

Key Words

A

Alleluia means "Praise the Lord!"

almsgiving using what we have to help people in need

angel a messenger from God

anxious worried, nervous, fearful, uneasy

apologize to say we are sorry

armor metal coverings worn by soldiers or warriors to protect the body in battle

C

Christian someone who believes in Jesus, whom we call Christ

Church with a capital C, the name we give to the followers of Jesus who worship and serve God together; with a lowercase c, the building where we worship God

commandment a rule that God provides to us to keep us safe and to help us follow what he wants for us

communal shared by a group of people

communicate talking with and listening to others

Communion of Saints all the people who are members of the Body of Christ in Heaven, on Earth, and in Purgatory

creation all the things that God has made, including plants, animals, and people

creatures the living beings God has made

G

grace a special spiritual gift that helps us to live out our faith; a share in God's own life

grateful showing or feeling thanks

gratitude feeling thankful

grotto a cave or other protected spot, often with a religious image inside to help people pray

H

hallowed holy and greatly respected

Heaven life forever with God

hope trust in something happening, especially trust in God and his promise of eternal life

M

miracle something amazing or wonderful that only God can do

mystery something difficult to fully understand or explain

**N**

New Testament the Bible stories and events from the life of Jesus and his earlier followers

O

Ordinary Time the two times during the Church year in which we learn more about the earthly life and teachings of Jesus

Old Testament the stories and events in the Bible that happened before Jesus was born

P

parables stories Jesus told to teach a lesson

parish a group of people who gather together to celebrate and remember God's love; a church family

participate to take an active part

passageway a path that enables us to go from one place to another

praise showing love and approval in words and actions

prayer a special way of talking to and sharing with God

prepare to get ready

Purgatory a state of cleansing following death to prepare for entry into Heaven

R

respect the care that we show for all creation, including animals, plants, and one another

responsibility something we must do to care for something good we have been given

Resurrection the rising of Jesus from the dead on the third day after he died on the cross

revealed told, made known, shown

S

sacrament a sign of God's love that gives us a share in God's life

sacrifice to give up something; also, something given up

Savior Jesus, who saved us from sin so that we might have eternal life in Heaven

sin a thought, word, or action that is freely chosen and against God's Law

soul the invisible, spiritual part of human beings that allows us to know God

T

temptation a desire to do something wrong

trespasses sins or wrongs we have done

V

valuable expensive or important

W

Word of God the Bible, the written Word of God

worthy being prepared for something valuable