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Advent: 3rd Sunday of Advent

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Baptized in the Holy Spirit



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Gospel: Luke 3:10-16

"While John was baptizing in the Jordan River, many people came and asked him what they should do. John said to them, 'Anyone who has two coats should give one to someone who does not have a coat. Anyone who has food should share with people who are hungry.' Tax collectors came to be baptized and they asked him, 'What must we do?' John answered them, 'Don't make people pay more taxes than they have to.' Soldiers also asked him, 'What about us?' He told them, 'Don't bully people. Don't lie about anyone. And be happy with the money you are paid.' All the people were filled with excitement. They wondered if John might be the Messiah, the one they were waiting for. But John said to them, 'There is one who will come later, who is mightier than I am. I am not even worthy to untie his sandal straps. I am baptizing with water, but he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit.'

This is the Good News of the Lord.
Novalis. (1990). Sunday Book of Readings Adapted for Children, Year B. Outremont, Quebec: Novalis.

Food For Thought:

Christmas is about Jesus' birth so people have been celebrating it for a very long time! Talk about all of the Christmas customs that you know. How do they reflect the Christmas story seen in the Bible? Choose some of these customs to help you celebrate the Christmas season.

Glavich, M. (2013). Totally Catholic! Boston, Massachusetts: Pauline Books and Media.

What Do You Think?

1. What can you do to give to those who are less fortunate than you are?

2. What kinds of things do you have that you could give away to other kids that you no longer need?

Cronin, G. (2003). Celebrating the Gospels. Missouri, United States of America: Ligouri Publications.

Activity: Colour by Number

God loves us very much and wants us to come to Jesus with our problems. Colour this picture by the numbers. Then cut it out and you can hang it in your room!

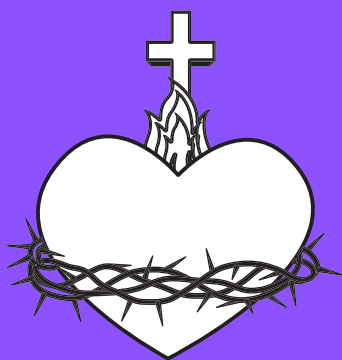
Lucey, M. (2007). Catholic Corner Puzzles and Activities, Year C (Ages 7-10). Illinois, United States of America: World Library Publications.



By The Way:

The Sacred Heart (seen below) is a symbol of the love Jesus has for the Father and for us.

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"Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged! The Mighty Saviour is with you and will show God's love for you again."

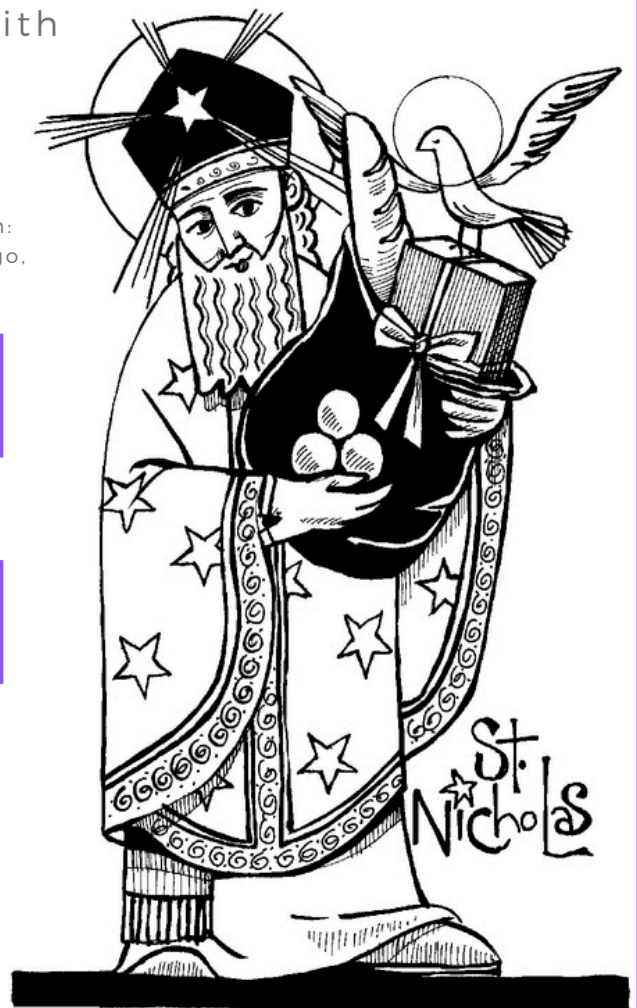
Zephaniah 3:16

Calling All Saints: Saint Nicholas

Saint Nicholas - often called the “wonderworker” - is celebrated on December 6th every year. We don't know very much about him other than he was a bishop of a city called Myra and he lived sometime during the 4th century. Have you ever heard of Saint Nicholas? There is a story about Saint Nicholas where he heard of a poor man who had three daughters. The man could not afford to buy food or clothes for his daughters. Saint Nicholas wanted to help this family so one night he took three bags of gold and threw them through the window of the man's house. Saint Nicholas loved children very much and was always very generous with what he had and giving it to those in need. We are quickly approaching Christmas time, a time when many little children throughout the world do not receive gifts because their families cannot afford them. What do you think you can do to be generous just like Saint Nicholas and help these children? Think about these children as you celebrate Christmas with your family and ask your parents what you can do to help others. Let us know what kinds of ideas you have come up with! Always remember too that it is important to keep these children in your thoughts and prayers and come up with ways to help them throughout the entire year and not just during Christmas time.

Coffey, et al. (2012). Companion to the Calendar, Second Edition: A Guide to the Saints, Seasons, and Holidays of the Year. Chicago, United States of America: Liturgy Training Publications.

**"Change your lives, he's coming: the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit."
Gospel Acclamation**



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