



Bring this completed paper to class with you on  
Sunday, Nov. 12 or Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023.

## What is a saint?

Do you have any heroes?

I bet you do. Think for just a minute about the people you think are great. Think about people you want to be like when you grow up. Who are they? Your parents? Your grandparents? A teacher? An athlete, a singer, or a world leader?

Most of us have heroes. Heroes help us figure out what's important in life and what it takes to be the kind of person we want to be. Did you know that the church has heroes too? They're called saints. November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Day.

You've heard of saints. There's a good chance you go to a parish or a school named after one or maybe your town even bears the name of a saint -- such as San Francisco or St. Louis. Perhaps you have something else in common with a saint: your very own name! Reminders of saints are all around us. But did you ever wonder what exactly a saint is? Did you ever stop to wonder how the saint you are named after got to be a saint in the first place? Let's see if we can find answers to these big questions.

Saints are holy people. Holy people put God and his will first. Holy people listen to God and let him work through them. Each holy man or woman shares different gifts with the world, building up God's kingdom in his or her own way. They show us that no matter who we are or what our talents may be, it's possible for us to put Jesus first and putting Jesus first will bring us more happiness than we could ever imagine. Saints also show us that God is real and that the strength he gives us is real too. Saints were able to do amazingly brave things not because they were so strong themselves but because God made them strong. Saints show us what a difference God's love can make in the lives of people who suffer. So when we wonder where God is, saints are there to show us.

Saints also pray for us in heaven. Just like you prayed your rosary for someone and sent them a card. Have you ever asked someone to pray for you? You can ask your saints to pray for you too!

- From *Book of Saints* by Amy Welborn

*Print and cut the attached SAINTS CARDS. With your family, research and write THREE FACTS about each saint on the back of your cards. Be sure to include what they are the patron saint of! Then complete the riddles on the ALL SAINTS SCAVENGER HUNT using what you have learned. Choose one of the saints and write a small prayer together asking the saint to pray for your intentions. Say it every night in addition to your bedtime prayers. Write your prayer here:*

Name of Saint: \_\_\_\_\_

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St. Joan of Arc



St. Thomas More



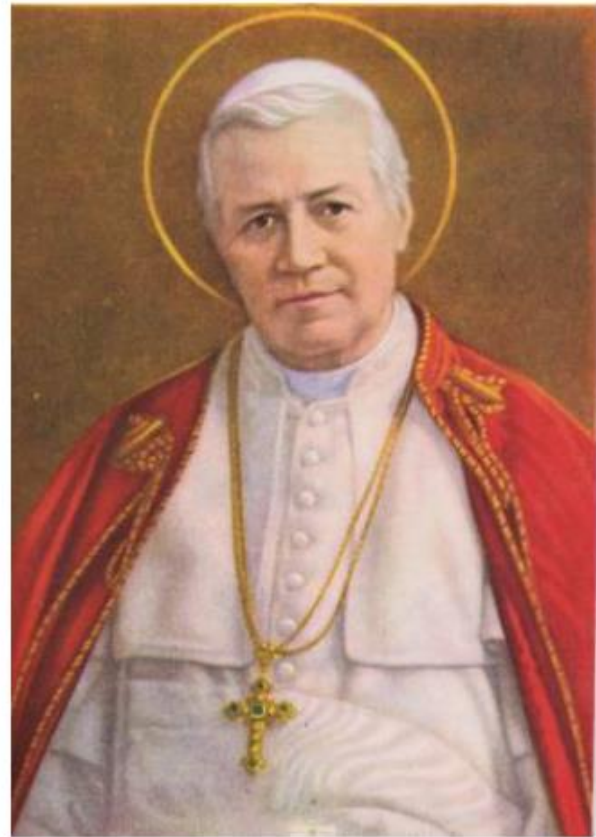
St. Juan Diego



St. Maria Goretti



St. Thomas Aquinas



Pope St. Pius X



St. Michael the Archangel



St. Therese of Lisieux



St. Bernadette



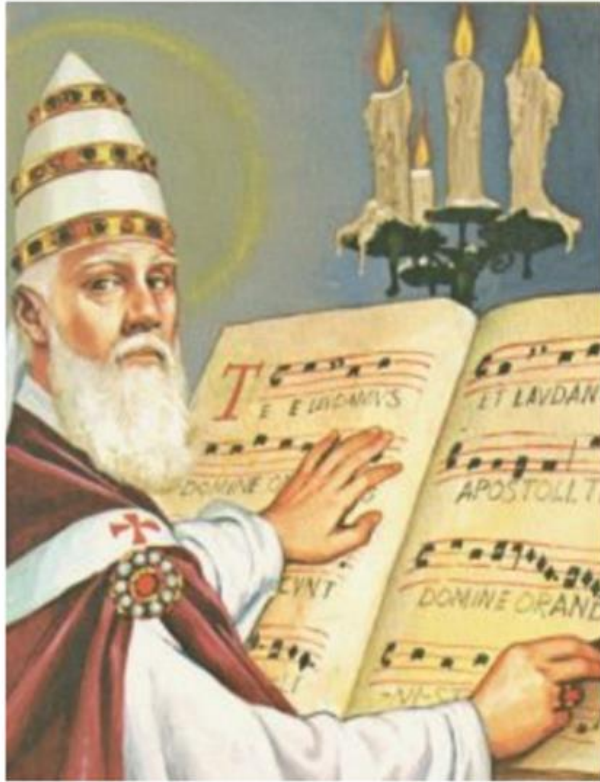
St. Cecilia



St. Francis of Assisi



St. George



St. Gregory the Great



Blessed Virgin Mary



St. Helen



St. Joseph