

## Grade 3, Chapter 15 – The Communion of Saints

Bible story connections:

- Luke 20:27-40
- Revelation 7:9-17

Social Justice tie-in:

- Spiritual Work of Mercy: Pray for the Living and the Dead – remember our loved ones who have died this week. Students should bring in names, and maybe pictures, of deceased loved ones to pray for as a class. Perhaps have a Mass said for them.

Discussion Questions:

- Who are some of your favorite saints?
- How can we continue to love our family and friends who have died?

Memory Work (Baltimore Catechism):

170. What is meant by “the communion of saints” in the Apostles’ Creed?

*By “the communion of saints” is meant the union of the faithful on earth, the blessed in Heaven, and the souls in Purgatory, with Christ as their Head.*

171. Through the communion of saints, what can the blessed in Heaven do for the souls in Purgatory and the faithful on earth?

*Through the communion of saints, the blessed in Heaven can help the souls in Purgatory and the faithful on earth by praying for them.*

## Catholic Brain Connections:

### Coloring pages

[St. John the Baptist](#)

[St. Teresa of Calcutta](#)

[St. Augustine](#)

[St. Joan of Arc](#)

[St. Benedict](#)

[All Saints' Day](#)

[Communion of Saints Word Search](#)

### Games

[Name Match](#)

[Memory Match](#)

### Song

[I've Got a Family](#)

### Videos

[Adventure Catechism – What is the Communion of Saints?](#)

[Lukas Storyteller – St. Luke and the Call to be a Saint](#)

## Family Page: Ch. 15 – The Communion of Saints

Review:

Vocabulary

- Communion of Saints – The union of all God's people, in Heaven, on earth, and in Purgatory
- Purgatory – The final purification after death of those who die in God's friendship but not yet prepared to enter Heaven

1) What are people in Heaven called?

*Saints*

2) Who is called to be a saint?

*Everyone*

3) What can we do for the souls in Purgatory?

*Pray and have Masses offered for them*

Discussion Question:

How does understanding the Communion of Saints affect the way you think about death?

Activity:

As a family, pray for your loved ones who have died, and have a Mass said for at least one of them.

***You are Precious to God!***