

All Saints Day

Feast Day: November 1

All Grades



As Catholics we are called to be missionaries by Jesus himself who invites us to take the good news of the Gospel to all places of the world. When we are young we start by doing this in our homes, in our school and neighborhoods. We are also called to sainthood by our baptism because anyone that has become a saint has answered the call made to them to go and spread the good news of the Gospel to others. Some have travelled all over the world, others have done it without leaving their hometowns but all have found a way to use the gifts and talents given to them by God.

On the feast of All Saints, we honor those men and women who—whether they’ve been canonized or not—have **led lives of heroic virtue** that set an **example for all Christians**. They have truly **witnessed** to their faith. Although no two saints are alike (in fact, no two people are exactly alike), there are certain qualities that they all share.



Saints are **big dreamers**. They make the **impossible seem possible**. They do not let their weaknesses of others hold them back from doing good. They **believe that with God on their side, no one and nothing can stop them**.

Saints are **go-getters**. They believe what is written in the Gospel: **give all, turn the other cheek, love God above all, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, sin no more, follow Jesus**. They don’t wait for someone else to do good first. They jump right in.

Saints are **love-bringers**, in big and little ways. They **try to see Christ in every person and in every situation**.

The big dreamers, the go-getters, the love-bringers—we’ve read about them, we’ve heard about them, we’ve celebrated all the saints together—the ones we know and the ones we don’t. These are the people who **help us believe that love is the most important things in**

the world. Their lives tell us that what matters most in life is not what we earn or own, not the job we have or the people we know. **What really matters is how much we love God, others, and ourselves, and how well we show that love in all we do.**

Perhaps there are big dreamers, go-getters, and love-bringers among your friends. Perhaps you are one of those special people who want to make this world a better place. Perhaps you are someone racing toward heaven with joy. Know that it begins with little things: a smile, a helping hand, a prayer. This is the road to sainthood. A road that we walk all of our lives as followers of Jesus Christ, answering our missionary call helping to build the Kingdom of God here on earth.