

Need another word that means the same as “sanctimonious”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “sanctimonious” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Sanctimonious” are: **holier-than-thou, pharisaic, pharisaical, pietistic, pietistical, self-righteous, churchy, pious, moralizing, unctuous, smug, superior, priggish, mealy-mouthed, hypocritical, insincere**

Sanctimonious as an Adjective

Definitions of "Sanctimonious" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “sanctimonious” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Excessively or hypocritically pious.*
- *Making a show of being morally superior to other people.*

Synonyms of "Sanctimonious" as an adjective (16 Words)

churchy	(of a person) excessively pious and often narrow-minded. <i>I was famous for being churchy and stuck up.</i>
holier-than-thou	Excessively or hypocritically pious.
hypocritical	Behaving in a way that suggests one has higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case. <i>It would be entirely hypocritical of me to say I regret it because I don t.</i>
insincere	Lacking sincerity. <i>She flashed him an insincere smile.</i>
mealy-mouthed	Hesitant to state facts or opinions simply and directly as from e.g. timidity or hypocrisy.

moralizing	Having or displaying an overly critical point of view on issues of right and wrong, typically with an unfounded air of superiority. <i>He was given to moralizing speeches.</i>
pharisaic	Excessively or hypocritically pious.
pharisaical	Excessively or hypocritically pious.
pietistic	Excessively or hypocritically pious.
pietistical	Of or relating to Pietism.
<u>pious</u>	Having or showing or expressing reverence for a deity. <i>A deeply pious woman.</i>
priggish	Self-righteously moralistic and superior. <i>She was priggish about sex.</i>
self-righteous	Excessively or hypocritically pious.
<u>smug</u>	Marked by excessive complacency or self-satisfaction. <i>He was feeling smug after his win.</i>
superior	Of high or superior quality or performance. <i>A superior officer.</i>
unctuous	(chiefly of minerals) having a greasy or soapy feel. <i>He seemed anxious to please but not in an unctuous way.</i>

Usage Examples of "Sanctimonious" as an adjective

- *A sickening sanctimonious smile.*
- *What happened to all the sanctimonious talk about putting his family first?*

Associations of "Sanctimonious" (30 Words)

<u>baptism</u>	A ceremony or occasion at which baptism takes place. <i>The sacrament of baptism.</i>
believing	The cognitive process that leads to convictions. <i>Seeing is believing.</i>
blessed	Roman Catholic proclaimed one of the blessed and thus worthy of veneration. <i>He ll want to go and see his blessed allotment.</i>
catholic	Free from provincial prejudices or attachments. <i>Her tastes are pretty catholic.</i>
<u>christian</u>	Relating to or characteristic of Christianity.

congregation	A group of people who adhere to a common faith and habitually attend a given church. <i>This is a shorebird beach with a congregation of plovers inhabiting it.</i>
consecrate	Give entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause. <i>He was consecrated bishop of York.</i>
credo	Any system of principles or beliefs. <i>He announced his credo in his first editorial.</i>
creed	A formal statement of Christian beliefs, especially the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed. <i>Liberalism was more than a political creed.</i>
denomination	A branch of any religion. <i>The Presbyterian community is the second largest denomination in the country.</i>
devout	Deeply religious. <i>A rabbi s devout prayers.</i>
ecclesiastic	A clergyman or other person in religious orders. <i>Ecclesiastic history.</i>
faith	Strong belief in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual conviction rather than proof. <i>The Christian faith.</i>
godly	Emanating from God-Saturday Review. <i>Leading a godly life.</i>
hallowed	Made holy; consecrated. <i>The hallowed turf of Wimbledon.</i>
holy	Morally and spiritually excellent. <i>Holy smoke.</i>
hypocrite	A hypocritical person. <i>The story tells of respectable Ben who turns out to be a cheat and a hypocrite.</i>
martyrdom	The death or suffering of a martyr. <i>You know martyrdom isn t my style.</i>
pharisaic	Excessively or hypocritically pious.
pilgrimage	Go on a pilgrimage. <i>He wanted to go on a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.</i>
pious	Making or constituting a hypocritical display of virtue. <i>Pious readings.</i>

religious	A member of a religious order who is bound by vows of poverty and chastity and obedience. <i>Religious in observing the rules of health.</i>
reverential	Of the nature of, due to, or characterized by reverence. <i>Their names are always mentioned in reverential tones.</i>
sacrament	(in Roman Catholic use) the consecrated elements of the Eucharist, especially the bread or Host. <i>He heard Mass and received the sacrament.</i>
sacred	(of writing or text) embodying the laws or doctrines of a religion. <i>A fund sacred to charity.</i>
saintly	Marked by utter benignity; resembling or befitting an angel or saint. <i>A truly saintly woman.</i>
sanctity	Ultimate importance and inviolability. <i>The site of the tomb was a place of sanctity for the ancient Egyptians.</i>
self	Relating to of or by or to or from or for the self. <i>Guilt can be turned against the self.</i>
shrine	Enshrine. <i>The saint s bones were enshrined in the cathedral.</i>
theism	Belief in the existence of a god or gods, specifically of a creator who intervenes in the universe. <i>There are many different forms of theism.</i>