

All Hallows Eve - All Saints Day

Teaching:

- For Grades 1-5, watch Defining Grace's video [All Saints Day for Kids](#)
- For Grades 6-8, and adults watch Fr. Mike Schmitz' video [Do Catholics Worship Saints?](#)

Did you know that Halloween originated as a Christian celebration? All Hallows Eve (also called All Saints Eve) is the night before All Saints Day, the celebration of the lives of the Saints. On these days we celebrate those who have gone before us and are now in heaven with God.

How to Be Declared a Saint Board Game

Have you ever wondered how the Catholic Church declares a person an official Saint of the Church? Watch this quick [video](#) to learn about the process. Then, play this [digital board game](#) to become a Saint yourself!



**PLEASE NOTE: The Catholic Church does not believe this process makes someone a Saint. Rather, it is our earthly way of recognizing that this person is in heaven with God, hearing and assisting with our prayers.

Watch a Video about a Saint

Choose from the following Saints to watch a short video about his/her life.

[Augustine](#), [Barbara](#), [Cecilia](#), [Dominic de Guzman](#), [Francis of Assisi](#), [Joan of Arc](#), [Mother Teresa](#), [Rose of Lima](#), [Sebastian](#), and/or [Thomas Aquinas](#)

Then discuss the following questions:

1. What made this person special?
2. How can you be more like this person?
3. How is this person like Jesus?
4. How does this person's life help you to live your life more like Jesus?



Patron Saints Bingo

Ever wondered why saints are known for specific things? St. Monica is the patroness of mothers because she prayed endlessly for her son Augustine to change his wild ways. St. Augustine became one of the most important bishops of the early Church—how powerful were St. Monica's prayers! Play Bingo with the [Patron Saints](#). Print off the cards and challenge your family to a game of Bingo! If playing with young children, read the name and the patronage. Want to challenge older kids? Read only the patronage and have them guess the Saint's name.



A Saint Like You

Most of us probably think we couldn't be named an official Saint of the Church, but less than three weeks ago, on October 10, 2020, a teenage boy was beatified (the first step toward being declared a Saint of the Catholic Church). His name is Carlo Acutis and he was just 15 when he died in 2006. Watch the video about his life found [here](#), then discuss the following questions:



- 1) What do you and Carlo have in common?
- 2) What is one thing you could do to follow more closely Carlo's example of following Jesus?



The Litany of Saints is one of the oldest Catholic prayers that we still pray today, dating back to the fifth century.

Pray together a simple version of the Litany of Saints found [here](#).