



Happy Birthday...

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**"Four weeks to slow down in the hustle
and bustle, The Advent of Christmas is here!"**

MATT MAHER
The Advent of Christmas

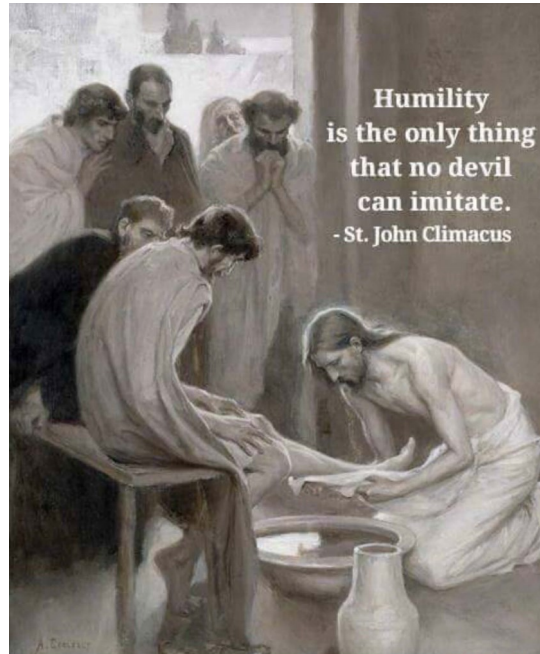
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Important Upcoming Dates

- Mon. Dec. 7: **Grades K-2 only** - Return last week's remote learning packet and pick-up next learning packet.
- Mon. Dec. 14: **Grades PreK-8** - Return remote learning packets and pick-up next learning packet.
Grades K-2 will return this packet on January 4th.
Grades 3-8 will return their packet on January 19th.
- Fri. Dec. 18: **No Classes**. This will be a teacher-planning day.
- Dec. 19-Jan. 3: **No Classes**. Christmas Break
- Mon. Jan. 4: Remote Learning Resumes (Packets with assignments were handed out December 14 for all grades). 3rd Quarter Begins.
Grades K-2 only - Return learning packet sent out December 14 and pick-up next packet.
- Fri. Jan. 8: 2nd Quarter Report Cards will be published.
- Mon. Jan. 11: **Grades K-2 only** -Return last week's remote learning packet and pick-up next learning packet.
- Mon. Jan. 18: **No Classes**. Martin Luther King Day.
- Tues. Jan. 19: Return to In-Person learning and Return of Remote Learning Packets.

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Humility



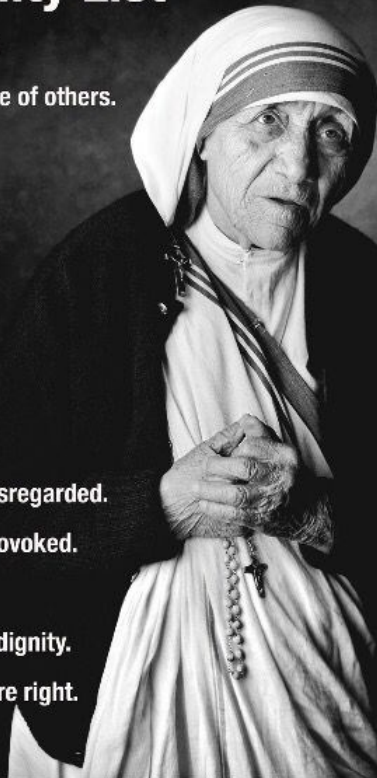
This Advent Season we will be focusing on the virtue of **HUMILITY**—The strength to put others before ourselves. God first, others second and ourselves last. In other words **JOY = Jesus, Others, Yourself**.

Prayer

Lord, You **HUMBLED** Yourself by becoming a man. You did this because You us before Yourself, even though You are Infinite and Eternal. Thank You for Your Love, Lord. Give us the strength to be **HUMBLE** and to imitate Your example by putting others before ourselves.

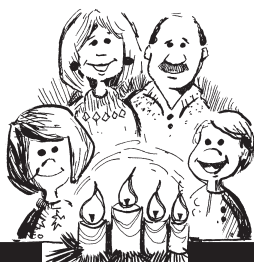
Mother Teresa Humility List

- 1) Speak as little as possible about yourself.
- 2) Keep busy with your own affairs, not those of others.
- 3) Avoid curiosity.
- 4) Do not interfere in the affairs of others.
- 5) Accept small irritations with good humor.
- 6) Do not dwell on the faults of others.
- 7) Accept censures even if unmerited.
- 8) Give in to the will of others.
- 9) Accept insults and injuries.
- 10) Accept contempt, being forgotten and disregarded.
- 11) Be courteous and delicate even when provoked.
- 12) Do not seek to be admired or loved.
- 13) Do not protect yourself behind your own dignity.
- 14) Give in, in discussions, even when you are right.
- 15) Choose always the more difficult task.

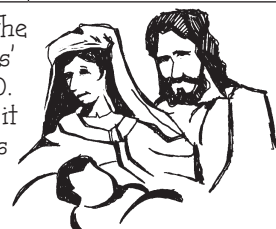


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Family Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 Buy or make an Advent wreath. Have the youngest child light the first violet candle this week. Read Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.</p>	<p>30 Set up the Nativity scene together. Picture yourself in the scene and think about how you would act if you were there.</p>	<p>1 Make Christmas cookies together and decorate them with symbols of the Christmas season.</p>	<p>2 In your Christmas cards write a note about the blessings your family received this year as a witness to God's love.</p>	<p>3 Set a timer or other reminder to help you gather for family prayer every morning and every evening this month. Continue after Advent.</p>	<p>4 Have a family story night and reread your favorite Christmas storybooks over cookies and milk.</p>	<p>5 Make a "manger" from a box and "straw" from pieces of paper. Put "straws" in the manger when you each perform good deeds and make it comfortable for Jesus.</p>
<p>6 Have the oldest child light two violet candles in the Advent wreath and read Luke 3:1-6.</p>	<p>7 Perform at least one generous act of love in honor of St. Nicholas. Try to do it without letting the other person know!</p>	<p>8 The feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's birth without Original Sin. In her honor, attend or stream Mass and pray a family Rosary.</p>	<p>9 Today, let nothing discourage you in honor of St. Juan Diego who placed his trust in Jesus and His Mother.</p>	<p>10 Read about the legend behind the poinsettia, then make a bouquet from felt or construction paper and pipe cleaners.</p>	<p>11 Put up your Christmas tree, add the lights, but wait to place ornaments. Decorate a little each day until it is beautiful for Christmas.</p>	<p>12 To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, place a rose in a vase in your home and encourage each person to pray a "Hail Mary" whenever you pass it.</p>
<p>13 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.</p>	<p>14 Pick a Christmas card you've received this week and pray for the person who sent it at dinner together.</p>	<p>15 Draw names and write a love note to a family member. Put it in their stocking on Christmas Eve.</p>	<p>16 Read about the angel's remarkable visit to Mary in Luke 1:26-38. Talk about ways we can also say, "yes," to God.</p>	<p>17 Learn about how different countries celebrate Christmas. Pick a tradition you like and add it to your usual festivities.</p>	<p>18 Put a lamp or electric candle in a window to welcome the Christ child. Light it each night until Christmas Day.</p>	<p>19 Take a drive or walk around your home to look at the Christmas decorations or displays.</p>
<p>20 Light all four candles in the wreath tonight. Reread today's Gospel Reading, Luke 139-45.</p>	<p>21 Decorate a "Jesus Candle" with symbols of Jesus - a star, a lamb, a manger, a baby, a cross, for example. Light it during Christmas dinner.</p>	<p>22 Cut out star-shaped ornaments and decorate with glitter on one side and your favorite Bible verse on the other. Hang them on the tree.</p>	<p>23 Send Christmas cards to your pastor, priests, and religious or ordained ministers who are important to your family.</p>	<p>24 Write a letter to Jesus, thanking him for all the gifts you received throughout the year.</p>	<p>25 Rejoice! Read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 21-20. Think of how joyful it will be to meet Jesus when he comes again.</p>	

In an effort to *raise money* for the parish and *have a little fun*, we are announcing the

ST. PAT'S Irish Sweepstakes

This raffle will begin October 30, 2020 and will run through December 25, 2020 with a \$100 drawing each Friday through December 18, 2020, a \$500 drawing on Thanksgiving and a \$1000 drawing on Christmas Day. Winners need not be present to win. Purchase or sell the enclosed tickets anytime between now and December 23rd. More tickets are available in the parish office or online. All proceeds will go toward our budget shortfall.

There are several ways to buy tickets (\$20 each or 6/\$100):

- Send in your completed tickets or drop in the collection basket with a check or cash
 - Call the parish office to buy tickets or to obtain more tickets
 - Purchase online from our website: <https://stpatswashington.com/>
 - Pay with a credit or debit card by using the form below and return to the parish office
- (If you purchase tickets online or use the form below, the parish office will fill your tickets out for you.)

If you have questions, please contact the parish office at 309-444-3524.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. John

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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