

Bible Verse: Romans 1:7

“To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Today we celebrate a special day on the Church Calendar. On All Saints Day we remember that holy people of the past are connected with us, working together to do God’s great work. We are joined in a great Communion of Saints.

White is the Altar Color for special days, like All Saints, and Christ the King, and Christmas, and Easter, and for weddings and funerals and Baptisms.

Our Baptismal Covenant, the promises made when we are baptized, says that we believe in the Communion of Saints

Holy people, saints, might be men and women from the Bible, or they might have done wonderful and famous things for God, or they might even be special people we knew and loved right here at Epiphany.

We remember saints in different ways. We read their names in church and we pray for them. We dedicate flowers to them for the altar.

And we give gifts to the church in their names, to show that they are always part of us. Every Sunday, we are surrounded by our own Congregation of Saints. For instance, the stained glass windows have plaques on them, and the kneeling cushions around the altar honor the holy ones of Epiphany Parish. Most of the Prayer Books and Hymnals have names in them as well.

Later in this service, during the Eucharist, we will sing the hymn “I sing a song of the Saints of God”. The

words remind us that God’s love makes his saints strong to follow the right way and live good lives.

Each of us is born to become a Saint.

Wonder Question: What does “I am a Saint of God” mean?

