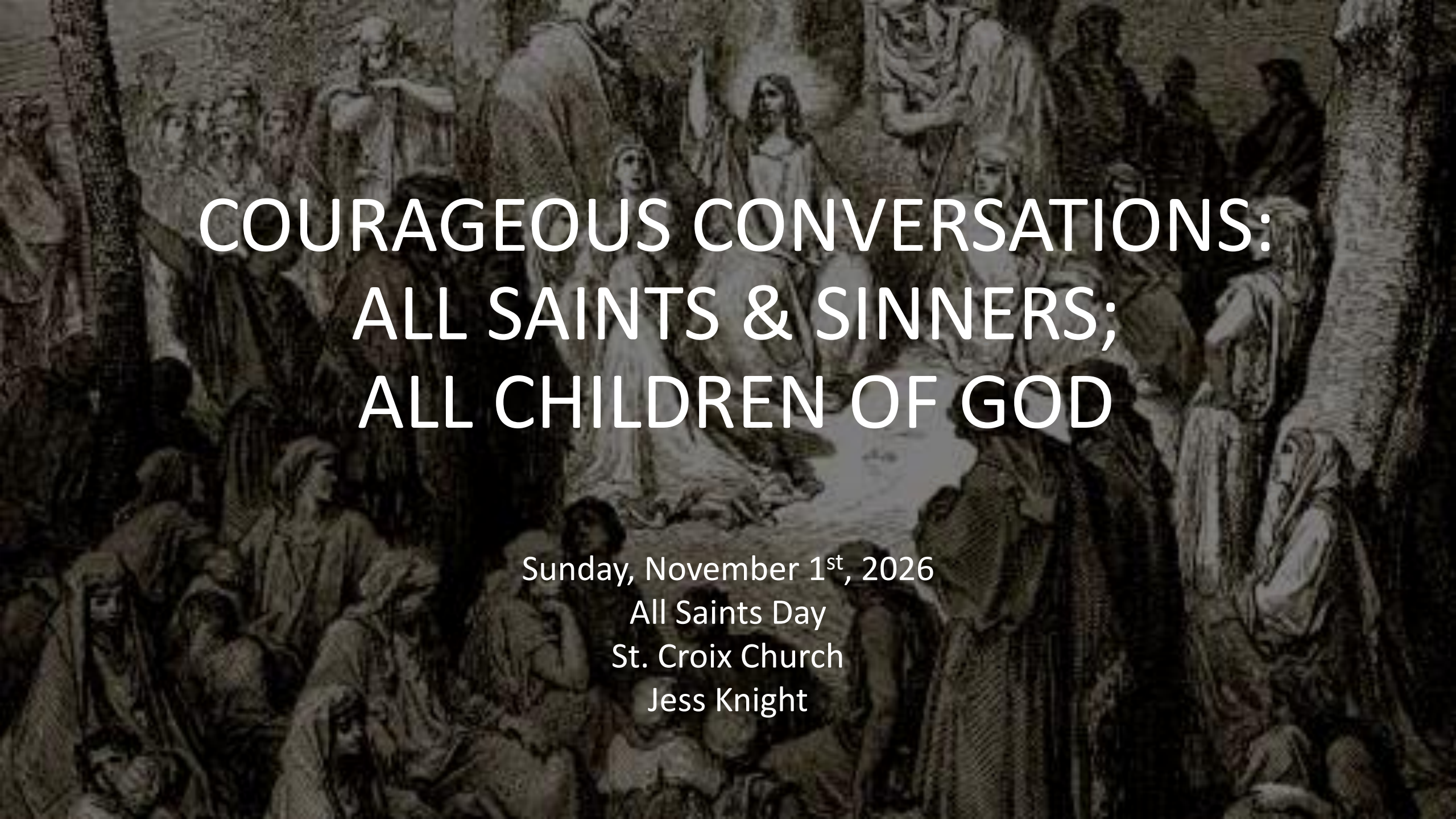
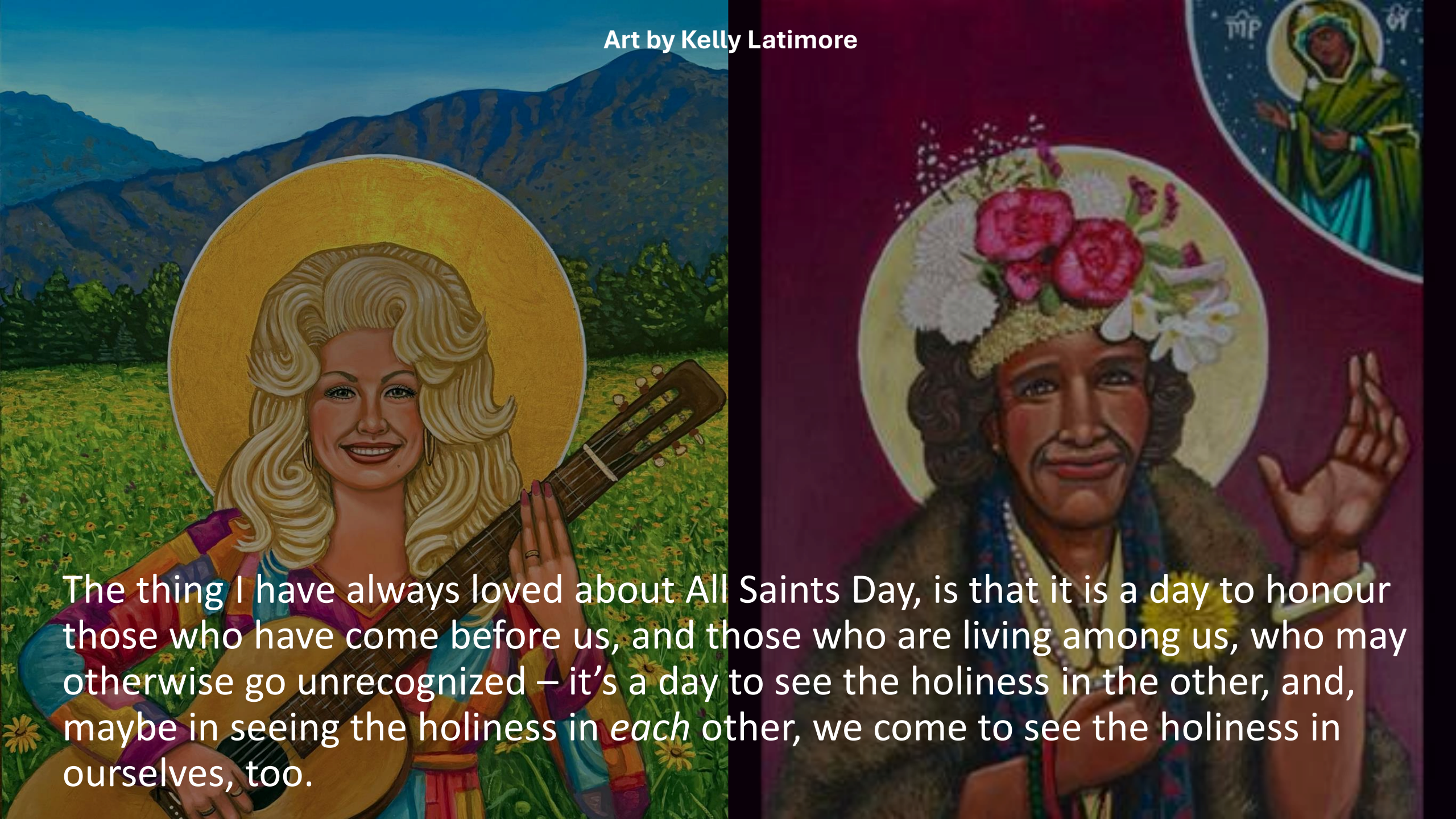


COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS: ALL SAINTS & SINNERS; ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

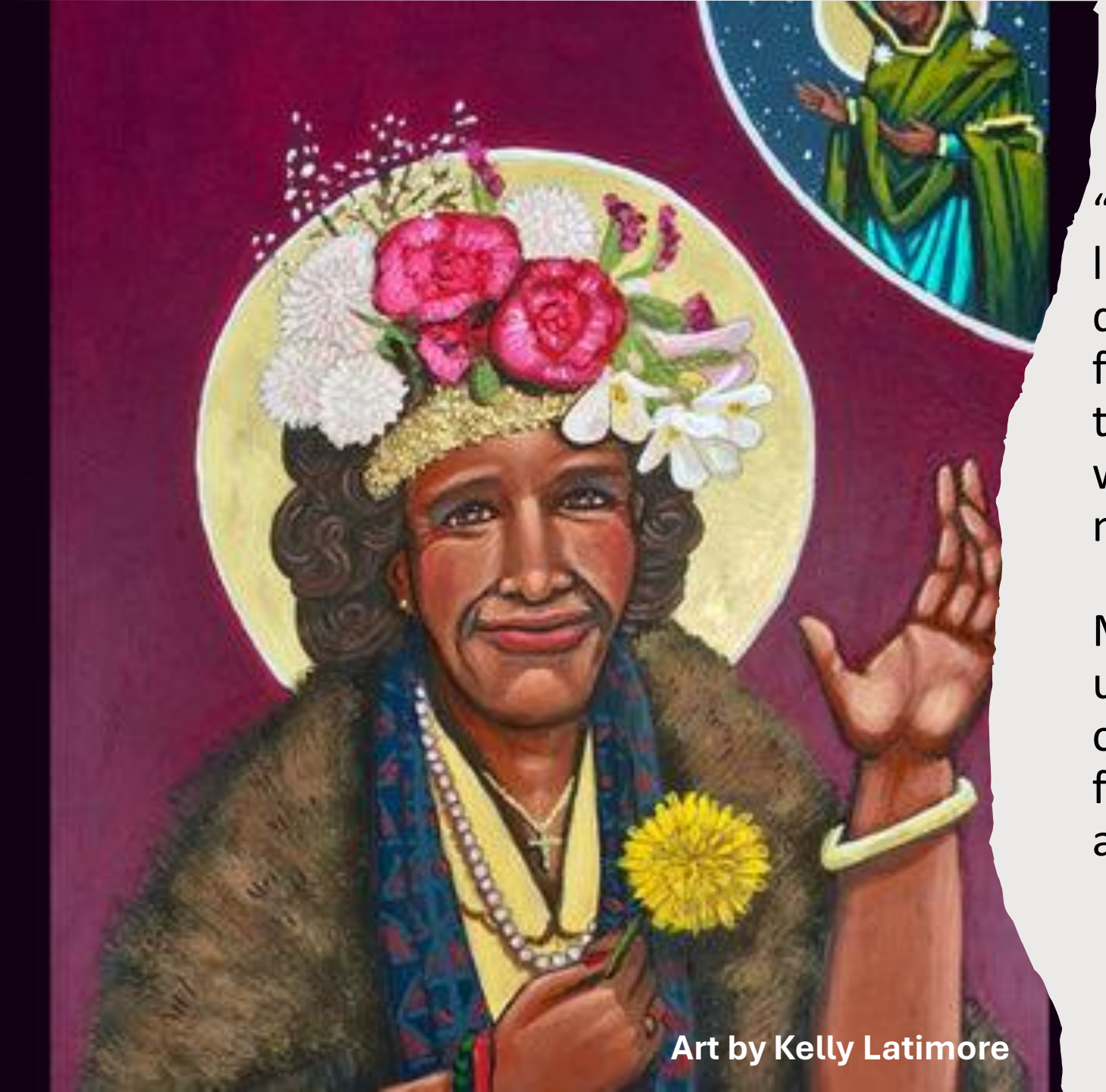
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The word "saint" comes from the Latin *sanctus* and Greek *hagios*, meaning a "holy one" or someone set apart for God.





The thing I have always loved about All Saints Day, is that it is a day to honour those who have come before us, and those who are living among us, who may otherwise go unrecognized – it's a day to see the holiness in the other, and, maybe in seeing the holiness in *each* other, we come to see the holiness in ourselves, too.



“Marsha P. Johnson was an American gay liberation activist and self-identified drag queen. Known as an outspoken advocate for gay rights. Among the first people on the front line of the Stonewall riots, she was a Mother figure and Protectress to many on the Streets.

Marsha was found dead in July 1992 under mysterious circumstances. Many claim she was likely murdered but police failed to investigate much into her death at the time.

This violence still continues.”

"If you are truly a spiritual-based person, if you are a true Christian, your heart is open, to everybody and everything”- Dolly

I don’t know what more to say about Dolly. She is the most requested person I’ve ever been asked to paint.

SHE IS A SAINT.

May we look to Dolly to remember and pay attention to all of the music, beauty, and sacred people all around us in the here and now… every encounter is a place of joy and light.” ❤️ 🌈 💅🏻 🎸

I paint Dolly wearing a dress of many colors (based on one of her most famous songs) With one of her first guitars, standing among wildflowers in the Smokey Mountains of Tennessee. A Zebra Swallowtail Butterfly flying nearby…









• THE BEATITUDES •













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Jesus: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

ContraJesus: Blessed are those who believe they are flawless and wear their arrogance for all to see, for they are always the ones to be heard.

*ContraJesus lines by Rev. Dr. Sid Hall, III, Trinity UMC in Austin, TX



Jesus: Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

ContraJesus: Blessed are those who can suck it in and act as though nothing bothers them, for they will get the praise of the masses and never be accused of being whiny.



Jesus: Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

ContraJesus: Blessed are the pushy and loud, for they are never needy and are always at the front of the line. They get everything they want.



Jesus: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

ContraJesus: Blessed are those who are pious and make others feel guilty for not being religious enough, for they will be successful in every endeavor, not like the needy, who never get to serve on prestigious boards.



Jesus: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

ContraJesus: Blessed are the revengeful and hard-nosed, for they will not be stomped on or walked all over.



Jesus: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

ContraJesus: Blessed are the careful and suspecting, for they will never be seen as naive or foolish.



Jesus: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

ContraJesus: Blessed are warmongers, for they don’t have to worry about being weak like children at all. Believe me, you’ll leave them alone after they kick your ass.



Jesus: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

ContraJesus: Blessed are the bullies and thugs, for they get to always be in charge and don't have to worry about anyone taking advantage of them.



Jesus: Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

ContraJesus: Blessed are you when you are praised and loved and held in high esteem because you are so careful never to make waves. Your path will be smooth, unlike the idiots who always question authority or live their lives stirring up trouble.







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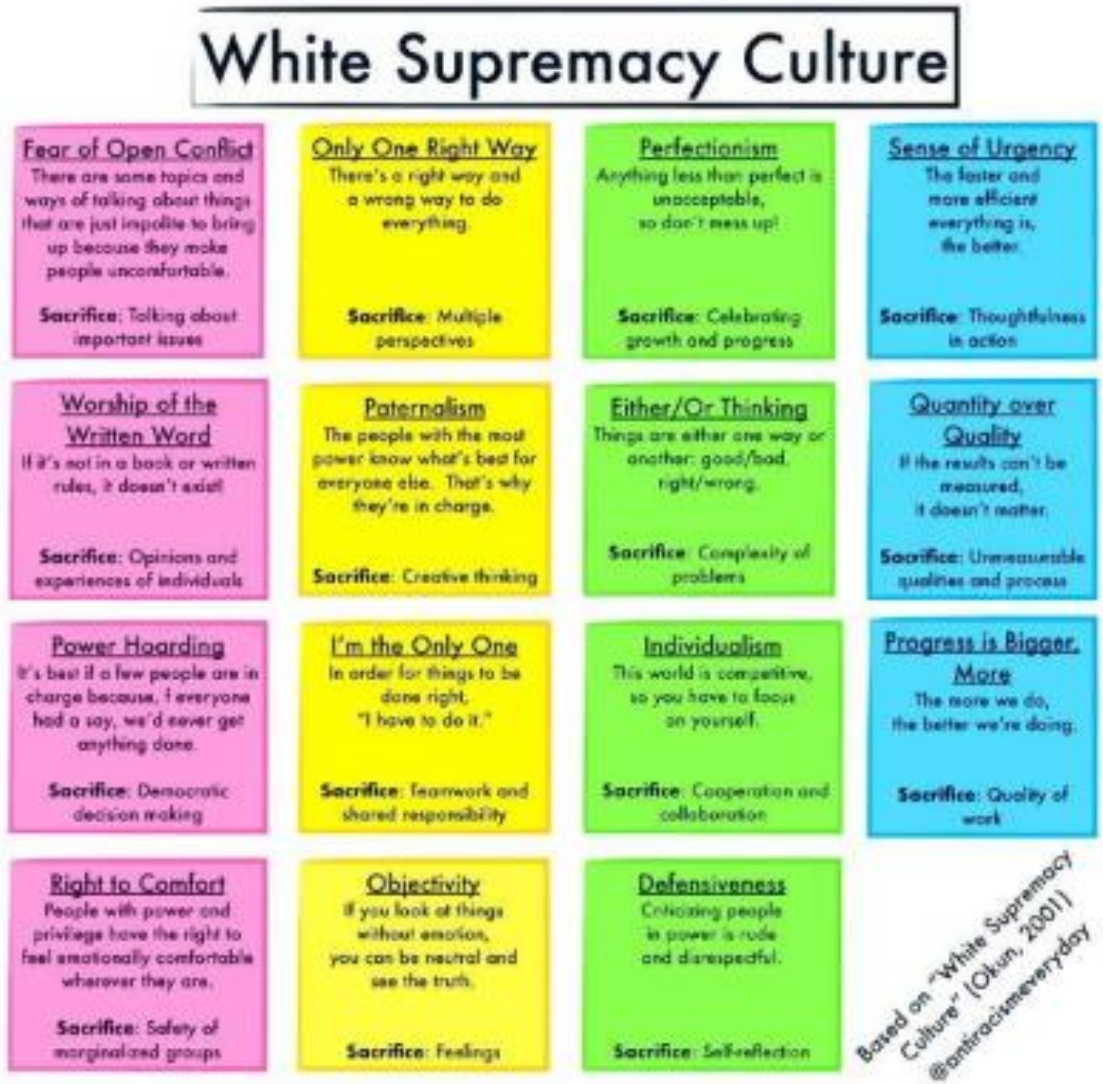


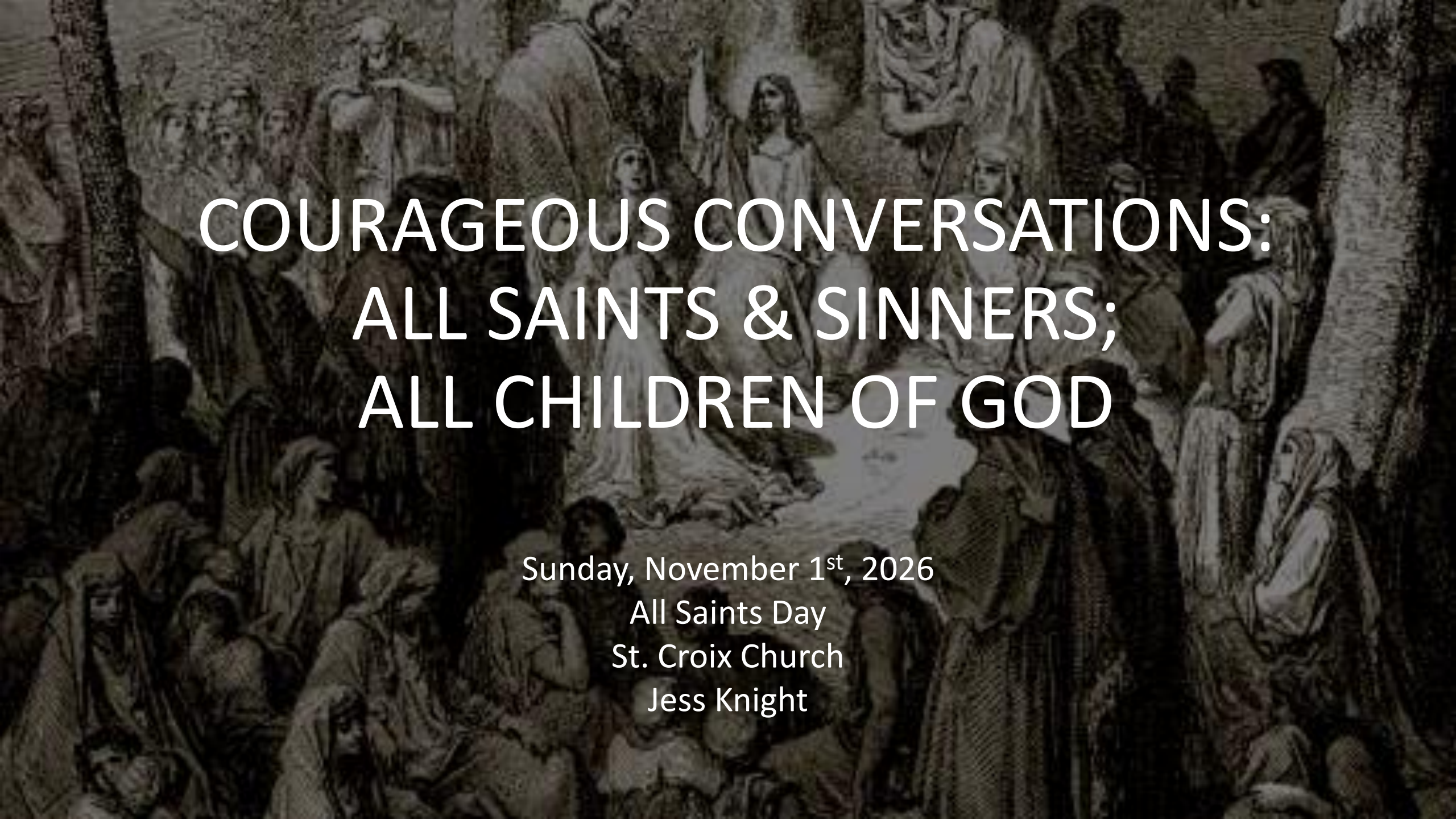




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White Supremacy Culture





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