<u>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C - Halloween</u>

- Day some of our children come dressed for Halloween – so first – a little history
- Long, long ago NOV 1 was considered New Years Day
    - End of summer & harvest (full of life)
    - Start of the long dark winter (like death)
    - On this night the boundaries between life and death blurred:
        - The dead could rise up and walk the earth (catch you and pull you down)
        - SO – if you had to go out, dress as a ghost or ghoul so they'd leave you alone

    - As Christianity spread Christians knew that we have life after death
        - That our destiny as Christians is eternal life with God
        - SO – Nov 1 was established as All Saints Day or All Hollows
        - Thursday is All Hallows Eve (Halloween)
            - People still dress up as ghosts and ghouls BUT
            - BUT – Recognizing the Saints is more correct (SO WE DO)
- Today, some of our children have dressed up as Saints
    - And they can teach us ALL a lesson today

PATRICK
Born Scotland – pirates – slave in Ireland – prayer in fields – escape – ordained – return to Ireland
                                                                                    Nothing impossible with God

MATTHEW
Tax collector – sinner – least likely BUT Apostle – wrote one of the Gospels- Ethiopia
                                                                                    Nothing impossible with God

MO THERESA OF CALCUTTA
Nun from Bulgaria – serving the poorest of the poor in India – BIG Job "Love begins with a smile"
"God doesn't call us to be successful, He calls us to try"   Nothing impossible with God

JOAN of ARC
St. Michael appeared to a teenage girl – she is called to lead the armies of France AND DOES
                                                                                    Nothing impossible with God

ALL THE SAINTS encounter impossible situations – and they teach ALL OF US
                                                                                    Nothing is impossible with God

On Halloween, remember its really All Hallowed Eve, a celebration of ALL the Saints – and
                                                                                    Nothing is impossible with God