

Looking for Jesus

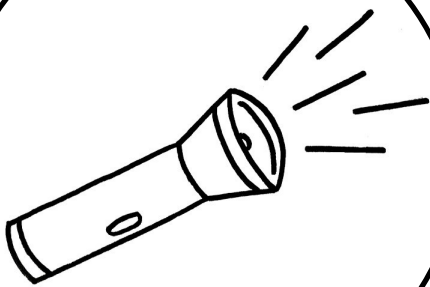
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Look Closely: Light

Each morning the sun rises and shines on a new day. We play outside in the sunshine and enjoy its warmth. Trees and flowers grow and bloom because of its light. At night the sky is lit by the sparkling stars and the glow of the moon. In addition to natural light, we also use lamps, flashlights, candles, nightlights, and campfires to light our work and play.

God has always used light to help us come to know him. God spoke light into being when he made the sun, moon, and stars at the creation of the world. Throughout the Old Testament, God makes himself present to his people through fire and light, as in the burning bush and the pillar of fire in the desert.

When Jesus came to earth, he said, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). Light symbolizes truth and goodness, while darkness symbolizes lies and evil. Jesus, who is the Light of the world, overcomes all darkness.



Peek Inside the Mass

Have you ever noticed how we use light at Mass? Candles are always lit on the left and right sides of the altar. The sanctuary lamp remains burning to remind us that Jesus is present in the tabernacle. Sunlight streams in through stained glass windows, shining in on the people who have come to worship.

The Book of Revelation tells us that in Heaven, "there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever" (Rev. 22:5). Did you know that the Mass is a little glimpse of Heaven?

While we gather to pray and worship at Mass, we are surrounded by the saints and angels. We sing "holy, holy, holy" together with them, praising Jesus, who is the Light of the World. Through the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Church on earth is united with the heavenly liturgy (CCC 1326).

We may not be able to see it with our eyes or hear it with our ears, but if we look through the lens of our faith, the light of Heaven is shining through the Mass. Next time you go, say a prayer that you'll notice little glimpses of the Lord's glory in the celebration of the Mass.

Crack the Code

Use the key to find the missing words in this verse. Then use your Bible to check!

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~Revelation 4:8

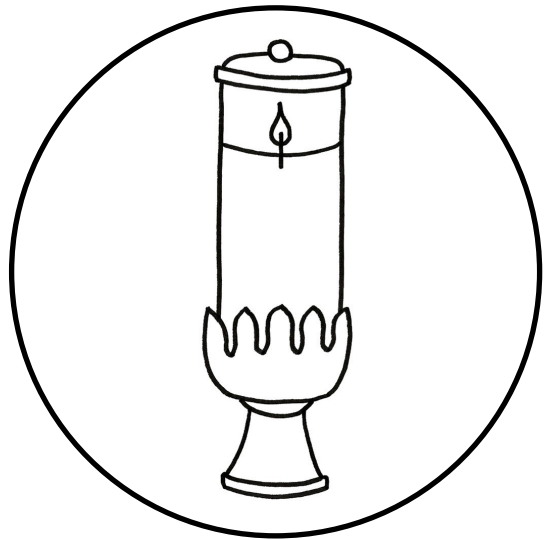
Saintly Superstars

Each year on November 1st, the Church celebrates All Saints' Day. This Solemnity celebrates every saint who is in Heaven, both known and unknown.

Did you know that you are called to be a saint? Every person created by God is made to be in Heaven with him one day. This gift is made possible by Christ's death on the cross, but it must be chosen by each of us individually.

The universal call to holiness means that everyone, not just priests and sisters, or the pope and bishops, are meant to follow God closely in this life. We are all called to pray and grow in virtue, to frequently receive the sacraments, and to serve our neighbor.

One of the best ways to learn how to grow in holiness is to look for a model to follow. The saints in Heaven followed Christ during their lives on earth and now are with him for all eternity! We can read their stories and follow their examples. The saints understand our struggles and have faced the same problems we do. We can look to them for inspiration and encouragement, as well as ask for their prayers as we journey to Heaven.



I Spy: Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp is an ever-burning light that stands or hangs in a church near the tabernacle. Often a candle inside a red globe, the sanctuary lamp is a visual reminder that Jesus is present in the Blessed Sacrament, hidden behind the doors of the tabernacle.

When you enter a church, especially for the first time, look around for the red lamp. The sanctuary lamp lets you know where the Eucharist is reposed. Before sitting down, genuflect facing the direction of the tabernacle. The sanctuary lamp tells us that Jesus is always there in the Eucharist, waiting for us, ready to welcome us into prayer.

Seek & You Will Find

Can you find these ten words in the word search?

They might be across, up and down, or diagonal.

Circle or highlight the words inside the word search, and then cross them off the list as you find them!

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LIGHT
SAINTS
SANCTUARY
LAMP
SOLEMNITY
HEAVEN
HOLY
ALMIGHTY
GLIMPSE
GLORY