

11/1/2020, Sunday School - All Saints' Day is November 1st and celebrated the first Sunday in November when we remember those special people who did all they could to follow Jesus and spread God's love.

St. Peter - One of the Twelve. Peter was a fisherman and brother to Andrew. Andrew was following John the Baptist when he met Jesus and the two brothers began to follow Jesus. Peter's original name was Simon. The name Peter comes from the Greek, Petra meaning "rock." Jesus said Peter was the rock on which he would build the church. Jesus also said he would give Peter the keys to the Kingdom. This is why Peter is usually shown holding keys. Next time you are able to come to church look around for St. Peter he is ALL OVER our church since we are named after him, St. Peter's!

St. Simeon & St. Anna - We hear of these two saints from the Presentation when Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present him, celebrate his name and dedicate him to God as was the custom. Simeon recognized the baby as the Holy One God told him he would see before he died. When Simeon saw Jesus he knew this was the one he had been waiting for and said, "Now I can die in peace." Old Anna who loved being in the Temple also recognized the baby as the Holy One and told everyone in the Temple what had happened. You will hear about them again this year when we do The Mystery of Christmas lesson.

St. Paul - Saul, as he was named when he was born, was devoutly Jewish, following all the Jewish laws. He believed The Followers of The Way were bad and helped to arrest and punish them. On the road to Damascus to look for more Followers of The Way he was visited by Jesus and was changed by him. Saul changed his name to Paul and started his mission to help new churches to grow. He traveled, spreading the message of faith and belief in Jesus, but became imprisoned by the Romans for spreading the teachings of Jesus. Paul ended up doing much of his work to help grow churches by writing letters. These letters make up a large part of the New Testament and we read many of them in church. He wrote to the Corinthians, Thessalonians, Galatians and Philippians as well as many others. To hear our lesson about St. Paul go to the church's Sunday School web site. The lesson was presented on June 7th (<http://stpetersef.org/christian-education/sunday-school-lessons/#Jun7>).

St. Francis of Assisi - When we have the Blessing of the Animals in church we are celebrating St. Francis. He loved creation, nature and animals so there are often statues of him in gardens (including in our own garth at St. Peter's.) Francis was born in Assisi, Italy over 800 years ago into a wealthy family. Francis heard Jesus speaking to him in his heart and Jesus asked Francis to "repair the church." At first, Francis thought that Jesus wanted him to fix the broken walls and windows of the church, but as he got a little older, Francis understood that Jesus wanted him to repair the church in a different and more lasting way. Francis did this by calling people together to live and pray in Community, and by helping others, especially people no one else seemed to notice or care about. Another cool thing that Francis gave us was the very

first Nativity scene. Francis believed that the feast of Christmas is a reminder that God is never far away and loves us so much that He wanted to be a human being just like we are. Francis reminds us that all people are created in the image of God, even those who look, or speak, or pray differently, than we do. He founded the Order of the Franciscans based on a simple statement: "While we have time, let us do good."

Prayer of St. Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console
To be understood, as to understand
To be loved, as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to Eternal
Life Amen*

St. Teresa - Mother Teresa was a tiny person (5 feet tall) who did huge things. She was born in Macedonia (near Albania & Greece) in 1910 and at 18 years old decided to become a nun. She was a teacher in a convent school in Calcutta, India for 20 years before getting a call from God that she should begin helping the poor. In 1950, Mother Teresa formed a group within the Catholic Church called the Missionaries of Charity. She described the purpose of the Missionaries of Charity as an organization that would take care of "the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone". She won the Nobel Peace Prize and many other awards for her work and gave all the prize money to the poor.


Some quotes from Mother Teresa: "*Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.*" "*Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.*" "*We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.*" "*It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.*" "*There are no great things, only small things with great love. Happy are those.*"

YOU can be a saint too! There is a wonderful hymn, #293, called "*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God.*" Here are a few versions of it and the words to sing along.


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YKNsXBn4m1s> - choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpTI7S1rrPM> - soloist


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uhjz4lyYSsU> - DARLING children's choir (they skip the last verse)




1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and _____
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are




pa - tient and brave and true, who _____ toiled and _____ fought and _____
 his love _____ made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for _____
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the _____ world is _____ bright with the




lived and died for the Lord they _____ loved and knew. And _____
 Je - sus' sake, the _____ whole of their good lives long. And _____
 joy - ous saints who _____ love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was _____ slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the _____ green: they were all of them saints of _____
 by a fierce wild _____ beast: and there's not an - y rea - son _____
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of _____ God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like _____ me, and I mean to be one too.

Saints' Days; All Saints' Day (November 1).

Words: Lesbia Scott (b. 1898), alt.

Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945)

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