

All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is celebrated every year on November 1st. It is a holy day in the Catholic Church. It is a day when they celebrate the saints of the church as well as those saints who have not yet been recognized.

What Is a Saint?

A saint is someone who has proven himself or herself to be holy by following God's teachings. They are thought to have entered the kingdom of heaven.

How Does Someone Become a Saint?

The Catholic church believes that anyone can become a saint, but there must be proof that the person has performed two miracles. These miracles can happen during or after their life. If a person performs one miracle, they can become beatified. Then they have the title of blessed.

What Is a Miracle?

A miracle is something that cannot be explained by science or nature. For example, St. Francis of Assisi was able to talk to animals and heal them with a touch. The miracles must be examined by professionals, such as doctors or scientists. They must verify that the event is unexplainable with science.

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day

Pope Boniface IV created All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day in A.D. 609. All Souls' Day is celebrated the day after All Saints' Day, on November 2nd. All Saints' Day is a holy day of obligation; All Souls' Day is not.

What Is a Holy Day of Obligation?

A holy day of obligation means that Catholics must attend Mass. Sunday is a day of obligation, and there are several holy days throughout the year. Catholics must attend Mass on these days. They also try to do something special for God and avoid doing any unnecessary chores such as cleaning.

Patron Saints

A patron saint is a holy person who looks after different areas of life. There are patron saints for all sorts of things. For example, there are patron saints for various jobs, illnesses, hobbies, and even learning. Nations can have patron saints too. They are said to protect their country in times of trouble.



Comprehension Questions

1. When is All Saints' Day celebrated?
 - November 1st
 - November 2nd
 - Sunday
 - It varies each year.
2. What is a holy day of obligation?
 - a day to be spent going to Mass and doing good for God
 - a day to be silent alone
 - a day to go on a retreat
 - a day to spend with friends
3. Who can help to prove a miracle?
 - a teacher
 - a lawyer
 - a scientist
 - a priest
4. How many miracles must a person have performed in order to become a saint?
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4

5. What miracles did St. Francis perform?

6. Who established All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day?
