



Solemnity of All Saints, November 1

The Church has kept a solemn feast day to honor all the saints in heaven since the early 600's. Every soul that enters heaven is a saint! The Church has honored thousands of these saints as our special heroes—the “Hall of Fame” saints whom we canonize. But who knows how many other souls are in heaven? We can't name every one, and every saint in heaven has reached perfect joy and peace and purity! Every saint in heaven is brought into complete union with God. This feast day celebrates all the saints in heaven, those we know about and those we do not know about.

When we honor all the saints in heaven on this Solemnity, we are recognizing three things:

1. **Saints intercede for us** on earth, and God works powerful miracles through their prayers.
2. **Saints inspire us** to strive after holiness and to never give up, they are perfect role models for us.
3. **Saints give witness** to the joy of heaven and remind us to see our time on earth as a journey to our eternal home with God.

Saints love us with the very love of God. Saints desire for us what God desires for us: that we become saints in heaven, too. By their prayers and inspiration, our older brothers and sisters are cheering us on as we journey to God's kingdom.

This “Solemnity” and is a Holy Day of Obligation (except when it falls on Saturday or Monday). We attend Mass and thank God for bringing us into His family as His sons and daughters.



Word Find: Can you find all the underlined words from the story about All Saints Day?