



Patrick

Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

387–461

Born in Great Britain

Feast Day: March 17

**Patron of Ireland, Nigeria,
and engineers**

**“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

Matthew 5:3

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Dedication

To my family: my parents Jim and Peg, my husband Bill,
our son Sam and daughter-in-law Erin,
and our precious grandchildren Ben, Lucas, and Andrew.

To all the children I have had the privilege
of teaching throughout the years.

I especially dedicate this book to Sr. Pat Giljum, CSJ,
my mentor and dear friend.

I am blessed to have you in my life.

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Saints and Me! is a six-set series of children's books about saints, including the: *Saints of North America* who served our homeland; *Saints of Christmas*, who teach us to love Jesus; *Saints for Families*, who modeled God's love within and for the domestic Church; *Saints for Communities*, who served Jesus through various roles and professions; and *Saints for Sacraments*, who showed great love for the sacraments.

The eight books in *Saints of the Beatitudes* (a word meaning "a list of blessings from God") introduce nine holy people who exemplify attributes Jesus articulated in his Sermon on the Mount. Faustina Kowalska's diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, read by millions, helped spread God's message of mercy. Patrick, a missionary, brought Christianity to Ireland. Monica prayed her wayward son, Augustine, would return to the faith. He did and was canonized. Katharine Drexel abandoned her comfortable life to become a nun. Carlo Acutis shared his faith and love of the Eucharist through technology. Bernadette Soubirous experienced visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope John XXIII convoked the Second Vatican Council, hoping to revive the Church. Jude was an apostle of our Lord.

Which saint was captured by pirates and sold into slavery? Name the saints with back-to-back feast days (August 27–28). Who gave \$20 million to build churches and schools? Who created a website about eucharistic miracles? Who did Jesus appear and speak to? Who said, "My job is to inform, not to convince"? Who wrote *Peace on Earth* in 1963? Who is the patron of impossible causes? Find out in the *Saints of the Beatitudes* set—part of the *Saints and Me!* series—and help children connect to the lives of the saints.

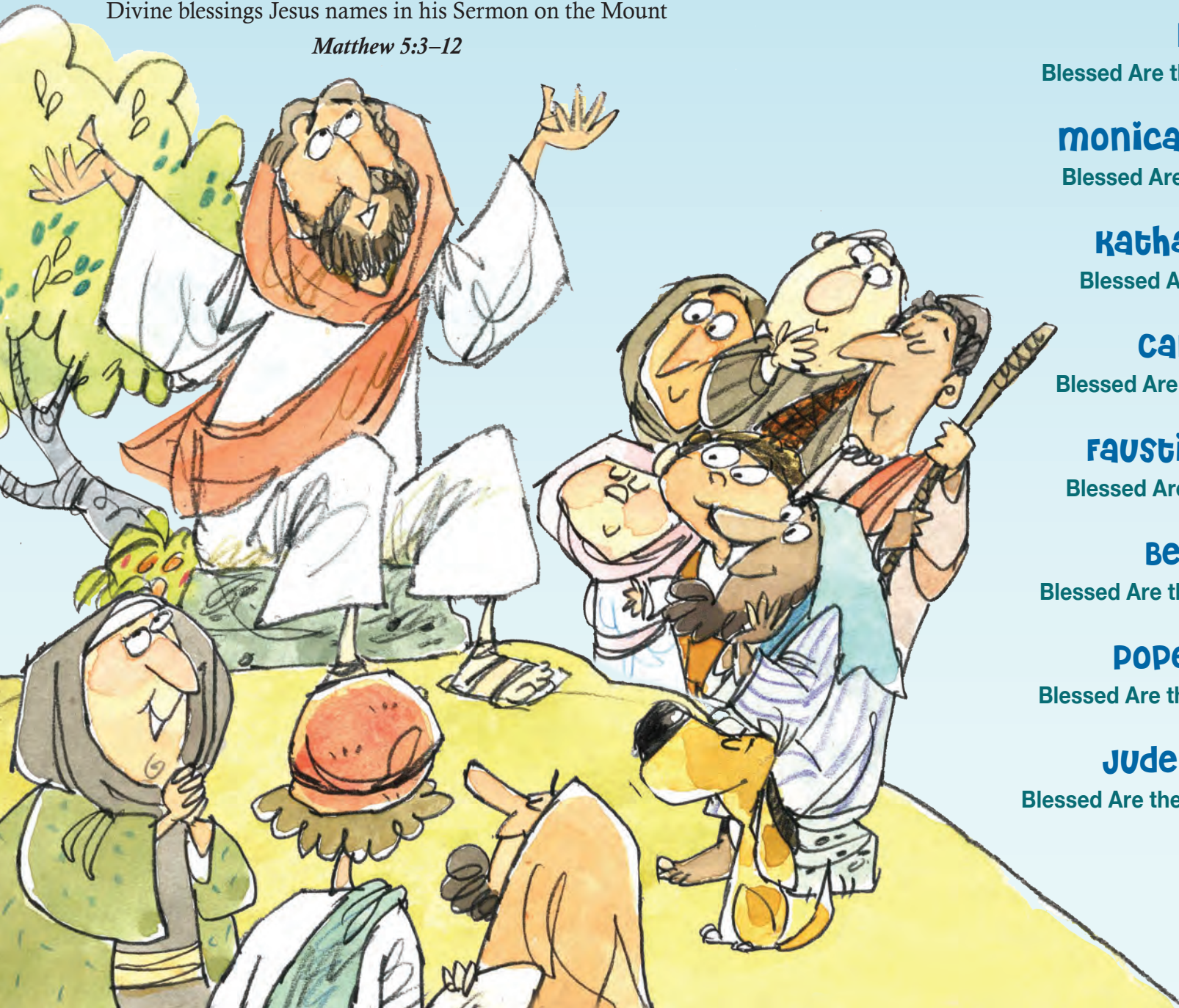
- Introduce your children or students to *Saints and Me!* as they:
- READ** about the lives of the saints and are inspired by their stories.
 - PRAY** to the saints for their intercession.
 - CELEBRATE** the saints and relate them to their lives.

Free activities for children to use with this book
may be downloaded at Liguori.org.

The Beatitudes

Divine blessings Jesus names in his Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:3–12



saints of the Beatitudes

Patrick

Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit (Verse 3)

monica and Augustine

Blessed Are the Mournful (Verse 4)

Katharine Drexel

Blessed Are the Meek (Verse 5)

Carlo Acutis

Blessed Are the Righteous (Verse 6)

Faustina Kowalska

Blessed Are the Merciful (Verse 7)

Bernadette

Blessed Are the Pure of Heart (Verse 8)

Pope John XXIII

Blessed Are the Peacemakers (Verse 9)

Jude the Apostle

Blessed Are the Persecuted (Verses 10–12)

Saint Patrick is known all over the world. Many people celebrate him on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, with parties, costumes, parades, and music. Catholics celebrate Saint Patrick as the holy and brave missionary who brought Christianity to Ireland more than one thousand years ago.



Patrick was born in Great Britain, an island off the northwestern coast of Europe. His father was a deacon in the church. Patrick was raised in a wealthy, Christian home. But Patrick did not care about his faith when he was young. His life was peaceful and happy, until one frightening day....



The men ran toward them! They were carrying swords and spears! "Pirates! Let's get out of here!" Patrick shouted. The boys tried to run away but were captured by the pirates and forced onto a ship.



Patrick and his friends met on a beach near his home. They were going to spend the day fishing and swimming. The boys did not see the men by the water's edge until it was too late.



To be poor in spirit,
start with an open mind and a trusting heart.



Saint Patrick,
You trusted God with all your heart.
Help me to pray in happy times and sad times.
Teach me to forgive those who hurt me.
Show me how I can spread my faith with joy.
Amen.



GLOSSARY (NEW WORDS)

Bishop: A priest who leads many churches in a certain area

Blessed Trinity: Three persons in one God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit

Christianity: A religion that teaches about Jesus

Culture: The way a group of people lives: their beliefs, language, and social habits

Deacon: An ordained man who serves the Church by helping priests and bishops with duties

Harbor: A safe area of water where boats can anchor

Missionary: A person who teaches the faith or preaches the gospel in a certain area

Monastery: The place where a religious order lives, prays, and works

Ordained: To receive the sacrament of holy orders and become a deacon, priest, or bishop

Pirate: A person who attacks ships at sea or towns near the shore

Preach: To teach about the faith

Priest: An ordained minister who celebrates the sacraments, preaches the gospel, and takes care of God's people

Shepherd: A person who takes care of sheep

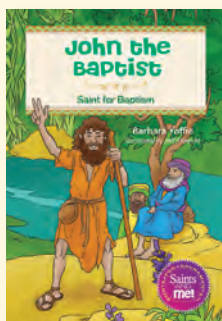
Slave: A person who is owned by another person and works without pay

Stained glass: Colored glass shapes used to make pictures and often used as church windows

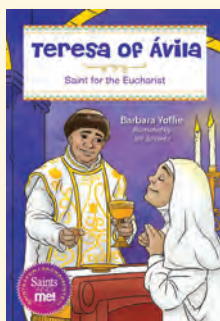
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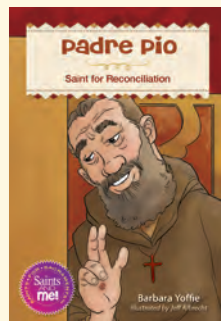
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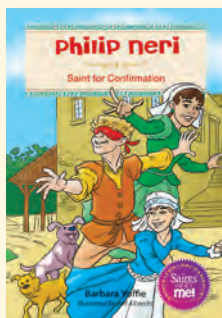
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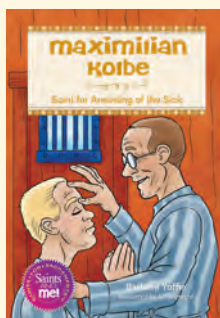
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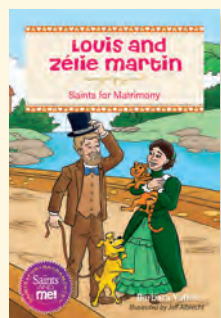
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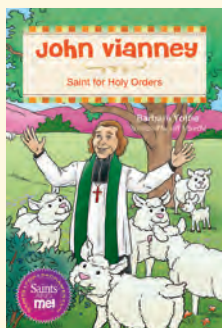
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