**SATURDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

# Queen of All Saints

Once we wrote: Saints are those who enjoy eternal light in the kingdom of Heaven, or Paradise. Those who are in purgatory are righteous souls, who, however, expiate the temporal punishments due to their sins, because they are not wiped out on earth, awaiting the fulfilment of their hope, which is their entrance into the eternal abodes of Heaven. Here is how Revelation describes a glimpse of Heaven: *“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 did 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. "For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."* (Cf. Rev 7,9-17). At the end of time, when the Lord comes to make the new heavens and the new earth, all these holy souls will be reunited with their bodies, which by God’s almightiness, will be turned into glorious, spiritual, incorruptible, immortal bodies. The souls of the damned will also be reunited with their bodies. However, this will be spiritual, incorruptible, but ignominious, shrouded in eternal death.

The Virgin Mary is Queen of every Saint. First, She is Queen in holiness. No saint emanates a light as intense as hers. Not even by uniting in a single beam of light all the lights of the Saints and Angels can one ever attain such intense, strong, dazzling light. The Virgin Mary is light similar in all to God's, even if it is shared light, given, transferred, handed over to Her as her splendid ornament. This is the gift that the Father in heaven has given Her. She is also Queen in intercession. Every intercession of the saints is raised to Christ by indirect means. Every intercession goes to Jesus through the voice, the heart, the desires of his Mother. Angels and Saints turn to their Queen. Their Queen turns to Christ Jesus. Christ Jesus grants every grace to his lovely Mother. The Mother grants every grace to the Saints and Angels who have asked in favour of mankind, who are still on pilgrimage towards God's eternal kingdom. She is Queen in mediation. The Virgin Mary is Mediatrix of all graces. None comes to us except through Her. The Old Church saw Christ Jesus as the Head of the Mystical Body. Mary is the Neck of this body. Everything descends from the Head and passing through the Neck it reaches every other member. This is faith that has always existed in the Church. Famous is Dante's Triplet: *“Lady, thou art so great, and so availest, that whoso would have grace, and to thee has not recourse, his desire would have fly without wings. Thy benignity not only succors him who asks, but oftentimes freely the asking foreruns. In thee mercy, in thee pity, in thee magnificence, in thee are united whatever in any creature is of goodness.”.* She is Queen in mercy. No creature, neither angelic nor human, can ever surpass the Virgin Mary in mercy. The Father has clothed Her with his own heart, so that from Heaven She sees all the needs of her children and with diligence, zeal, great love and endless charity She devotes Herself to bringing them every relief. Great is the mystery that surrounds our heavenly Mother. The Father in Heaven has truly decided to do great things for Her. For all eternity, the Virgin Mary will be the way through which the Lord will manifest all his divine and eternal mercy, goodness, compassion, great love, infinite holiness in his Heaven.

Now let us add: today we have lost the models of holiness. The Father, who gives his Only Begotten Son for our redemption and salvation, is no longer our model. Neither is Jesus the Lord, who made Himself obedient to the Father in every Word written for Him in the Law, the Prophets, the Psalms, up to Golgotha. The Holy Spirit is not our model of holiness. He does not live in us with eternal wisdom, His eternal counsel, His eternal understanding, His eternal fortitude, His eternal knowledge. Nor do we want to live in his piety and holy fear. Not a model in holiness is the Virgin Mary, the Woman who made her life an everlasting gift to the Father, in the Holy Spirit, a gift placed entirely at the service of Christ Jesus and his body which is the Church. If these divine and heavenly models do not become our only model with which we must always compare ourselves and to which we must always be inspired, we will have earthly models of holiness, but these models do not help the disciple of Jesus to elevate himself to the fullness of his truth that is only in Christ Jesus. What is holiness indeed? It is realising Christ truth and charity in our lives. It is making Christ's truth and charity our truth and charity. Today, the Christian tends towards charity without truth. Since charity and truth are Christ living in us, just as Christ is one and indivisible, so also must the Christian be one and indivisible, must be charity and truth as Christ Jesus is truth and charity. Without truth there can never be charity, because charity is the truth of Christ who became obedience to the Father even until death and death on a cross. May the Mother of God help us to have the truth and charity of Christ Jesus in our history and in our lives.

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