

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)

<b>churchy</b>	(of a person) excessively pious and often narrow-minded. <i>I was famous for being <b>churchy</b> and stuck up.</i>
<b>holier-than-thou</b>	Excessively or hypocritically pious.
<a href="#">hypocritical</a>	Behaving in a way that suggests one has higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case. <i>It would be entirely <b>hypocritical</b> of me to say I regret it because I don't.</i>
<a href="#">insincere</a>	Lacking sincerity. <i>She flashed him an <b>insincere</b> smile.</i>
<b>mealy-mouthed</b>	Hesitant to state facts or opinions simply and directly as from e.g. timidity or hypocrisy.

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

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

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

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