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Dear Parishioners,

Amazing as it seems, this weekend is Halloween and All Saints Day. If you have little ones, you're aware of the first, but Sunday marking the 9th month of the pandemic is harder to fathom.

Pope Francis wrote a lovely piece for the Angelus on All Saints Day in 2017 which still bears reflection:

"The saints are not perfect models, but people through whom God has passed. We can compare them to the church windows which allow light to enter in different shades of color. The saints are our brothers and sisters who have welcomed the light of God into their hearts and have passed it on to the world, each according to his or her own "hue." But they were all transparent; they fought to remove the darkness of sin, so as to enable the gentle light of God to pass through...

The ingredients for a happy life are called Beatitudes: Blessed are the simple, the humble who make room for God. who are able to weep for others and for their own mistakes, who remain meek, fight for justice, are merciful to all, safeguard purity of heart, always work for peace and abide in joy, do not hate and, even when suffering, respond to evil with good...On the journey, they never lose sight of Jesus' roadmap."

How about us? Are those close to us - family members, neighbors, co-workers - at least occasionally able to see the "light of God" shining through us? All Souls Day on Monday is a reminder of those we love who have gone home to God, hopefully with their light still shining through our memories of them. You're invited to the 7 pm Mass Monday evening to remember and give thanks for their lives. How will each of us be remembered when we have gone home to God?

Peace to you and those you love. Sr. SHERAL