Glossary

A

**Advent**  the four weeks before Christmas. During Advent, we prepare for the birth of Jesus, our Savior. [Adviento]

**All Saints Day**  a special day when we honor those who have died and gone to heaven [Todos los Santos, Día de]

**Alleluia**  a word we use to offer praise to God [Aleluya]

**angel**  a messenger sent by God from heaven [ángel]

B

**Baptism**  the first sacrament. Baptism makes us part of God’s family, the Church. [Bautismo]

C

**choice**  something we freely decide to do [decisión]
Christmas | Eucharist

Christmas  the season of the Church year that celebrates the birth of Jesus, our Savior  [Navidad]

Church  God’s family; the people who follow Jesus Christ. When spelled with a small c, a church is a building where we gather to pray to God.  [Iglesia]

create  to make something. Only God can create something from nothing.  [crear]

D

disciple  a follower of Jesus  [discípulo]

E

Easter  the season of the Church year that celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ  [Pascua]

Eucharist  the sacrament in which we give thanks to God for our Savior, Jesus Christ. We celebrate the Eucharist at Mass. It is our most important way of praising God. At Mass, we listen to the Word of God and we receive the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ.  [Eucaristía]
faith | Holy Family

F

faith a gift from God that enables us to trust in God  [fe]

forgiveness the act of responding with goodness to people who have done wrong to us  [perdón]

G

God the Creator of all that exists. God is one being who is a Trinity of Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  [Dios]

grace God’s gift of his life to us  [gracia]

H

heal to make well. Jesus can heal us.  [sanar]

heaven the state of living with God forever  [cielo]

Holy Family the family made up of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  [Sagrada Familia]
Holy Spirit  the Third Person of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit is our helper and our guide.  [Espíritu Santo]

Holy Week  the week before Easter. During Holy Week, we celebrate the events leading up to Jesus’ Resurrection.  [Semana Santa]

honor  to love and respect others  [honrar]

J  

Jesus  the Son of God and the Second Person of the Trinity. Jesus is our Savior.  [Jesús]

Joseph  Jesus’ father on earth  [José]

L  

Lent  the Church season leading up to Easter. During Lent, we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ suffering, Death, and Resurrection.  [Cuaresma]

Light of the World  a name we use for Jesus to remind us that he lights our way to the Father  [Luz del Mundo]
Lord’s Prayer  the prayer that Jesus gave us to show us how to pray to God the Father. This prayer is also called the Our Father.  

[Padrenuestro]

love  to care unselfishly for others. God loves us and wants us to love him and love others.  [amar]

M

Mary  the mother of Jesus and Mother of God. Mary is also our Mother.  [María]

N

need  something a person must have to be well cared for  [necesidad]

O

Ordinary Time  the longest season of the Church year. During this time, we learn about Jesus’ life, teachings, and actions. We also learn about our call to follow him as disciples.  [Tiempo Ordinario]
Original Sin  the sin of Adam and Eve, who disobeyed God. We are all born with Original Sin.  [pecado original]

**P**

parish  a community of Catholics, led by a priest, that meets to worship and serve God together  [parroquia]

peace  a state of calmness and happiness; a state of being right with God and one another  [paz]

Pentecost  the day when the Holy Spirit was sent from heaven to the disciples  [Pentecostés]

people  men, women, and children  [personas]

pray  to listen to and talk to God  [rezar]
S

**sacrament** one of the seven signs that Jesus gave the Church so that we might receive God’s grace. The seven sacraments are Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Penance and Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony. [sacramento]

**Savior** Jesus, the Son of God, who came to save us from our sins [Salvador]

**serve** to share time, talent, and care with those who need it [servir]

T

**Trinity** the mystery of one God in three divine Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit [Trinidad]