;

.....Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you are the delight of the saints:

Christ have mercy;

.....Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb who alone is
worthy of praise:

Lord have mercy;

.....Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A reading from the book of Revelation.

I, John, saw another angel come up from the East, holding the seal of the living God. He cried out in a loud voice to the four angels who were given power to damage the land and the sea, "Do not damage the land or the sea or the trees until we put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." I heard the number of those who had been marked with the seal, one hundred and forty-four thousand marked from every tribe of the children of Israel. After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, "Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the throne, and from the Lamb!" All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They prostrated themselves before the throne, worshiped God and exclaimed: "Amen! Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen." Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#21, Gather - Psalm 25: To You, O Lord

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God! Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him keeps himself pure, as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.