

WE BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST

Nov 22

Solemnity of Christ the King

"In Christ's words, in his works, and in his presence the Kingdom reveals itself to us. . . The Kingdom is clearly visible in the very person of Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, who came 'to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many' (Mark 10:45)."

Dogmatic Constitution on the Church #5

Jan 3

Epiphany

"The magi saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts..." (Matthew 2: 11)

Coming January 10 and 13 "We Are Called to Pray" @ St. John

Between NOW and THEN...

PRAY

Go to the "Bible Search" link on the Call to Faith eConnect website or open a concordance. Enter the words "Lord is king." Find a scripture phrase that you can commit to memory this month or use in praise of God. As an alternative, look up Psalm 93, Psalm 47:8, Num 23:21 or 1 Samuel 12:12.

Find names of Jesus in the Bible, then decorate ornaments with these names and hang them on the Christmas tree. Look for Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:23, 9:15, 11:19; Mark 1:24; Luke 2:11; John 1:29, 1:41, 6:48, 10:7, 10:11, 11:25, and 14:6; Acts 3:14; Romans 15:12; Ephesians 2:20; 2 Thessalonians 3:16; Revelation 17:14 and 22:16.

Use your favorite names when you speak to Jesus in prayer.

LEARN

Adults: Go to the parish website and click on "Generations of Faith." Click on the Call to Faith eConnect logo and enter your access code. Click on the Adult Learner Site and then on Understanding our Catholic Faith. Look for the section called "**How do we witness to Christ?**" You might read and reflect on the following articles, then share the fruit of your reflection with a trusted friend or in a faith-sharing group:

November 14	The Promised One
December 5	New Life
January 4	Jesus Prays

Youth and children: The Call to Faith eConnect website offers Home Lessons for each chapter of the Call to Faith textbook Gr. K-8. Each week explore a chapter of **Unit 3/Jesus Christ** with your parents:

November 14	Unit 3 (Jesus Christ) Chapter 7
November 28	Call to Faith text pp. 12-15 "Advent"
December 5	Unit 3 Chapter 8
December 12	Call to Faith text pp. 16-19 "Christmas"
January 4	Unit 3 Chapter 9

Each week click on your grade level on the Learner Site and enjoy a review.

Books

www.catholicfaithandfamilybible.org offers a Bible specifically designed by the Center for Ministry Development for intergenerational use.

Catechism of the Catholic Church # 422-534
U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults, Chapter 7

Jesus: A Gospel Portrait, Donald Senior
Jesus Before Christianity, Albert Nolan
Jesus of the Gospels, Arthur Zannoni
Living Jesus – Learning the Heart of the Gospel,
Luke Timothy Johnson
Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time,
Marcus Borg

For Children:

Sister Wendy’s Nativity, Wendy Becket
Growing Up a Friend of Jesus – A Guide to
Discipleship for Children, Françoise and John
Paul Berube
Can You Find Jesus? – Introducing Your Child
to the Gospel, Phillip Gallery
The Jesus Book – 40 Bible Stories Retold,
LaVonne Neff
Stations of the Nativity, Patrick Kelley and
Lawrence Boadt
The Easter Story, Lois Rock and Diana Mayo

UNITY

Does your home have a picture of Jesus Christ in a prominent place? Go to a website such as www.picturesofjesus4you.com and compare your favorite picture of Jesus with those of other members of your household. Consider buying and hanging the one that best captures your household’s faith.

Jesus is King, and his kingdom is the kingdom of light. Discuss with your household or friends what it means to be children of that light.

Make a plain crown as a centerpiece for the kitchen table. Collect some stickers and beads for the crown. This week, have every member of the household do a good deed. When the good deed is completed, gather together to place one of the stickers or a bead on the crown. The goal of the household is to have the crown fully decorated by the end of the week.

*“Where Jesus is...
there is joy.
there is peace.
there is love.*

*And that is why He made
Himself the Bread of Life
to be our life
of love and joy.*

*No one else can give
what He gives...
and He is there
all the time.*

*We have only to realize
that.*

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

SERVE

Traditionally, Thanksgiving and Christmas are times when households look to the needs of others. Check the parish bulletin for information on the Giving Tree and Food Pantry Christmas Bags. Find ways to serve the King.

Youth in Grades 3-6 and Your Families!

Family Night with St. Nick is for you! Come to St. John Church from 6 – 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, for food and fun with the whole family.

Why celebrate? To learn about the true St. Nicholas: the man of faith who lived his life in devotion to Christ. Saint Nicholas loved children and cared for the needy. He brought the love of Christ and the healing of Jesus. When we honor this saint, following his example of selfless giving, we honor the Christ Child who selflessly gave the greatest gift of all—himself.



A Prayer for Priests

2009-2010 is the Year for Priests, and the icon card provides a prayer your household can use. Since the priest is “another Christ,” let us support the priests we know, praying that their words and actions reflect the One they represent.

“Nothing is more practical than finding God,
that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute way.

What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination,
will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in
the morning, what you will do with your evenings,
how you will spend your weekends, what you read,
who you know, what breaks your heart
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.

Fall in love, stay in love and it will decide everything.”

Fr. Pedro Arupe SJ