

Saint Augustine's Family Service

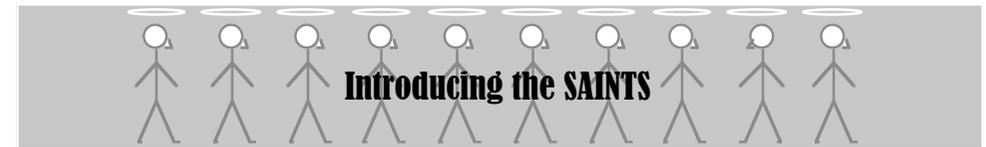
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God's Intentions For The Saints

Jesus gives us this rule for life :

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your strength and with all your mind;
and love your neighbour as you love yourself."

(Luke Chapter 10 verse 27)



A short debate on terminology

not gifts, but G.I.F.T.S.; not ~~S~~aints, but saints.

SOLO :

We are trav'ling in the footsteps
Of those who've gone before,
And we'll all be reunited,
On a new and sunlit shore –

Please stand to sing and join the procession when instructed.

ALL :

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| 1. Oh, when the saints go marching in, Oh, when the saints go marching in, Oh Lord, I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in ! | 3. And when the trumpet sounds above, And when the trumpet sounds above, Lord, how I want to be in that number When the trumpet sounds above ! |
| 2. And when the sun begins to shine, And when the sun begins to shine, Lord, how I want to be in that number When the sun begins to shine ! | 4. Oh, when the saints go marching in, Oh, when the saints go marching in, Oh Lord, I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in ! |

God's Intentions For The Saints –

are that we should embark on a journey of discovery :

- A journey that leads us to Jesus.
- A journey that teaches us to love God with our whole being.
- A journey that encourages us to a life of loving service to our neighbours.
- A journey that brings us to a place of inward healing and forgiveness where we can love ourselves.

Instructions for the journey

"Love the Lord your God ..."

J STANDS FOR OUR LOVE FOR **J**ESUS

Please stand to sing the hymn

O worship the King

1. O worship the King all glorious above,
and gratefully sing His power and His love,
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.
2. O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
3. The earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Your power has founded of old,
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast like a garment the sea.
4. Your bountiful care what tongue can recite ?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

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5. We children of dust are feeble and frail –
in You we will trust, for You never fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end !
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.
6. O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
Whom angels delight to worship above !
Your ransomed creation with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to Your praise !

Please sit for the story of the

Wise Men

*who Journeyed to Jerusalem then to Bethlehem
seeking Jesus the King of the Jews
and then went home rejoicing.*

Adapted from Matthew Chapter 2 verses 1-12
(page 1048 of the church Bibles.)

The Wise Men visit Herod

Please remain seated as we sing

We three Kings of Orient are.

The story continues through the song, so there will be pauses from time to time.

The Wise Men come to Jesus

**We three Kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and
mountain,
Following yonder star.**

**O – star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still
proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

Melchior makes his offering of gold

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again;
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.**

Caspar makes his offering of frankincense

**Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and Praising, All men raising,
Worship Him, God most high.**

Balthasar makes his offering of myrrh

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now, behold Him arise,
King, and God, and sacrifice!
Heaven sings alleluya;
Alleluya the earth replies.

O – star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

*Please stand to sing the hymn
which we will sing twice.*

He is the King of kings

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Please sit.



"... and love your neighbour ..."

O STANDS FOR OUR LOVE FOR **O** THERS

*The next play is adapted
fr**O**m the st**O**ry of the*

faithful friends

*wh**O** t**OO**k a paralysed man*

*t**O** meet Jesus*

*and **O**pened up the r**OO**f*

*so that he c**O**uld be healed.*

Adapted from Mark Chapter 2 verses 1-12
(page 1094 of the church Bibles.)

Come on, everyone – come and meet Jesus !

*You are invited to go to the back of the church,
where the next part of the action will take place.*

There's our friend Joe. He can't go to see Jesus.

What should we do ? ...

I know there must be a way. ...

We'll get in by the roof. ...

Jesus, seeing how much faith the friends had, said to the paralysed man :

My son, your sins are forgiven.

Please return to your seats to sing

Brother, sister let me serve you

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Please sit



"... as you love yourself"

y STANDS FOR YOUR LOVE FOR **y** OURSELF

- but don't overdo it !

Remember that

*if **You** love **Your** neighbour as **You** love **Yourself**,
then **You** must love **Yourself** as **You** love **Your** neighbour.*

Reading
from 1 Corinthians Chapter 13 verses 4-8
(Page 1279 of the church Bibles.)

Love is patient and kind;
it is not jealous or conceited or proud;
love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable;
love does not keep a record of wrongs;
love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth.
Love never gives up; and its faith, hope and patience never fail.
Love is eternal.

Message

Please stand to sing the hymn

Love, love, love

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A time for reflection

We invite you to come forward to the chairs at the front.
On each chair you will find a handbag with a mirror in it.
We invite you to sit in the chair and, if you desire, to look in the mirror
and say something special to yourself or to God or to both.

Don't hurry, but when you have finished go quietly back to your seat and
then someone else may sit in that chair.

Let us pray.

Love the Lord your God :

Lord God, teach us how to love You more and more.
Teach us how to receive Your love so that Your love may fill our whole
beings with praise and adoration for You.

Amen

Love others :

Lord God, give us eyes to see the needs around us, and words and
actions to meet these needs in loving and meaningful ways.
Lord God, teach us to pray for peace throughout the world, for the
peace that You alone can give and help us to sow Your peace in
our lives, our families and our neighbourhoods.

Amen

Love yourself :

Lord God, teach us to love ourselves. Set us free from past hurts so that
they no longer weigh us down in misery.
Show us through Your love how to forgive ourselves and others.
Help us to acknowledge, forgive and let go of the wrongs we do, so that
we can once again love ourselves and one another.

Amen

Together we sing –

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, in earth, as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil,
for the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and for
ever.**

Amen.

Please stand to sing our last hymn

During this hymn we invite you all to wave the sparklers you have been given. We
will sing it twice

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| 1. Joy is the flag flown high From the castle of my heart From the castle of my heart From the castle of my heart Joy is the flag flown high From the castle of my heart When the King is in residence there. | 2. So let it fly in the sky, Let the whole world know Let the whole world know Let the whole world know So let it fly in the sky Let the whole world know That the King is in residence there. |
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Please remain standing for the Blessing

CONTRIBUTORS

Names omitted



Christmas Services

Carol Service and BBQ

December 9th at 5pm

Christingle Service

December 24th at 7pm.

Anyone wishing to take part in these services please phone

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(••••) at least two weeks before the service.

*Kids' Club for
Primary School children
meets in St. Augustine's Hall*

*3:15pm – 4:30pm
each Tuesday during term time.*

All children are welcome !