



Key Words

A

Advent the season in which we await and prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas

Ark of the Covenant a special container that held the Ten Commandments; considered the throne of God, it was also a sign of God's presence and a symbol of the covenant between God and the Israelites

B

Beatitudes a set of eight teachings of Jesus about loving God and loving others that brings permanent happiness

C

canonization the process the Church uses to formally recognize and name people as saints

Communion of Saints the Church; all who have been baptized in Christ on Earth, in Heaven, and in Purgatory

consistency matching our actions to our words and beliefs

D

dignity the respect each of us is owed because God made all human beings in his image

disciple a follower of a teacher, a person who learns from and imitates a leader; a follower of Jesus

dominion caring for God's creation as our responsibility

E

envy wanting what others have; not being happy with another's good fortune or accomplishments

F

faith strong belief; following God at all times, even when we don't always understand God's ways

G

godparents adults your parents chose at your Baptism to support your faith

H

harmony working together to do what is best for everyone

I

institute to set up something, giving instructions to others to hand it on

intangible untouchable things, such as experiences

intercessor someone who prays for others

Israelites God's Chosen People, descended from Abraham



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J

justice giving to others what they need and is rightly due to them; treating others with fairness

L

Lamb of God a name for Jesus that reminds us that he sacrificed himself for us

N

new creation an effect of the action of the Holy Spirit in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, wherein we are washed clean of sin and become children of God

O

obedient listening to and respecting our leaders

P

parish our local church community; the place in which we gather to worship and to help one another by using our gifts and talents

Paschal Mystery Christ's death and Resurrection, which brought us back to God

R

redemption Jesus' death on the cross, which saved us from sin and brought us back to God

Resurrection the rising of Jesus from the dead

S

Sabbath the Lord's Day; a special day of worship and rest

sanctuary lamp the candle near the tabernacle that is kept lit to show that Christ is present

solemn serious

steward a person who is responsible for taking care of something

stewardship protecting and caring for God's creation through responsible action

T

tabernacle a special box, usually gold, in the sanctuary or on a side altar, that contains a large chalice holding consecrated hosts—the Body of Christ

tangible physical or touchable

Ten Commandments rules that God's people promised to follow as part of their covenant with God; rules of love that we follow today

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