

Sunday of All Saints



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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A Loyal Friend

How would you feel if a friend of yours said he didn't know you? You could play or talk with this person all the time, but then what would you think if he ignored you or pretended that he didn't even know you? That would be a sad thing, wouldn't it?



Today, in the Gospel reading we hear what our Lord, Jesus Christ, said about that same thing. He said, "Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven." In other words, God wants us to say we are friends with him *all* the time, not just at church and not just when we are with other Christians. God wants us to love Him at church, and He wants us to talk to Him in our prayers. But He wants us to love Him even when it is hard, or even when we feel like the only one.

Today we celebrate All Saints Sunday. We remember all of the saints who loved God so much. They loved God so much that now they are with Him in heaven. The saints stayed with God even when it was hard sometimes. They stayed with God even when they felt like they were the only ones. Let's try to be like the saints!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Acknowledge
- All Saints
- Botolph
- Deny
- England
- Gratitude
- Loyal
- Martyrs
- Mission
- Monastery
- Nameday
- Preach

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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

If you can find this icon of All Saints in your church, you can see that the saints are all in different groups. The monks are in one group, the apostles are in another group, the Old Testament saints are in another group.

But who is always in the middle? Our Lord, Jesus Christ!



SAINT BOTOLPH OF BOSTON, ENGLAND

Do you know what the name of your city means? Lots of places in the United States are named for places in England, where many settlers came from. But what about *those* places? How did they get their names?

Well, many times they are named after our heroes, our holy saints! If you have visited Boston, Massachusetts, you will be excited to know that Boston is really named after one of our holy saints, too! Long ago, when English settlers came to America, they came from Boston, England. They named their new city Boston too.



But Boston really is short for “Botolph’s Stone” or “Botolph’s Town.” Saint Botolph was a holy saint who lived 1,300 years ago. He was an abbot who was in charge of a monastery. We don’t know too much about St. Botolph, but we know he worked hard to start the monastery. The land was hard to work on, but enough monks came to help so the monastery began to grow.

Saint Botolph was smart too! Another saint said, he was “a man of remarkable life and learning, full of the grace of the Holy Spirit.” What could be better than that?! May St. Botolph always protect the cities named after him, and us too!

We celebrate Saint Botolph on Tuesday, June 17th (OC: June 30th).