

# Grade 6 - Lesson 6

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

## Proclamation:

*Praying and leading a good spiritual life are key factors in becoming a saint. Saints are those who are united with God forever in heaven.*



## Catechetical Points

- We remember the souls of those who have eternal life in heaven on All Saints Day, which is a Holy Day of Obligation (November 1)
- The Church is made up of the Church Militant (earth), the Church Suffering (purgatory), and the Church Triumphant (heaven). We should pray for souls in purgatory.

## Materials

- Catechism board game
- YouTube (Please bring your own laptop or tablet)
  - Wi-Fi: StMichaelGuest
  - Password: 6084375348
    - All Saints Day Pep Talk by Fr. Mike Schmitz
      - <https://youtu.be/Mad1Jgf0jow>
    - Why Do Catholics Pray to Saints by TheoMatters
      - <https://youtu.be/3hd-PEh589c>

## Before class starts:

- Students who arrive early can play Train Wreck with students from the other grades.

[5 min] **Opening Prayer**

- Ask the students if there is anything they would like to pray for.
- Pray the **Memorare** (p. 151 in the student text / p. 262 in the teacher's manual).

[5 min] **Icebreaker Question**

- **Who do you look up to? Why?**

[10 min] **The Life of the Saints**

- Read **Revelation 7:9**.
- **What do we call the people who are in heaven with God and the angels? *saints***
- **How does someone become a saint?**
- Read page 25 in the student text.
- **How can we find true happiness?**
- **What are some things people do that make them unhappy, even though they think it will bring them happiness?**

[15 min] **The Communion of Saints**

- On November 1 we celebrate All Saints Day, in which we celebrate the holy souls who have eternal life in heaven.
- **Why do we pray to saints?**
- **What patron saints do you pray to?**
- Watch **Why Do Catholics Pray to Saints** by TheoMatters
  - <https://youtu.be/3hd-PEh589c>
- Read **Intercessors** on page 27 of the student text.
- **Who is your patron saint?**
- Souls in Heaven are called the **Church Triumphant** because they have won the victory over sin. Souls in Purgatory are called the **Church Suffering** because their souls are experiencing purification. Souls on Earth are called the **Church Militant** because we struggle against sin and the temptations of the devil.
- Heaven is the communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels, and all the saints. Heaven is the fulfillment of the deepest human longings, and the state of supreme happiness. The souls in heaven pray for us on earth, and they join their prayers to ours at Mass.

- Hell is eternal separation from God because of a deliberate choice to commit a serious sin and reject God's mercy.
- Purgatory is a place of purification from the effects of sin on the soul. Souls in Purgatory experience a cleansing fire to purify their attachment to sin, while souls in hell experience eternal fire as punishment for their sins. We should pray for souls in Purgatory so that they can enter Heaven more quickly.
- On November 2 we celebrate All Souls Day, in which we remember loved ones who have passed away. Unless someone has been canonized a saint by the Church, we should assume that their soul is in Purgatory and that their soul is in need of our prayers.
- **Why do souls go to Purgatory?**
- **How do we know about the afterlife?** Because God revealed these truths through Divine Revelation, which was then written down in the Bible. Some saints were given visions from God, which showed what hell, Purgatory, and Heaven are like. Even today, many people have near death experiences and describe these places after being revived.
- Have the students complete **page 15** in their Activity Book (Intercession). Answers are on page 36 in the teacher's manual.

[15 min] **Finishing the Race**

- **How many saints do you think are in heaven?**
- Read **The Blessed in Heaven** on page 28 in the student text.
- Watch **All Saints Day Pep Talk** by Fr. Mike Schmitz
  - <https://youtu.be/Mad1Jgf0jow>
- **How is our life on earth like running in a race?**
- **How do the saints help us?**

[15 min] **Catechism Board Game**

- Split the class into teams and play the Catechism board game, using the easy set of questions.

[10 min] **Closing Prayer**

- Pray a decade of the Rosary.

[1 min] **Announcement**

- All Saints Day Mass will be November 1st at 7:30 AM or 6:00 PM.

- Next Thursday (November 1) is a Holy Day of Obligation (All Saints Day), and Mass will be at 6:00PM.
- The next regular class will be November 7.