



Saint of the Week: Saint Agnes

KEEPING YOUR SOUL FREE OF SIN

Patron Saint of the Week: Saint Agnes, Class 3C



Saint Agnes (3rd century, Rome) Feast: January 21

Saint Agnes lived at a time when it was illegal to be a Christian. When she was about 12 years old, a wealthy young man fell in love with her and asked her to marry him. She told him that she had already given her heart to Jesus as His bride. The young man was upset and reported her to the government for being a Christian. Agnes was arrested, and everyone begged her to deny her faith and worship the Roman gods. She refused, and was sentenced to death. Saint Agnes went joyfully to martyrdom. *Agnus* means "lamb", and a spotless lamb is the symbol of her pure love for Christ.



Dear Lord Jesus, St. Agnes was very young but she loved You above all else. I give You my heart as well. Amen. Saint Agnes, you gave your whole heart to God. Keep my heart pure, that I may glorify God and seek to please Him. Amen.

(Closing Prayer will be on intercom at 6:10 & 7:55)



We rejoice with all the children who "have been made new again" through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- Sacraments tonight: Please send students to Resource Room after attendance.**

Class 3AYariz	Class 3C	Christian, Marcos,
Class 4A	Yandel,	Class 4C
Class 5A	Sarah, Leslie, Jimena, Ben, Idall	Natalia, Giovanni

Rehearsal Tonight for "Bless the Baby Jesus" Grades 7 & 8 Students with parts in cafeteria at 5:45 and 7:30



Third Sunday of Advent

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near."

This is the time of joyful anticipation and making ready for God who comes to dwell among us and changes our lives with the gift of salvation!

Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

PSR Class December 18, 2019: Bless the Baby Jesus.

Christmas Break: NO Class December 25 or January 1, 2020.

PSR Classes resume January 8, 2020

Reminder Feb5: Parish Mission! Classes will be in Church 7 pm.



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On Thursday we celebrate the feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe**. In this appearance of Mary, this most holy Mother of God comes to us now as *our* mother, the mother of the poorest and those most in need.

Her words to Juan Diego are directed to you and me in our hours of need: "Hear me and understand well, my little son, that nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish?"

I entrust to our Mother every need, any burden, all your desires which you carry in your heart this Advent-Christmas season.

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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Thursday, December 12 • 6:30 PM • St. Patrick Church

Join us for our celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This feast recalls the apparitions of Mary at the hill of Tepeyac in 1531 to the convert, St. Juan Diego. She was declared the patroness of the Americas by Pope Pius XII, and the day was raised to the rank of Feast for all the countries of the Americas in 1999. The program and Mass will feature the laying of roses and native dancing from our Hispanic community. A social will follow in the hall after Mass. Please note: Mass will be in Spanish but English programs will be available.

St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe-



St. Juan Diego (1474 - 1548) was a poor Mexican peasant who saw Mother Mary while on his way to Mass. Our Lady asked to have a church built where she stood. St. Juan quickly reported this to the Bishop who did not believe him. So, St. Juan returned to our Lady and she gave him roses to



show the Bishop. When he presented the flowers, the cape or 'tilma' that he was using to hold the flowers revealed a miraculous painting of Mary!

The Bishop and everyone fell to their knees and devotion to our Lady of Guadalupe spread quickly. The painting can still be seen today in Mexico! St. Juan Diego himself lived a humble and holy life. His feast day is on 9 December. We celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12.

Dear Lord Jesus, Your love reaches out to all peoples. Give me a heart to love and respect everyone I meet. Amen. Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Juan Diego's cloak carried roses and your image to make sure your message would be believed. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. Echo: Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.



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"Bless the Baby Jesus": All parents and parishioners are invited to a Prayer Service during regular Class time, Wednesday, December 18. Children are invited to bring a figurine of the baby Jesus, particularly from their family Nativity Crèche.

The blessing of Baby Jesus comes from a tradition that the Holy Father still carries out today. Every year, usually on the third Sunday of Advent, the pope celebrates "Bambinelli Sunday" and invites families to gather in St. Peter's

Square, bringing the Baby Jesus figures from their nativity sets, and celebrating children, Christmas, and the Christ Child. Practice tonight for all participating 7th and 8th graders.

share the Spirit



"Come Catch the Spirit!"

"Sip, Nibble, Learn and Converse!"

On February 7, 2020, the Directors and Coordinators of Religious Education of St. Charles County will sponsor the 33rd Annual "Share the Spirit" Workshop for the parishes in the area. This event is for all PSR and full-time school teachers and any other members of your parish involved in religious education and formation, including RCIA teams. The location is Immaculate Conception Parish, 2089 Hanley Road, Dardenne, MO. The time is Friday, February 7, 6:30-8:30 pm.

This will be an evening "Open House" format so you can come for 25 minutes or the entire evening! There will be "Discussion Tables" with many different presentations. It's going to be an awesome workshop with many take home activities! It also includes Wine and Appetizers!

You will soon receive an email link for report cards data base. You will need to complete by Jan. 3 so that Report cards can be distributed on Jan. 15, 2020. You will need to mark for Understanding of Material, Participation, Assignments, and Conduct using the grades of VG= Very Good, S = Satisfactory, NI = Needs Improving, and U = Unsatisfactory. You are encouraged to make comments. (Suggested comments are in your binder along with a sample report card.). Margo and I will complete the attendance portion. Let me know if you have any problems accessing the link. Or if you would prefer a paper copy.



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