



Holy Spirit

Catholic Parish and School

December 9, 2018

Worship Centers: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 201 44th St. South Holy Family Chapel, 2800 Central Ave.
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Parish Staff

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"Love cannot remain by itself. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service. A Mission of love can come only from union with God. From that union, love for the family, love for one's neighbor, love for the poor is the natural fruit."
~St. Teresa of Calcutta

Baptism Prep Sessions

If you are expecting a baby or recently had a baby and would like the baby baptized at Holy Spirit, you must attend our baptism Prep. Classes.

The next sessions will be:

Sun. 12/9 @ 1 pm at Sts. P&P



Mrs. Santa's Kitchen & Knights of Columbus Breakfast!!

Bake sale: Saturday & Sunday Dec. 15-16 after Masses

Breakfast: Sunday Dec. 16 after Masses

Come do some shopping for Christmas treats and enjoy a delicious breakfast of eggs, French toast, pancakes, hash brown casserole, ham, biscuits and gravy, juice and coffee.
Free will Offering~



Tax Reminder - Year End Charitable Giving

Charitable contributions are deductible (for those who itemize) in the year the gift is made. For your charitable gifts to be credited in 2018, please note the following:

- Donations received by mail after Jan. 1, 2019 must be inside a postmarked envelope dated no later than Dec. 31, 2018.
- Contributions given online at holyspiritgf.org or for our endowments at catholicfoundationmt.org/donation are deductible in 2018 as long as you make the gift online before midnight on Dec. 31.
- Gifts of stocks or other securities for our parish or parish endowment must be received by the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana no later than Dec. 21. To make a gift of securities for our parish contact info@catholicfoundationmt.org.
- Certain donations for our parish can qualify you for the 40% Montana Endowment Tax Credit. More information? Call 406-315-1765.
- If you have any questions regarding year-end giving, call the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana at 406-315-1765.

The Second Sunday of Advent, December 9th, 2018

Holy Spirit Parish Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday – 8:30, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

Holy Spirit Day Chapel:

Mondays 8:30 a.m., Tuesdays 5:15 p.m.,

Wednesdays & Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

Park Place (3200 15th Ave. S) **2nd** Wednesday each month 2:30

Highgate (3000 11th Ave S) **3rd** Wednesday each month 1:30

Holy Family Chapel (2800 Central Avenue) Fridays 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturdays - 2-4 pm, Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm
or by appointment with a priest.



Holy Spirit Chapel is open for prayer before the Blessed

Sacrament: Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4 pm

Friday 8:30 - 12.

Mass Intentions:

Mon. 12/10 - Don & Elaine Miller (sp int)

r/b E & I Kelley

Tue., 12/11- 5:15 p.m.- +Brendan Steele

r/b Nickols

Wed., 12/12- 8:30 am - +Pat Lee

r/b E Lee

- 2:30 pm Park Place - +Mae Gill

r/b K Walters

Thu., 12/13- 8:30 am - +Debbie Hasenbrug

r/b D McCallum

Fri., 12/14- 8:30 am, HF - Special intention

r/b P Evans

Sat., 12/15- 4:30 p.m.- +John Edgar

r/b J Edgar

Sun., 12/16- 8:30 am.- +Vern Kirkendall

r/b J Kirkendall

- 11:00 a.m. - +Drew Miller

r/b P Ford

- 6:00 p.m.- Parishioners

Readings for next week: 3rd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Coffee & Rolls Schedule

Dec. 9: 8:30: Katz family; 11: Newman family

Dec 16: Knights of Columbus breakfast & Mrs. Santa's

Kitchen bake sale!

Bus Schedule:



Dec 15: Tim Gilligan & Beth Ann Thelen

Dec 16: Sly Barros & Ken McGuire

What's Happening This Week...

Saturday: Fellowship Dinner - 5:30 pm

hall

Sunday: Elem Formation - 9:45 am

Sts. P&P

Parish nurses - 9:45 am

con. Rm.

Baptism Prep. - 1 pm

Sts. P&P

Youth Ministry - 7 pm

Sts, P&P

Adoration - 7 pm

chapel

Monday: PCCW - 1 pm

con. Rm.

Tuesday: Bereavement team mtg - 6 pm

Sts. P&P

Wednesday: Elem Formation - 6:15 pm

Sts. P&P

Thursday: RCIA - 7 pm

Sts. P&P

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Elem Formation - 9:45

Sts. P&P

Baptism Prep - 1 pm

Sts. P&P

Youth Group - 7 pm

Sts. P&P

Adoration - 7 pm

chapel

Liturgical Ministers for December 15, 16

4:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	6:00 PM
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Bread Baker		Holy Wash	
	P Kolar B McKinney	J Knutson	
Sacristan			
S Mohler	Wingerters	Not Filled	
Greeters			
Schuler family	B & N Ramsey R & F Olszewski	Stimac family	
Ushers			
A Klundt M Thompson	D Erickson P Bahnmler	N St. Claire L & M Francis	
Cross			
C Baker	G Thomas	N Stimac	
Altar Servers			
B Lorenz R Frazier-Harris	N McKelvey G Nunez	A Kasayka C Kasayka	
Readers			
R McDunn T Gilligan	C McKelvey M Nardinger	M Woelkers D McGuire	
Gifts			
Baker family	Erickson family	Newman family	
Ministers of the Eucharist			
B Medved S Mayernik P Tremper G Tremper R Kuka R Kuka T Grau C Grau F Handwerk A Trunkle K Weinheimer T Hopkins P Hilgendorf T Hilgendorf D Stukey	P Woelkers R Erickson J Schwanke D Schwanke G Matsko S Bahnmler F Olszewski C Nunez R Kohut C Neu T Neu B Cook K Lakner S O'Rourke J Thomas	P. Woelkers S Dalen C Christiaens K Krattiger ★ W Newman D Newman A Bulger V Williamson B Williamson C Huber S Harrington S Donisthorpe V Donisthorpe P Byrne J Byrne	C Rearden D Rearden

Care for our Common Home!

Thank you for being a steward of the Earth!



Weekend

Newspaper

Cardboard

1st (Dec 7-13)

K of C 9395

C. Jernigan

2nd (Dec 14 -20)

K. Weinheimer

S. Lind

3rd (Dec. 21—27)

G. Kushnak

R. Shipley

4th (Dec. 28 - Jan. 3

D & P Birkenbuel

C. Nowak

School Paper: Greg Bonilla

School Cardboard: S. Lind (2nd week)

Week starts on Friday

**Call Parish Office for information on RCIA,
Adult Formation or Marriage Preparation**

For all who seek to become Christian believers

Call Nick 868-4770 or come Thurs. at 7 pm in the RCIA room (Sts. Peter and Paul Center) all year round. 12/13: Kate & Royce Shipley, the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT CATHOLICISM?

Come support the RCIA program and grow your faith as well. Open to **all parishioners** at 7 pm Thursdays meet every week in the RCIA room for prayer and discussion with **others who are also curious about our faith.**

RICA Adapted for Children: Thank you to Lori Durocher for volunteering as catechist for this group! Watch this space for more information. For children age 7 or older who are not baptized, or baptized in another faith tradition. Call Nick at 868-4770.

Youth Ministry

Aubrey Rearden 452-6491 ext. 207 aubrey@holyspiritgf.org
Cell Phone: 868-6713

Youth Group Sunday Nights:

Mass 6:00pm Youth Group 7:00-8:30 pm



**Youth Group this Sunday December 9,
2018 7-8:30pm:** Remember we will gather
in the social hall @ 7pm and then walk over to
Sts. Peter & Paul Center, Youth Group wraps
up @ 8:30pm after snack in the gym.

High School Bible Study meets each Wednesday @
Schulte's Coffeehouse from 6:45-7:30am, everyone is
welcome!

Elementary Faith Formation

Kody Diekhans 452-6491 pianokody@holyspiritgf.org
Elementary Formation (Pre-K - 6th Grade)
& Sacramental Prep (2nd Grade)
Sunday 9:45-10:45am or Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm

Elementary Formation classes this week:

Sunday, December 9th: 9:15am
Wednesday, December 12th: 6:15pm

Young Adult Ministry

Nickolas Wingerter ext. 205 nickw@holyspiritgf.org
406-868-4770

INSPIRE!

Come join us on January 11th for Holy Spirit paint night. Explore the symbols of the Holy Spirit with prayers, scriptures, catechism, and of course, painting! \$20 offering, meat and cheese will be provided. Call Nick at 868-4770 for more information~

Holy Spirit School

Jim Wichman - Principal Melissa Hallahan, Vice-Principal
Jackie Wike, Administrative Assistant
Colette Longin, Development Director, clongin@holyspiritgf.org
761-5775 www.holyspiritgf.org

Holy Spirit Catholic School 8th graders are fundraising for their graduation and spiritual retreat! They will be selling extra wreaths and swags after all Masses the weekend of December 8-9 while supplies last! Evergreen wreaths are \$35, Noble fir swags are \$25. They are also selling school spirit wear and direct delivery wreaths, centerpieces, garland, etc...online only...head to our website holyspiritgfschool.org or to our Facebook page for more information and to find the links! Donations are welcome as well. They thank you for your support! Mark your calendars now for "The BALL...Building A Lasting Legacy" our all new event for Great Falls Catholic Schools! We're joining together for our annual dinner auction events, and look forward to this being a wonderful time to come together as a Catholic community! The BALL will take place on January 26th, 2019 at the Mansfield Convention Center.

Interested in making HSCS a beneficiary of your charitable donations? There are many ways to make that happen! Through the HSCS Endowment Trust, Scholarships, Dare to Dream, and more, you can make a difference in a child's life! Visit us online to donate, or for more information, call Colette at the school.

Christian Service

Cindy Eultgen 452-6491 ext. 208 cindy@holyspiritgf.org

November Parish Relief Report

Recycling: 2000 lbs Paper, 760 lbs Cardboard

Kids N Kans: 105 lbs

Yellow Envelopes: \$ 1193.5

Electronic Deposits: \$ 226

Dispersals: \$ 1014 Rent, \$60 Transportation, \$200 Emergency, and \$600 to Rocky Boy Food Bank, St. Martin de Porres, Echoz Pregnancy Care Center, and Family Promise.



Mark your Calendar!



Baby "Its Cold Out!" Shower: Sunday, January 13 from 2-4 pm, in the parish hall to support Echoz Pregnancy Care Center, hosted by the Parish Nurses and PCCW. Watch for more info!

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Gift Tags are on the tree at the main entrance of church. Pick one up, fill the age & gender request and bring the gift to church by Sunday, Dec. 16.



Food Baskets Are here! Please take one and fill it with the requested groceries and return it to church by Dec. 16.

December Grief Support Group

Will be on the 3rd Tuesday due to Christmas on the 4th Tuesday.

Tuesday, December 18 at

4 pm in the Parish Conference Room and
7 pm in the RCIA room at Sts. Peter & Paul



Stewardship

"The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy," writes the psalmist in responsorial psalm 126. We have many prophets from times of old and into present time. They all carry one message: mercy and compassion need to be our response to the poor and with that comes joy. Social justice thought includes the belief that serving the poor is serving Jesus and that brings us great joy!



The gift of prayer creates the environment in which the Holy Spirit can move us to do the work of Jesus. A prayer at the top of our list is the temperamental old boiler at the Monsignor House. Please pray for our program's needs.

Please watch the bulletin for the days and times we unlock the House for people to come and tour, talk about social justice, or visit about life. For any information about Family Promise in our parish please stop by the Monsignor House when it is open or call Kathie Malby and leave a message at 781-5033. She will return your call as soon as she can.

Worship

Aubrey 452-6491 ex. 207 aubrey@holyspiritgf.org



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses Liturgical Ministry Sign Up

The sign up sheets for ministries for Christmas Eve Masses (4:30 & 8:00pm) and Christmas Day Mass (10:00am) are on the table outside the door to the sacristy. Thank you in advance for your willingness to participate.

Music

Kody 452-6491 ex. 206 pianokody@holyspiritgf.org



Sign your kiddos up for the new "We are the Light" Christmas Eve presentation at the 4:30 Christmas Eve Mass!!

More information to come, contact Aubrey or Kody for more information or if you as an adult wants to help!

Choir practice: Wednesday at 7:30pm

Children's Christmas Choir Practice will start **THIS Sunday December 9th** after the 11:00 mass!! See the bulletin for more information!

We have started new mass parts!! Mass parts can now be found in the white pamphlet in the pews! You can also LISTEN to the Mass parts on our website!

Men's Day of Prayer

Step out of the Boat

Mens' Day of Prayer, 2019
January 12th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
At the parish hall. Lunch will be served.

Parish Council of Catholic Women

PCCW meets on Monday, December 10th at 1 pm in the Parish Conference Room. Bring a homemade treat to share with everyone. Our Lady of Snows Circle meets on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7 pm at the home of Patty Ford. Bring 4 dozen cookies and wrapping materials. Don't forget our Mrs. Santa Bake Sale. Bake extras for the sale and then come to see what others have baked. See you there! Saturday and Sunday, December 15 & 16.

Courtesy Announcements

The Great Falls Central Catholic Mustangs Speech and Debate team is hosting an invitational speech and debate tournament on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019 at the University of Providence and Central. We are in need of judges. If you can help, please call Coach Jason Holden at 406-231-6680 or email him at mustangsspeechanddebat2020@gmail.com.



The St. Martin de Porres Emily Center would like to thank everyone who attended our Indian Taco Feed and Silent Auction. It was a great success and from the proceeds we are able to help the homeless and needy to receive free goods. We provide clothing, bedding, and household goods. We are a non-profit organization that is run on donations. We would like to thank those who supply us with those donations and ask that you continue to do so. We are located at 1920 10th Ave S, and the phone number 406-771-6695. We are open Tuesday-Thursday from 9-noon and 1-3. We ask that you bring your donations to the back in the alley. Thank you and God bless you all!

Your year-end support of our Holy Spirit Parish Endowments is very appreciated! Every donation given to one of our endowments increases the distribution our parish receives *this year, next year and forever* in support of our parish and our ministries! No gift is ever too small. Giving to our parish *Greatest Needs Endowment* or our *Building Endowment* is simple - through the offertory, through the mail, or online at www.catholicfoundationmt.org. To learn more, or to make a gift to one of our Holy Spirit Parish or School endowments that qualifies for the 40% Montana Endowment Tax Credit, please contact Judy Held at 406-315-1765 or email her at judy@catholicfoundationmt.org.

At the CUM CHRISTO DECEMBER ULTREYA, the CHRISTMAS POTLUCK will be here! December 11th, 6:00 pm at the Ursuline Retreat Centre. All 4th Dayers and their families are invited. Song, Music, Laughter, Sharing, Friends....And you! Please bring a dish to share. See you there!

Marriage Encounter Weekend: Married couples, do you want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with greater intimacy in your marriage as well as in your prayer and relationship with the Lord? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Upcoming dates are: Billings Jan 25-27, 2019 and Thermopolis WY Feb 22-24, 2019. For more information at to apply visit www.wmme.org or call Paul & Tracy 307-689-2820.

Saint Michael Radio ~ *FM 97.1
"Sharing the Splendor of Truth"

Merry Christmas!

Holy Spirit parish and the Knights of Columbus

are partnering with the

Great Falls Mission Cameron Center

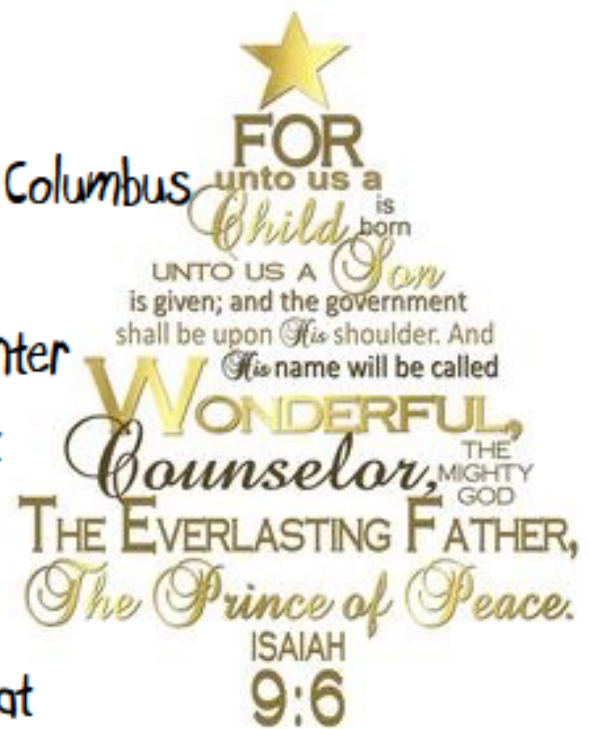
to host a Parents' Night Out

Christmas dinner

Friday December 14th at 6 pm.

We will be hosting the dinner at

1st Church of the Nazarene, 1727 2nd Ave S.



If you are interested in helping with this project, please call Mary at the office. We will need help

preparing (beginning at 2:00 pm),

serving or childcare (5:00 pm) and

clean-up (7:00 pm)

If you are interested in making a donation to help

off-set the costs of this dinner, please drop off

an envelope marked Christmas dinner.

We are excited about this opportunity!

Hope you can join us!

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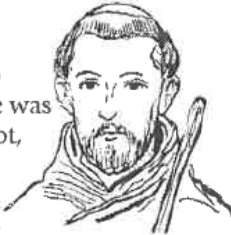
Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

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One Minute Meditations

St. Dominic of Silos

St. Dominic was a Benedictine monk, born around 1000 AD in La Rioja, Spain. Recognized for his leadership abilities, he was made abbot, but was exiled for refusing to sell monastery lands to the local ruler. He was welcomed by King Ferdinand I of Castile and appointed abbot of St. Sebastian's monastery at Silos. Joan of Aza prayed for a child and saw a vision of St. Dominic. Her son, whom she named Dominic, founded the Dominican Order.



Anticipate Advent

A rich Advent makes a joyous Christmas. Use the four weeks before Christmas to prepare for Christ's coming. Offer extra prayers, perform penance, and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32).



Celebrate Christmas with child-like wonder

There is no greater miracle than the gift of love Christmas represents. We didn't earn it and we can't deserve it. Yet, we get so harried with the holiday rush that we miss the wonder of it. Ever notice how children never do? This year, slow down and celebrate Christmas like a child.

Tie gifts with heartstrings. Instead of boosting credit card balances or draining your checking account, keep what you give simple, meaningful, and from the heart. For example, give a coupon for babysitting to friends with children. Prepare a meal for someone who needs a break from cooking.

Offer your hearth. The holidays can be lonely for people separated from

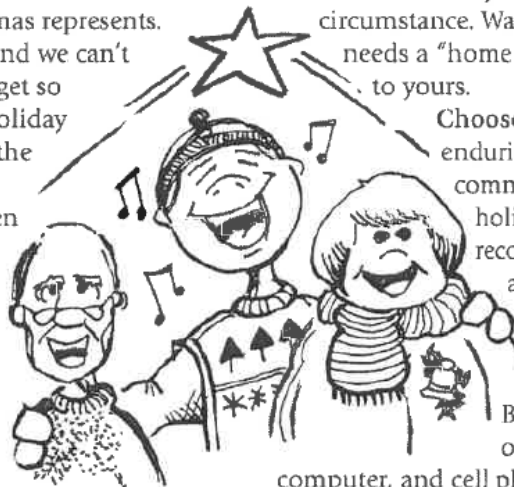
their loved ones by distance, death, or circumstance. Watch for anyone who needs a "home" and invite them to yours.

Choose peace. Instead of enduring the Christmas commercials and bad holiday specials, record the good shows and watch while you relax. Or rent your favorite spiritual movies. Better still, turn

off the television, computer, and cell phone, and enjoy the silence.

Greet the Babe with joy. Seek reconciliation in Confession so you can receive the Eucharist at Christmas.

Sing like an angel. Check your local listings for Christmas concerts, Messiah sing-a-longs, or other spiritual songfests. Host a caroling party in your home and sing loud with Christmas joy.

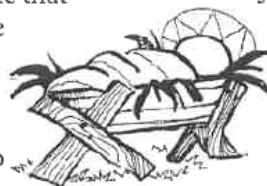


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Every Christmas, we celebrate that Jesus, the Son of God, became man—while retaining his divinity—and died for our sins and rose again. We believe this because God, who is Truth, revealed it.

"For to us a child is born, to us a

Why do Catholics celebrate Christ's birth?



son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'" (Isaiah 9:6). God came to

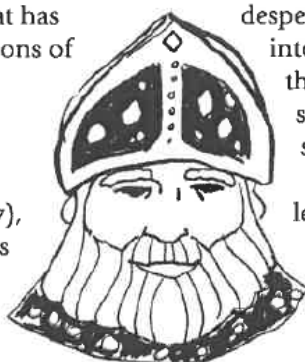
Earth and lived among us.

Honor the spirit of St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas is one icon of the holiday season that has meaning in both the secular and spiritual celebrations of Christmas.

We know that St. Nicholas was born at the end of the third century in Asia Minor. His parents died when he was young and left him well off. His uncle, the archbishop of Myra (southeast of Turkey), ordained him and upon his uncle's death, Nicholas served as bishop until his own death. Throughout he suffered imprisonment and persecution.

One legend involving St. Nicholas concerns a



desperate man on the verge of selling his daughters into slavery to pay his debts. Nicholas secretly threw a bag of gold into an open window (some say down the chimney) in the man's house to stop him.

Our present-day Santa Claus stems from the legends of St. Nicholas, but in the Church he is a saint, a confessor of the faith, and a holy bishop. We can learn from his generosity to the poor, and imitate his acts of kindness to others.

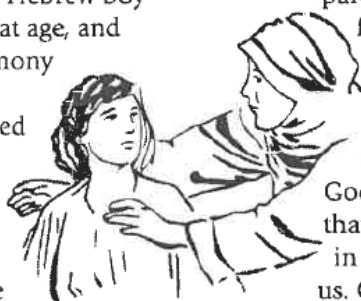
from **S**cripture

Luke 2:41-52, Living in the world

In this reading, the Holy Family went to Jerusalem when Jesus was twelve years old. This was an important time in Jesus' life. Back then, a Hebrew boy became a man around that age, and was recognized in a ceremony called a Bar Mitzvah. On this occasion, Jesus decided to stay behind, causing anxiety to his parents.

This was the first time Jesus spoke in the Gospels and the first time he referred to his identity as God's Son. He spoke of his unique mission of saving the world. He knew his duties to his heavenly Father but

he understood the time to fulfill them would come later. Meanwhile, he returned obediently with his earthly parents to Nazareth and fulfilled his duties to them.



Jesus respected his family, yet he continued to pursue his place in God's plan. The lesson is that we can grow in holiness in wherever God has placed us. Christians can be found

in neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. In all these places, we have to find ways to live a holy life in the world.

Q & A What is meant by "fear of the Lord?"

"Fear of the Lord" is more about awe—recognizing God's power and might – than about fear of the merciful creator who loves us most. Fear of the Lord is also known as "reverence," and is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in Isaiah: *"The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding...counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord"* (Isaiah 11:2). These gifts, when used, make us open to God's love.



Fear of the Lord helps us have a healthy respect for God's majesty. We fear offending God for the same reason we fear offending someone we love. If we really love someone, we wouldn't do anything (on purpose) to hurt them or damage the friendship. This is what happens when we sin. *"The [Christian] no longer stands before God as a slave, in servile fear, or as a mercenary looking for wages, but as a son"* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1828).

Feasts & Celebrations

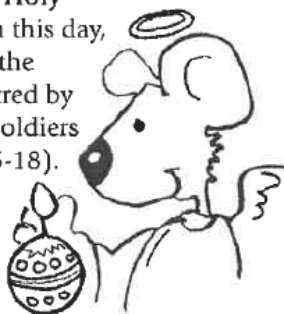
Dec. 4 – St. John Damascene (749). A Doctor of the Church and the last of the Greek Fathers, St. John was born in Syria when it was under Muslim rule and was counselor to the caliph. He is known for his writings in favor of the use of sacred images for devotion. These writings brought him into serious conflict with the heretical Christian emperor. He later became a monk under the direction of St. Sabas.

Dec. 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531). The Blessed Mother appeared as a Native American maiden to St.

Juan Diego, also Native American. She asked that the bishop of Mexico build a chapel for her, and had him carry roses to the bishop as a sign. When the roses were emptied from his tilma (cape), it retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

Dec. 28-The Holy Innocents. On this day, we remember the infants massacred by King Herod's soldiers (Matthew 2:16-18).

We also pray for the safety of unborn children.



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