FAMILY ASSIGNMENT: ALL SAINTS



All Saints Day is a special day for Catholics. It is celebrated on November 1st each year. On this day, we honor all the saints. These include well-known saints and those not officially recognized. The celebration began many centuries ago. All Saints Day is very important in the Catholic Church. It reminds us of all the saints in heaven. These saints lived holy lives and followed Jesus. They are our examples and guides.

All Saints Day is a time to thank God for these saints. We ask for their prayers and help. We believe they are with God in heaven. They can help us live good lives too.The Church teaches about the Communion of Saints. This means all believers are connected. We are one family in Christ. The saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory, and the faithful on earth are all united.

The Feast of All Saints celebrates both known and unknown saints—those who, through God's mercy and grace, lived holy lives.

All Saints Day also reminds us of our own call to holiness. We are all called to be saints. We are encouraged to live good and holy lives following Jesus' teachings and the Beatitudes as a guide. This day inspires us to follow Jesus more closely.

Saints were not perfect; they received God's mercy and chose to keep saying "yes" to God. We are urged to be inspired by the saints and to light up our communities with faith, kindness, and a commitment to living in God's love.









"For all the saints, who from their labors rest." - Revelation 14:13

Part I: Read Together:

Jesus Teaches the People

When Jesus saw the crowds of people there, he went up on a hill and sat down. His followers came and sat next to him. Then Jesus began teaching the people. He said, “Great blessings belong to those who know they are spiritually in need. God’s kingdom belongs to them. Great blessings belong to those who are sad now. God will comfort them. Great blessings belong to those who are humble. They will be given the land God promised. Great blessings belong to those who want to do right more than anything else. God will fully satisfy them. Great blessings belong to those who show mercy to others. Mercy will be given to them. Great blessings belong to those whose thoughts are pure. They will be with God. Great blessings belong to those who work to bring peace. God will call them his sons and daughters. Great blessings belong to those who suffer persecution for doing what is right. God’s kingdom belongs to them.

“People will insult you and hurt you. They will lie and say all kinds of evil things about you because you follow me. But when they do that, know that great blessings belong to you. Be happy about it. Be very glad because you have a great reward waiting for you in heaven. People did these same bad things to the prophets who lived before you.”

Part II: All Saints Day Family Scavenger Hunt

Walk around the Church and complete each item. Each item will help you to notice holiness in everyday life—just like the saints did.

☑️ 1. Find a Saint You Recognize
🔎 Look for a statue, picture, or symbol of a saint.
[ ] Check when found

☑️ 2. Discover a “Hidden” or Lesser-Known Saint
🌟 Find a saint you’ve never heard of before.
[ ] Check when found

☑️ 3. Spot a Symbol of Holiness
✝️ Look for a cross, candle, Bible, rosary, or something that reminds you of God. [ ] Check when found

☑️ 4. Find an Example of Kindness
💛 Notice someone helping, welcoming, or serving others.
[ ] Check when found

☑️ 5. Identify a Beatitude in Action
🌿 Look for a moment that reflects one of Jesus’ Beatitudes—mercy, peace, humility, compassion. [ ] Check when found

☑️ 6. Spot Someone Using Their Gifts for Good
🎁 Find a volunteer, musician, teacher, or helper using their talents. [ ] Check when found

☑️ 7. Locate a Place of Prayer
📿 Find a quiet spot, a prayer corner, or a sacred space.
[ ] Check when found

☑️ 8. Find Something That Shows God’s Love
🌈 It could be a smile, a warm welcome, a beautiful decoration, or a joyful moment. [ ] Check when found

PART III:REFLECTION

DISCUSS TOGETHER .

Jesus teaches us the Beatitudes to show what a holy and loving life looks like.

As a family, think about this:

Which Beatitude can we live out together this week, and what is one simple way we can bring Jesus’ kindness, peace, or mercy into our home or parish community?

Family Members Participating: _____

Date: _____

Part IV: Living the Beatitudes Through the Eucharist

The Beatitudes show us how Jesus wants us to live: with mercy, peace, humility, and compassion.The Eucharist gives us the strength to actually live that way. Every time we receive Jesus, He helps us become more like Him.

✨ Family Reflection Question

How does receiving Jesus in the Eucharist help our family live the Beatitudes—showing mercy, peace, kindness, and love in our everyday lives?

The saints are friends with whom we can grow in friendship. We all need friends who can help us deal with life. This is the trust which enlivens us when we turn to the saints in the decisive moments of our lives.

– Pope Francis

Closing Family Prayer

God of all saints, thank You for the holy men and women who followed Jesus with love and courage. Help our family live the Beatitudes by being peaceful, kind, and merciful. Fill us with Your grace so we can bring Your love to others each day.
All you saints in heaven, pray for us.Amen.

Parent Verification
Parish: _____
Date of Adoration: _____
Time Spent in Prayer: _____
One thing our family learned: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature:
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A Global Celebration

All Saints Day is celebrated all over the world. Each country has its own traditions. These customs show the local culture and faith of the people.

In Mexico, All Saints Day is part of "Día de los Muertos" or "Day of the Dead." People build altars in their homes. They decorate these altars with flowers, candles, and pictures of saints. Families visit cemeteries to clean and decorate graves. They pray for their loved ones and the saints.

In Italy, people visit cemeteries too. They bring flowers to the graves of family members. Churches hold special Masses. These Masses are well attended. It is a day of remembrance and prayer.

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In Poland, All Saints Day is called "Wszystkich Świętych." People visit the graves of their loved ones. They light candles and leave flowers. The cemeteries glow with many lights. It is a beautiful sight. Families gather to pray together.

In the Philippines, All Saints Day is a major holiday. It is called "Undas" or "Araw ng mga Patay." Families come together to remember the dead. They clean and paint the graves. They bring food and flowers. They pray and spend time with family.

In France, All Saints Day is known as "La Toussaint." People go to church and visit cemeteries. They place flowers, especially chrysanthemums, on graves. Schools and businesses often close for the day. It is a quiet and reflective time.

🌍 Match Each Country With a Saint

Mexico _____
She appeared to St. Juan Diego in Mexico and is the beloved patroness of the Americas.

Italy — _____
One of the most famous Italian saints, known for his love of peace, simplicity, and creation.

Poland — _____
Born in Poland, he became one of the most influential popes in history and inspired millions.

Philippines — _____
The first Filipino saint, known for his courage and faith even in persecution.

France — _____
A beloved French saint known for her "Little Way" of love, simplicity, and trust in God.

Pick a country from anywhere else in the world

1. Write the name of the country you chose.

2. Research how that country honors saints or remembers loved ones. (Even if they don't celebrate All Saints Day exactly the same way.)

3. Find a saint connected to that country.

A saint who:

- **lived there**
- **was born there**
- **served there**
- **or is especially honored there**

4. Share three things about the saint:

- **Who they were**
- **What they are known for**
- **How they followed Jesus**

5. Family Reflection:

What can our family learn from this saint's example?

Family Reflection Question: How does learning about these traditions from around the world help our family feel connected to the global Church, and what is one way we can honor the saints in our own home or parish?