

Feast of the Day: November 1st Solemnity of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)

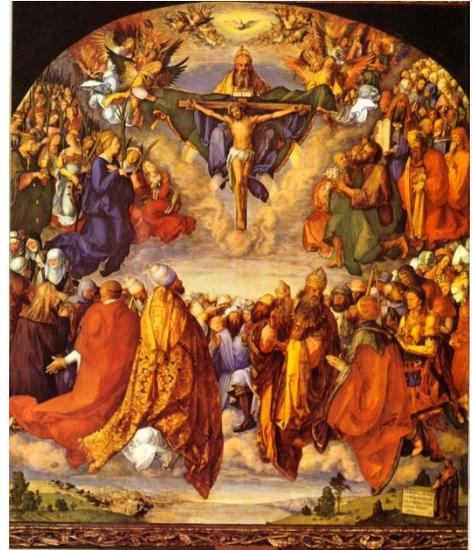
In Hebrews 12:1, Saint Paul tells us that “we are surrounded by a cloud of heavenly witnesses.” These heavenly witnesses help us on earth and show us by their example, of how to live a virtuous life and that holiness is possible for everyone, no matter the different walks of life from which we come.

These “heavenly witnesses” are the saints. On earth they witnessed to Christ in every aspect of their lives: their thoughts, words and actions showed all that they were a follower of Christ. As the saints were also human and experienced the same trials which we are also faced with, they serve as a great reminder and model of holiness. They give us hope that we too, can be holy and be in the company of God, Mary, the angels and the other saints in Haven.

However, some people do not always understand that the saints should play an important role in our lives. They erroneously believe that praying to the saints take away from the glory which is due to God alone. Yet, this is not the case. Just as we love our friends and wish for others to know how awesome they are, God desires us to know His friends, the saints. God wants us to be able to ask His friends for help and to look up to them for examples of how to live a life of virtue. After all, they had similar struggles which we have too!

Today’s feast reminds us how awesome the saints are and how powerful their intercession can be. We can pray to a saint to intercede for us at any time! They, like God, desire our holiness and want to be with us in Heaven and will help us, through God’s grace, in any way that they can. Through their help, we can hopefully join in their ranks, either as a canonized saint (someone officially recognized by the Church that they lived a life of heroic virtue) or a saint in heaven (someone who has died and is in heaven).

All you holy saints and angels, pray for us!



Question to Think About: Who is my favorite saint? Why?
