

The Communion of Saints

All baptized Christians who are in communion with Jesus both living and dead.

How do we stay in communion with Jesus, while living in this world that is filled with temptation to live for ourselves instead of living for God? We get a good idea from the first reading from Revelations. St John was given a glimpse of heaven and he saw a great number of people dressed in white garments. Did you know that you were given a white garments at your Baptism? It is a white garments that has been washed in the blood of the Lamb just as the Scripture says. We are called to put on our white garments of Christ and be Christ to others. When people see us they should be seeing Christ and doing good things for others. Just like the good deeds that Jesus said we will be blessed for doing.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

There are many saints that the Church recognizes as having achieved life in heaven because of the extraordinary witness to the love of Jesus that they gave during their on Earth.

Maybe you were named after one of these saints. Look up your patron saint and read their bi-o. Try emulating their good deeds and pray that they will pray for you to get God's grace to stay close to Jesus while we work here on Earth.

We all belong to the communion of saints We help each other and care about each other's souls.