

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families

Third Sunday of Advent
Gospel: *John 1:6-8, 23-28*

On the Way to Mass:

Christmas is coming closer. Ask your family to observe what signs at Mass tell us that Christmas is near.

On the Way Home From Mass:

Why is Jesus described as “the light”?

Living the Word:

Help your children carefully and safely place a lit candle in front of a mirror. Notice and discuss the differences between the actual light and the light in the reflection. Write a list of Jesus’ qualities and actions. Then make a list of how you could reflect those same qualities and imitate those actions. Near the end of the week, have your children draw a side profile of themselves facing Jesus. How can we reflect and follow Jesus in our lives?

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**December 12, 2020
10:30 A.M.**

Religion Books If you have not had a chance to pick up your children's religion books, please contact the RE Office at 635-1362 or Email: dre@st-agnes-church.com to make arrangements. Thank you!

ParentTalk

One afternoon, my daughter, Kara, went to a friend's home and came back in a thoughtful mood. It seemed that at three o'clock, everyone in the house stopped what they were doing and came together. They spent time in prayer: fifteen minutes for the Divine Mercy chaplet (at the hour of mercy) and thirty minutes for a family Rosary. Everyone took turns praying a decade and sharing a meditation on the Mystery, which Kara liked, because then she didn't have to “pray all those beads” by herself.



When Kara came home, she told me about the family holy hour and asked if we could do it, too. I told her it might be hard to make a whole holy hour every day, but it gave me the idea to put a “Rosary reminder” in my phone, for three o'clock. Thanks to Kara's friends, daily prayer has become a family habit.

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Family Advent Calendar

Sunday - Dec. 13th

Guadete Sunday—Joy! Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Read Luke 3:10-18 and sing, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” together.

Monday - Dec. 14th

Pick a Christmas card you've received this week and pray for the person who sent it at dinner tonight.

Tuesday - Dec. 15th

Draw names and write a love note to a family member. Put it in their stocking on Christmas Eve.

Wednesday - Dec. 16th

Read about the angel's remarkable visit to Mary in Luke 1:26-38. Talk about ways we can also say, “yes,” to God.

Thursday - Dec. 17th

Learn about how different countries celebrate Christmas. Pick a tradition you like and add it to your usual festivities.

Friday - Dec. 18th

Put a lamp or electric candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas Day.

Saturday - Dec. 19th

Take a drive or walk around your home to look at the Christmas decoration or displays.

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