

# **All Saints & All Souls**

**November in the Church**

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# **Welcome!**

## **All Saints & All Souls**

### Discussion:

How does your family share their history?



# What Are We Talking About?





# Who Is The Church?

That's Us And Them And Them too.

- Three elements of the Church:
  - The Church on Earth — that's us.
  - The Church in Heaven — those are the saints.
  - The Church in Purgatory — those are the souls.



# Purgatory

Let's Chat About It





# All Saints Day

And on to the Feast!

- Celebrated since the 4th century in the Eastern Church.
- Celebrated in the West since the 7th Century when the Roman Pantheon became a Catholic Church.



# All Souls Day

## The Day After The Feast

- Halloween isn't the Day of the Dead.
- It's November 2nd.
- Originated in various ways, but took current form around 1000 A.D.



# Whatcha Gonna Do?

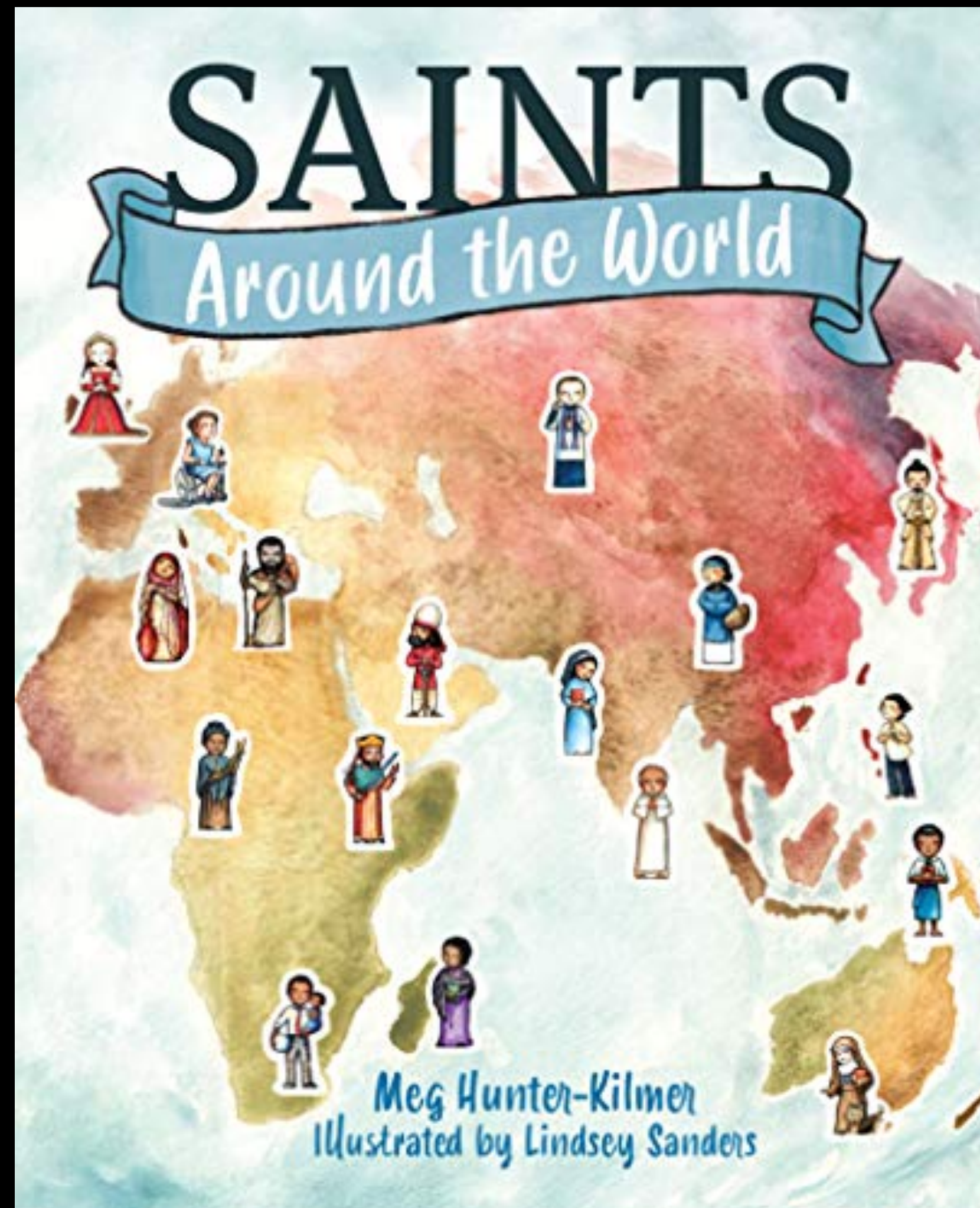
## All Saints Day

- Go to Mass! (Not a holy day of obligation *this year*)
- Talk about saints!
  - Meg Hunter-Kilmer's podcast ([link](#)) and book ([link](#))



# Whatcha Gonna Do?

All Saints Day





# Whatcha Gonna Do?

## All Souls' Day

- Go to Mass (it's a Sunday this year)!
- Ofrenda & pray for deceased loved ones.
- Tell stories about them.







# Back to All Souls Day

- Visit a cemetery.
  - Indulgenced partial always, plenary November 1-8.
  - If you're local, visit family.
  - If you're not, walk amongst the headstones and talk about what life may have been like for that person.

# Indulgences?

Are we in the middle ages?

- Let's go back to the Hole in the Wall.
- Sin hurts our soul and indulgences—the things that are behind the indulgences—help get our soul back on track.
- Partial or plenary.
- For yourself or for the dead.



# Indulgences?

Are we in the middle ages?

- Four Aspects:
  - Go to Communion.
  - Go to Confession.
  - Pray for the Holy Father's intentions.
  - The indulgenced act itself.



# Indulgences?

## Modern “General Grants”

- While performing your duties & enduring difficulties of life, “raise their minds in humble trust to God.”
- Prompted by a spirit of faith, devote themselves or their goods in compassionate service to [the needy].
- In the spirit of penance, refrain from something licit and pleasing to them.



# Conclusion

## The Church Is Bigger Than The Church

- All Saints Day and All Souls Day celebrate the Church as a whole.
- We ask the Saints to intercede and we pray for the Souls.
- The Saints intercede for the Souls and the Souls pray for us.



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