November 1st: Solemnity of All Saints

Gospel text (*Mt* 5:1-12a): When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up 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 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.”

All Saints Day

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Today, we contemplate the "mystery of the Communion of Saints" of Heaven and Earth. We are not alone; we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses: together, we then make up one body in Christ. The glorious army of the Saints intercedes on our behalf before God; accompanies us on our way to the Kingdom and stimulates us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

The Gospel of this Feast presents the proclamation of the "Beatitudes". But in truth, the blessed par excellence is only Jesus Christ. He is, in fact, the true poor in spirit, the one afflicted, the meek one, the merciful... The Beatitudes show us the spiritual features of Jesus, and thus express His mystery, the mystery of His Death and the joy of His Resurrection. This mystery, which is the mystery of true blessedness, invites us to follow Jesus Christ and thus to walk toward it.

—We too can participate in His blessedness. With Him the impossible becomes possible: with His help we can become perfect as the Heavenly Father is perfect.