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November 5, 2017 ~ All Saints Sunday
"Practice! Practice! Practice!"

This morning we want to talk about preparation - being prepared for whatever may happen in life.

Fritz Kreisler, a wonderful violinist, once said he did not have the slightest consciousness of what his fingers are doing when he plays. He concentrates on the ideal of the music that he hears in his head, and tries to come as near to that as he can. He says that a musician who has to think of what his fingers are doing is not ready for public performance.

Well, how do you become so good at playing a violin or any other instrument that you don't even have to think about the notes you are playing? That's right - practice, practice, practice. That's also how we prepare for sainthood, or better said, how we can prepare for going to heaven one day. If we do the right thing long enough, we won't even have to think about what we should do in most situations. We will just naturally do what is right, good, and loving - the sort of thing that Jesus would do. So, what's the secret to becoming a saint and for going to heaven 1 day? - That's right - practice, practice, practice. So, beginning on this All Saints Day 2017, let's all become saints practicing to live as Jesus taught us to live. Amen.

DEAR LORD: Help us to become saints by following you and becoming more like you. Amen.

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