

# AD ORIENTEM



“O Holy Night, so long awaited, which has united God and man forever! You rekindle our hope. You fill us with ecstatic wonder. You assure us of the triumph of love over hatred, of life over death.”

— Pope John Paul II

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!



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## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

(The following is from the Traditional Latin Mass Calendar)

### **January:**

- 4th- Holy Name of Jesus
- 6th- Epiphany of Our Lord
- 11th- Holy Family
- 13th- Baptism of Our Lord
- 17th- St. Anthony the Abbot
- 21st- St. Agnes
- 24th- St. Timothy
- 27th- St. John Chrysostom
- 29th- St. Francis de Sales
- 31st- St. John Bosco

### **February:**

- 1st- Septuagesima Sunday
- 2nd- Purification of Our Lady
- 8th- Sexagesima Sunday
- 10th- St. Scholastica
- 11th- Our Lady of Lourdes
- 14th- St. Valentine
- 15th- Quinquagesima Sunday
- 18th- Ash Wednesday
- 22nd- 1st Sunday of Lent
- 24th- St. Matthias
- 25th- Ember Wednesday
- 27th- Ember Friday
- 27th- St. Gabriel of OL Sorrows
- 28th- Ember Saturday

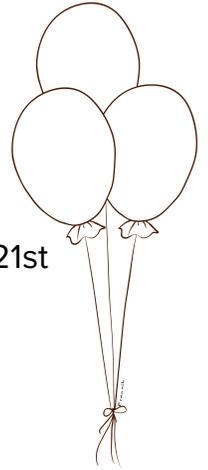
## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### **December:**

- Leila Schafer- 1st
- Dean Davolio- 15th
- Eavaleine McGann- 15th
- Brayden Dillman- 18th
- (Grandma) Colleen Pierce- 21st
- Andy Long- 30th

### **January:**

- Cassidy McGann- 20th
- Tabatha Dillman- 27th
- Stephen Shea- 27th
- Kyle Pierce- 30th



Did we miss your birthday?  
Let us know! (See Page 7)

## **Did You Know?**

Christmas is not just a one-day thing, it is a season! (A season of the Church.) The liturgical season of Christmas traditionally starts on December 25th- the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and ends on February 2nd- Candlemas/ Purification of Our Lady. It ends on this day because it marks 40 days after Christmas Day, fulfilling the Biblical requirement for Mary's purification and Jesus' presentation in the Temple.

# OUR FAITH

*After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

*Matthew 2: 9-11*

“In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart. And that you may obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps. With her for guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall, under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favor, you shall reach the goal.”

-Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

## A Shower of Roses

By Madeleine Dillman

*The Presentation of Our Lord and Purification of Our Lady*



This issue I chose to research the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Temple. Here is what I learned about this event. The Presentation of Our Lord, and the Purification of Our Lady is celebrated on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the end of the Christmas season, and 40 days after Christmas Day. St. Joseph and Mother Mary practiced the Jewish Religion and followed its laws. In the Presentation in the Temple, Mother Mary and St. Joseph were following two of the Jewish laws faithfully. The first one was the Law of Purification. About 30-60 days after the birth of a child, the mother would bring a sacrificial offering to the temple (Leviticus 12:6-8). Mother Mary brought two turtledoves, the offering of the poor (Luke 2:24). The second law that was being followed was the consecration of the first-born son to the Lord (Exodus 13:1-2). Simeon prophesies over Jesus, seeing Him as the Messiah, the fulfillment of all the Jewish prophesies from the Old Testament, and the One to save the Jews and the Gentiles. Jesus will be the rise and fall of many in Israel and Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword.

*Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

*1 Corinthians 13:4*

# OUR FAITH

## Dad's Prayer

### Prayer to St. Joseph the Worker

Composed by Pope St. Pius X in the early 20th century.

This practice encourages the person to begin their workday by invoking St. Joseph, the ultimate model of humble, faithful and productive labor, altering everyday work into an individual's sacred duty and a path to holiness.

*O Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials; to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account that I must give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God.*

*All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch, Saint Joseph. Such shall be my watch-word in life and in death.  
Amen.*

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them"

-Mother Teresa

## You Really Are Somebody

Do you realize, I wonder, what an immensely important person you are? Think of it! There were billions of other persons whom God might have created instead of you.

When your tiny body was first formed in your mother's womb and God was thereby called upon to create a soul for that body—it was your soul, and no other, that God chose to create.

You were the one in whose soul He wanted to dwell. You were the one whom He wanted to have with Himself forever in Heaven.

As you examine yourself in the mirror of your own mind, you probably find it pretty hard to understand why God should love you so. "I'm not that special," you say to yourself. Yet, you are that special to God. Not until you reach Heaven will you discover why, but right now the "why?" is not important. What really matters is the knowledge that God does love you so much.

-Rev. Leo Trese

"What does love look like?

It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see the misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."

-Saint Augustine

# OUR FAITH



## God's Paintbrush

The Magi, also called 'The Three Kings,' or 'The Wisemen' were astronomers. This is the reason they knew the star of the East was the star that led to the Messiah. Soon after they noticed the star, they started their journey.

The Magi first stopped in Jerusalem. They asked the people of the city, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" No one in the city had seen or heard of the newborn king. Eventually, Herod, the king at that time, heard of the coming of the Magi to his city, and why they were there. He started to become afraid the new king would overpower him, and he sought to get rid of Him. At once, Herod ordered the chief priests and the scribes to find out where the King of the Jews was to be born. They studied some of the books of prophets and informed him, "He is to be born in the city of Bethlehem." Herod summoned the Magi and said to them, "Go and find out where in Bethlehem this child is; and when you have found him, come and tell me so that I may worship him." Secretly, he did not want to worship the new king, he was seeking to kill him. The wise men, not knowing the evil heart of Herod, made their way to Bethlehem.

They continued to follow the shining star until they reached the place in Bethlehem, where Jesus was lying in a manger. Once they found Him, they began to worship Him and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

After the Magi visited Jesus, God told them in a dream to not go back to see Herod, but to go home a different way. They listened to their dream and went home.

## Many Are Called

Lent is a solemn, penitential, liturgical season of the Church. During this time we remember the 40 days of fasting Jesus endured in the desert, and His Passion and Death on the Cross before the glorious season of Easter. During the Lenten season we focus on the Four Last Things (Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell) and on the Cross as we fast, abstain, mortify our senses, give alms, and practice charity more profoundly.

It is good during this time to make a firm resolution to amend your life. Write down your resolutions and goals, and the steps, sacrifices, and disciplines necessary to obtain them. Practice them faithfully. Pray God gives you the grace you need to live and walk in His ways. Frequent Mass and ask Our Lord to strengthen you in your faith when you receive Him in the Eucharist. Go to confession weekly or every other week, this will aid you in practicing virtue and is a great reminder of the mercy of Our Lord. Strive to generously practice the virtues (charity and humility are both excellent virtues in which to start), increase your prayer life, and make small sacrifices every day with a gracious and generous heart, uniting them to the Passion and Death of Our Lord.

In keeping a good Lent with a faithful and sincere heart, God will convert and save souls, work miracles, and pour out many graces on those around us. We should offer many prayers and sacrifices to God the Father in unity with that of Our Lord Jesus Christ for the reparation of sins, conversion of poor sinners, the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and any other intentions the Holy Ghost may press on our hearts.

This Lenten season I invite you to look towards Heaven. This is the end goal, the Beatific Vision, union with God, Paradise. Grab your spouse, parent, sibling, or friend, someone who is willing to walk the narrow way with you and make a commitment to follow Christ more closely.

Ad Jesum per Mariam,  
Tabatha Dillman

"He who trusts himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things."

- St. Alphonsus Liguori

# ACTIVITIES AND ANECDOTES

A mother had two boys who were constantly quarreling. She hit on an idea to solve the problem. She took a large jar and labeled it: "Building Fund. Deposit 25 cents here for each quarrel."

Each time there was a quarrel, no matter who seemed to be at fault, each boy had to drop in a quarter. She told the boys that each time the jar filled up, the money would go toward the building of their new church. The mother wanted to train her sons to hold their temper and avoid quarreling, and it worked! The fighting sharply decreased as the boys saw all their money disappearing into the jar. However, one day she overheard the elder of the two telling the other, "You know, Steve, when the new church is dedicated, we can look up at that beautiful, big building and say, 'This is what we've been fighting for!'"

## Spot the Differences

Can you find eight differences between these two images



## Christmas/Epiphany Unscramble

CHOLEMIR \_\_\_\_\_

ARMY \_\_\_\_\_

GLEAN \_\_\_\_\_

HOSEPJ \_\_\_\_\_

CARAPS \_\_\_\_\_

PHRASEED \_\_\_\_\_

BETALS \_\_\_\_\_

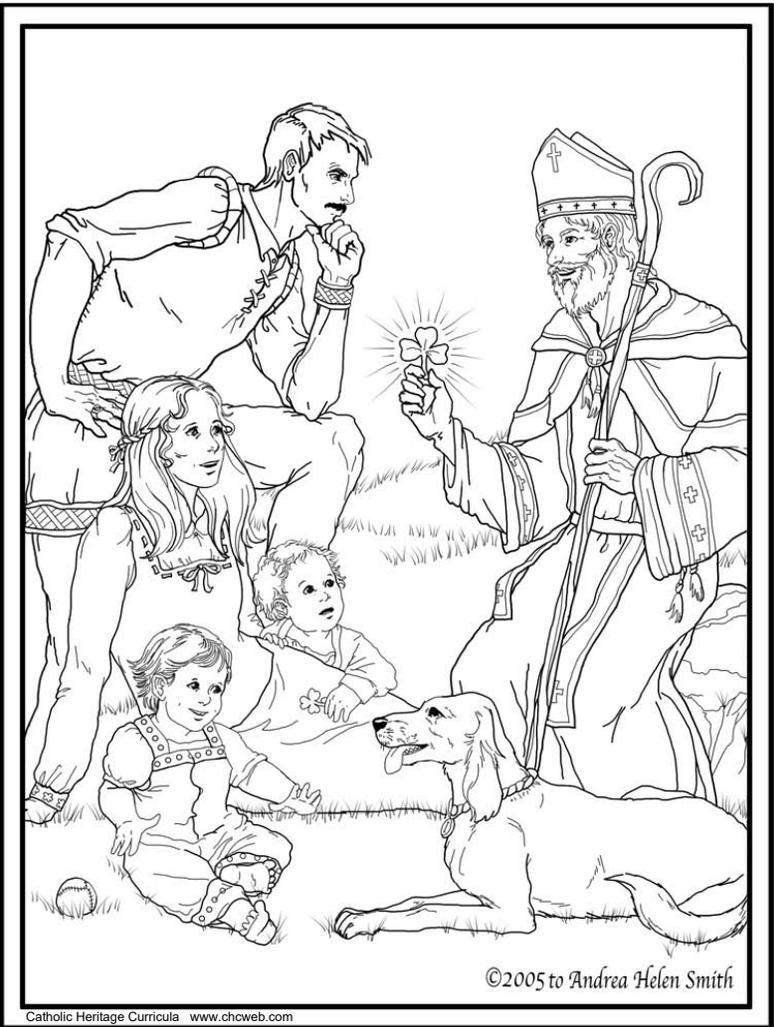
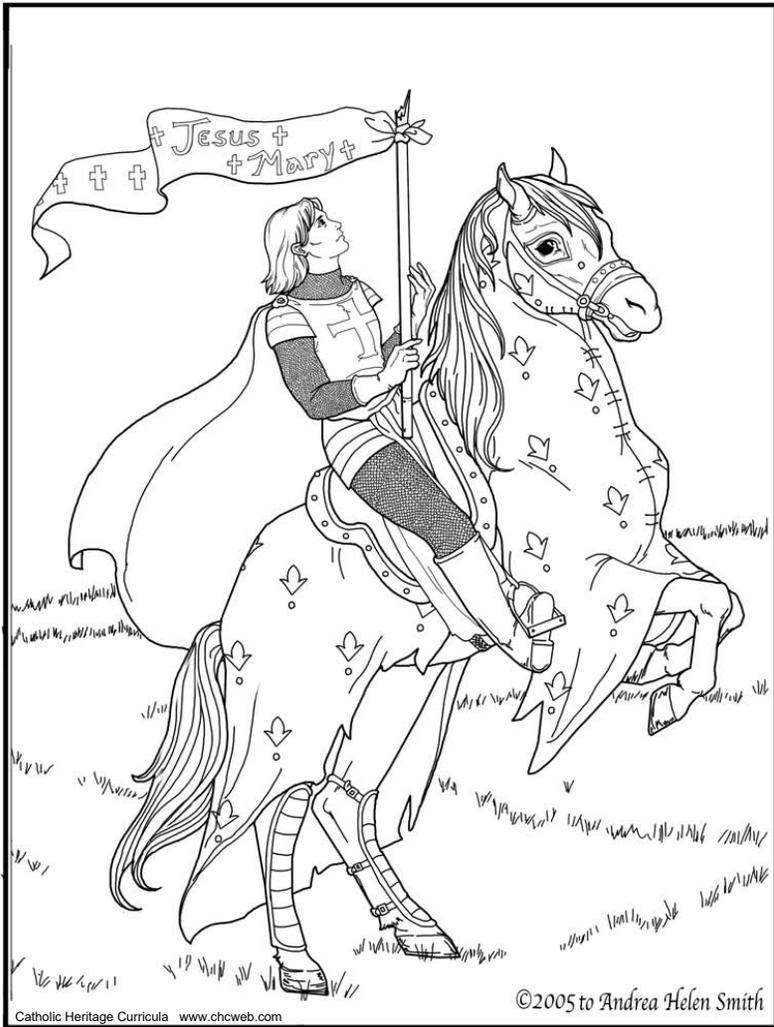
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GARNEM \_\_\_\_\_

KEYDON \_\_\_\_\_

UESJS \_\_\_\_\_

# COLOR THE SAINTS!



## Saint Joan of Arc

Feast day: May 30th  
Patronage: France and soldiers

### Prayer to Saint Joan:

Dear Saint Joan of Arc,  
You were brave and strong, even when you were just a kid. You listened to God's special message for you. Please help me to be brave, too, and to listen for what God wants me to do. Help me to always trust in God and do the right thing, no matter what.  
Amen.

## Saint Patrick

Feast day: March 17th  
Patronage: Ireland

### Saint Patrick's "Breastplate Prayer:

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

# EXTRAS



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## **Christmas/Epiphany Unscramble answers**

1. Melchior 2. Mary
3. Angel 4. Joseph
5. Caspar 6. Shepherds
7. Stable 8. Balthazar
9. Manger 10. Donkey
11. Jesus

## **Spot the Differences answer key**

