

**INTRO** Today is All Saints Day –

Men and women who have lived such holy lives that we KNOW they are in heaven

Readings today all point to OUR salvation – Eternal Life (and how we get there) LUP

REV – a Revelation of St John

It's end of time, and the saved are coming before the throne of God

Alot of confusion about this reading – will only 144,000 be saved? NO WAY

Very next ppg – A great multitude, from every nation, so large noone could count them

- These are the saints of God – Glorifying God, shouting: “Salvation comes from our God, who is seated on the thone and from the lamb” (Alleluia)
- These are saints we acclaim today – so many, from every nation, race, people and tongue.
- These saints, our saints, give us hope – we too can be part of this multitude!

1JN Same author who wrote REVELATION

Listen to the confidence he has in our salvation

“See the love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called children of God”

THAT is what we are – His beloved Children – Saints of God

“We shall see Him face to face” and then

“Everyone who has this hope, based on Him, makes himself pure, as he is pure”

ISN'T THIS US? Isn't OUR hope based on Christ?

MT Which leads us to the Gospel and the beatitudes

Here Jesus teaches us HOW to live as Christian men and women READ IT

9 Blesseds, 9 characteristics that should be part of OUR lives

Culminating in one that says blessed are we, when persecuted, because of Him

As Christians we are at war with the world, with materialism – spirit vs flesh

Christians ARE persecuted, ridiculed, and insulted because of our faith – now what?

REJOICE and BE GLAD

This life is not the end – remember REVELATION – THAT is our destiny

The saints give us hope – THAT is what we aspire too, and nothing less.