Catechist Notes

December 4, 2018

Saint of the Week:

Our Lady



December Virtue Patience

Waiting or enduring without complaint

Patron Saint of the Week: Our Lady, Class 2C & 2D

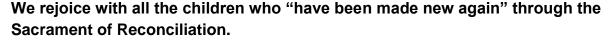


When God sent His angel to ask Mary to be the Mother of Jesus, her heart was open to say "yes". Mary waited for many months for Jesus to be born. She was always present for him, even when Jesus suffered on the cross. During Advent, we wait for Jesus to come again. But sometimes it is hard to be patient.

Dear Blessed Mother, please help us to be patient like you.

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

Next week's saint: Juan Diego, Class 3C





The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is Saturday, December 8, and a holy day of obligation. Catholics are OBLIGATED to celebrate at Mass.

PSR Students are expected to attend the vigil Mass with their families on <u>Friday</u>, <u>December 7 at 7pm or the Holy Day Mass Saturday</u>, <u>December 8 at 8 am</u>.

Second Sunday of Advent: "Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight His paths." Let us open our ears to hear the call of repentance and to open our hearts to embrace this call.



An Advent prayer: Be with us, Lord, as we enter this waiting season of Advent. We thank you for the many blessings in our lives and with anticipation, preparation and hope we look forward to the arrival of your Son, Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.

"Bless the Baby Jesus": All parents and parishioners are invited to a Prayer Service during regular Class time, Wednesday, December 19. Children are invited to bring a figurine of the baby Jesus, particularly from their family Nativity Crèche. The blessing will be in Church

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. The 8th graders will be leading us in this special prayer service. Please check with me for the details...we will need several readers!



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Stockings for Soldiers and Stockings for Kids will still be collected until December 12. Please remind students. 6th Graders will fill the stockings December 12!

<u>Epiphany Party Wednesday, December 28, 2019...Save the Date!</u> It's for all catechists, aides, and volunteers at my house, everyone brings a dish, and spouses are invited.

(Sign up in office or email psr@stpatpsch.org or pwebb.mw@gmail.com or text 3146109813

Please remember to bring in forms ASAP for Direct Deposit of catechist stipends. They will be paid at year-end.

PSR Class December 19, 2018.

Christmas Break: NO Class December 26 or January 2, 2019.

PSR Classes resume January 9, 2019

Saint Nicholas,

(died 346, Turkey)

Feast Day: December 6

As bishop of Myra, Nicholas devoted himself to caring for the poor and defending children. At the Council of Nicea, he defended the divinity of Christ. To Roman officials who wanted to know who he was, he fearlessly declared: "I am Nicholas, a sinner, servant of God, and bishop of Myra."



Dear Jesus,

Saint Nicholas was a wonderfully kind man. He was always thinking of others and giving all he had. Lord, help us to be generous like him. Help us share what we have. Help us see that the true gifts of this season are love and generosity. May we always share what we have and give what we love. Thank you for the gift of St. Nicholas. Amen.

PRAYER:

Saint Nicholas, help us to notice those in need. Make us want to give of ourselves, even if no one notices our good deeds. Let us be satisfied with knowing that Jesus sees our generosity and is pleased. Amen. Saint Nicholas, pray for us!