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DECEMBER 2023

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fears will starve to death.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Dec 3 – Faith Formation Classes at 9:00am
Dec 3 – Confession available after Mass
Dec 3 – St. Anne's Soup Luncheon
Dec 6 – Parish Council Meeting at 6:00pm
Dec 7 – Adoration after 9am Mass
Dec 8 – Immaculate Conception Mass at 7:00pm
Dec 9 – Christmas Program Practice - 9-10:30am
Dec 9 – St. Anne's Meeting at 3:15pm
Dec 9 – St. Anne's & KC's Meeting at 5:30pm
Dec 10 – Spanish Mass at 2:00pm
Dec 13 – Encounter Youth Group - 6:30-8pm
Dec 16 – Christmas Program Practice - 9-10:30am
Dec 17 – Faith Formation Classes at 9:00am
Dec 17 – Children's Christmas Program after
Mass, Potluck to Follow
Dec 19 – Evening of Adoration & Confession -
6:00-8:00pm
Dec 21 – Mass & Diocesan Holy Hour at 9:00am
Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30pm
Dec 25 – Christmas Day Mass at 10:30am
Dec 25-29 – Office Closed—Christmas Break
Jan 1 – New Year's Day Mass at 10:30am

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SS. Peter & Paul, Weyauwega

Christmas Eve, December 24 at 4:30pm
Christmas Day, December 25 at 10:30am

Sacred Heart, Manawa

Christmas Eve, December 24 at 6:30pm
Christmas Day, December 25 at 8:00am



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

SS. Peter & Paul, Weyauwega

New Year's Day, January 1 at 10:30am

Sacred Heart, Manawa

New Year's Day, January 1 at 8:00am

*Wishing you a joyous Christmas and
blessings in the coming New Year!*

*"In him was life, and that life was the light
of all mankind." John 1:4*

Happy New Year!

No, it is not January 1st. The Church's Liturgical year does not start on New Year's Day, the beginning of the calendar year. The church liturgical year is distinctive. It always begins on the first Sunday of Advent, (this year December 3rd) with a shift in the cycle of readings. The feast of Christ the King (November 26th) signals the end of the Ordinary Time.

Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation, to it is a season of reflection and candlelight - a chance to get ready for Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. The Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. It is a time for faith communities and families to remember, through prayer, reflections, special music, and good deeds the true meaning of Jesus' birth. The very word advent, which means coming or arrival, is derived from the Latin

word "adventus," which means "to come to" or "to arrive." The next four weeks will be an opportunity to pause in our busy lives and pray, "Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus," as we prepare for the coming of Christ as lord of heaven and earth at the end of time, and joyfully celebrate the arrival of the Prince of Peace on Christmas, when Christ, the Son of God, took flesh and dwelt among us.

Advent is not Lent or a miniature version of Lent. The two seasons are extremely different. Advent speaks hope, peace, joy and love. Lent speaks penance and sorrow. Advent emphasizes what we need to add to our lives, while Lent emphasizes what we need to remove. Advent lasts for four Sundays and Lent lasts for six Sundays. Advent stresses preparation with festivity and Lent stresses preparation with sackcloth and ashes.

The penitential character of Advent is important to prepare the path for Christ to dwell in our hearts. We know very well how many times we have severed our relationship with God. Penance and repentance

help us recognize our weaknesses, turn away from sin and seek reconciliation with him. It's a season of candlelight, the Advent candles which we light in our churches during Mass these next four weeks remind us of the presence of God and his gifts of hope, peace, joy and love, as well as the need for us to share those gifts. Pope Francis said, "Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart to open ourselves to the needs of our brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world." Charity makes God present in the lives of those in need and brings forth the true meaning of Christmas.

Dear brothers and sisters, whether we are ready or not, Advent is here. It is the start of a new liturgical year and the beginning of new possibilities with God. Let us open our hearts and pray "Come, Lord Jesus."

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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS

Sacred Heart, Manawa
Thursday, December 8 at 5:30pm

SS. Peter & Paul, Weyauwega
Thursday, December 8 at 7:00pm



Encounter Youth Group

We will be meeting **Wednesday, December 13** at 6:30pm. All 6th - 12th grade students are invited for a fun and inspirational evening of games, snacks, connecting with others, a talk, discussion and prayers. Invite your friends of all faiths. All are welcome!

SCRIP CARDS

Scrip cards will be sold after Mass on December 9th/10th and December 16th/17th as long as inventory lasts. There will not be any orders placed this year, but there is inventory available. Thank you!

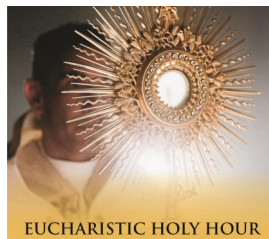


La Misa en Español

10 de diciembre de 2023

Diocesan Holy Hour

Thursday, Dec 21st
after the 9:00am Mass.
A great opportunity for
adoration & confession!



EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR



If you know of someone in need of prayers, or you would like to be a Prayer Warrior (on the prayer chain) Call the church office at 920.867.2179

To have someone (or yourself) remembered in prayer during General Mass Petitions, sign the book on the narthex stand.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

Due to the Parish Office by Thursday,
December 7th.



WEYAUWEGA-FREMONT GIVING TREE

Reminder to have Giving Tree Gifts back to the church by December 8th, the giveaway will be on December 16th. If you have questions please call Pat Shaw at 920-667-5291 or email him at shawclark@centurytel.net
Thanks and God Bless.



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 25-29

The Parish Office will be closed
Monday-Friday for Christmas Break

Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church Financial Statement

October 2023

Oct-23
Statement of Activity

Revenue

Church Support
Liturgy and Worship
Other Revenue
Faith Formation & Youth
Fundraising
PPP Loan Forgiveness
Total Revenue

Operating Expenses

Salaries and Wages
Payroll Taxes, Insurance Benefit
Liturgy and Worship
Pastoral Care and Outreach
Faith Formation & Youth
Buildings and Grounds
General Office
Diocesan Assessment
Other Payments+CapEx
Total Payments

Restricted Donation Revenue
Restricted Donation Expense

Net Excess(Deficit)

2,265

Children's Christmas Program

This year's Christmas Program will be on **Sunday, Dec. 17** after 10:30am Mass. Please join us for this heartwarming reenactment of the story of Jesus' birth.

Everyone is welcome to the Potluck Lunch to Follow

(Main dish provided) Families with last name starting with... can you please bring:

A-H bring a dessert

I-P bring vegetable/lettuce salad

Q-Z bring a fruit dish

Children's Christmas Program Practice Times

Just a reminder our K/1st gr.-5th gr. students will be practicing for the Christmas program Saturdays, December 9 & 16, from 9-10:30am. Thank you so much parents for your extra time in making this possible! It will be a joy to watch!



ST. ANNE'S SOUP LUNCHEON

Sunday, December 3rd after Mass

11:30am until 1:30pm

Soup, cheese, crackers

Cost \$5.00 for ALL you can eat

Children under 3 FREE

Take out will be available



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Advent Reconciliation & Adoration Opportunities

SS. Peter & Paul, Weyauwega

Reconciliation:

Sunday, December 3 after 10:30am Mass

Fr. Kris & another priest will be available

Evening of Adoration & Confession:

Tuesday, December 19 from 6:00-8:00pm

Sacred Heart, Manawa

Wednesday, December 13 from 6:00-7:00pm



SAINT ANNE'S NEWS

St. Anne's will be having a soup luncheon this month on December 3rd. Their December meeting will be on Saturday, December 9th at 3:15pm (before the 4:30pm Mass). There will be an optional \$10 gift exchange at that time as well.

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As Eucharistic people in your preparation for Christmas, I encourage you to take a few minutes each day to learn more about God's presence in the Holy Eucharist and his Word. Our Church is open from 8 am to 8 pm each day please come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament.

Advent... the arrival of a baby. A baby who means so very many things to us. A baby who is the gift of grace. The gift of love. The gift of peace. The gift of life. And so much more...

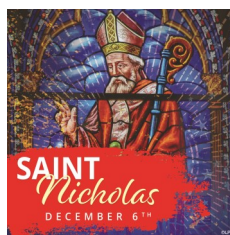
He was. He is. He will be. Forevermore.

May the Lord bless us this Advent season as we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ our Lord and may we live our liturgical year with our eyes open to our place in God's story!



Happy New Year!

Yours in Christ,
Father Kris



St. Nicholas | Feast Day December 6

St. Nicholas of Bari, the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of

prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.

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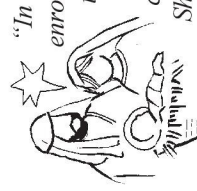


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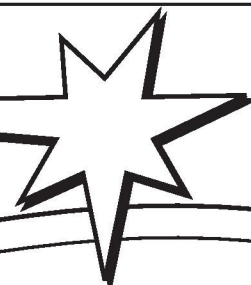
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2023 Family Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 December Buy or make an Advent wreath and bless it. Light the violet candle every night this week. 	4  Assign "Advent Angels." Draw names at random and encourage good works in secret.	5 Set out the empty Nativity scene. Add characters gradually throughout Advent. Save Baby Jesus for last.	6 St. Nicholas of Myra Encourage everyone to perform an act of kindness in honor of today's generous saint.	7  Buy gifts for children in need. Consult your parish office for suggestions.	8 The Immaculate Conception of Mary On this Holy Day of Obligation, attend Mass together. Pray for the United States of America.	9  Decorate a Jesse tree and discuss its meaning. Learn more at www.usccb.org .
10 Light two violet candles nightly this week. Sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." 	11 Call or email your parish office and ask how your family can help with upcoming preparations for Christmas.	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Put a vase of flowers before a statue of Mary and sing "Hail, Holy Queen" to celebrate. 	13  At dinner, ask each person to share one way God blessed him or her that day.	14 Before bedtime, perform an examination of conscience using the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-11).	15  Contact Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or www.catholicrelief.org). Ask how you can help.	16 Seek God's mercy in Confession as a family to greet the Savior with clean souls. 
17 Gaudete Sunday Light two violet candles and one rose one for joy. Have a small treat to celebrate. 	18  Place a candle in the window to welcome Baby Jesus. Light it nightly until Christmas.	19 Encourage everyone to practice patience today. 	20  Tonight, offer extra prayers for the troops who will spend Christmas overseas and for their families.	21  Share favorite Christmas family memories over hot chocolate and cookies.	22 Ask everyone to make a small sacrifice, just for God, just for today. 	23 The King is coming! Tidy up the house and prepare to welcome Him. 
24 Reveal Advent angels! Read about the good news the angel shared in Luke 1:26-38. 	25 Rejoice! After Mass today, place Baby Jesus in the manger and sing. "Hark the Herald Angels Sing!"	 <i>"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7).</i>				

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December 2023

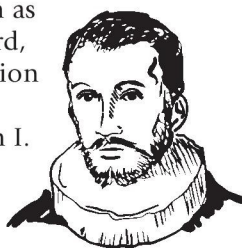
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Thoughtful Moments

St. Edmund Campion

St. Edmund Campion had a coveted position as lecturer at Oxford, and the admiration of his peers and Queen Elizabeth I. He renounced everything to become a Jesuit missionary. He traveled England secretly to administer the Sacraments to persecuted Catholics. He was betrayed by an informer pretending to be Catholic, and was taken to the Tower of London. He was martyred for refusing to deny his faith.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

At a time of great upheaval in Mexico (1531), Jesus' Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego with messages of hope, and conversions began occurring at an astounding rate. By 1539, almost nine million had converted. Mary is Jesus' first and best disciple to bring the message of hope and salvation.

"Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ"
(2 Corinthians 4:6).



Add peace to Advent this year

There is no denying that it may be more challenging to find peace and joy during Advent this year, given all that's happening around the world. Still, we know that the world isn't where we find our joy. Instead, try modeling your family celebration after the first Christmas to find more peace and joy this year.

Sweep the inn. Jesus chose lowly circumstances for His birth to encourage detachment from worldly goods. Together, choose clothing, gifts, and toys in good condition that you don't truly need and donate them to people who do. Then limit the number and value of gifts you give. This will free up attention and affection for

what really matters.

Select shepherds. Although the people watching the sheep in the fields that night weren't the most successful nor the most popular in town, God chose them to greet His newborn Son. Children benefit from healthy, loving company. Accept and extend only those holiday invitations that will provide precious, loving time together.

Ponder in your heart. When her remarkable Son was born, "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2:19) so she could savor the joy of each moment. Don't forget to savor time with your own remarkable family so that you can ponder every wonderful moment in your own heart.



Why Do Catholics Do That ?

"... And his name shall be called Emman'u-el' (which means, God with us)" (Matthew 1:23). Jesus is God and He came, not just to save us, but also to be with us. In fact, He promised, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20).

Why do Catholics call Jesus "Emmanuel"?



Jesus is invisibly but powerfully present with us now in the Church, the Scriptures, the souls of the faithful, the priest celebrating the Sacraments, prayer, and, most especially, in the Eucharist.

God is truly with us.

Make Christmas last ...

Christmas ends for some people when the stores are empty and the presents are unwrapped. For Catholics, the Christmas Season starts Christmas Day and ends January 8, The Baptism of the Lord. Let your Christmas joy last through the entire Season.

Stay decorated. Rejoice in the great mystery of the Incarnation. Displaying your manger scene until the end of the Season reminds your family of the deeper meaning of Christmas. Keep your Christmas lights up as a reminder that Jesus brought light to the darkness.



Host an Epiphany party. The Feast of Epiphany celebrates the visit of the Magi and their gifts to the Christ Child. Host a party featuring candlelight, wonderful food, Christmas carols and hymns, and people who are a blessing to your family.

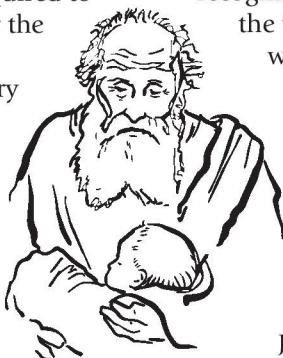
Make a visit. On that first Christmas, Jesus came to us and remains in the Eucharist. If you have days off from work and school, consider attending daily Mass or Adoration. Keeping company with the Christ Child is the gift that He desires from us.

Scripture LESSON

Luke 2:22-40, God fulfills His promises

Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews who did what their faith required to celebrate and thank God for the birth of their son. They couldn't afford the customary offering of a lamb, instead presenting two doves or pigeons. To the uninformed observer, Jesus' birth was unremarkable and His family quite ordinary.

Yet, Simeon immediately recognized Jesus as the Messiah. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, he prophesied that Jesus would be *"a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel"* (Luke 2:32).



Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord's presence in the temple. Anna was also filled with the Holy Spirit and gave thanks to God. Her faith in God's promises gave her hope. The hope God places in our hearts gives us a desire for the kingdom of heaven.

What can a parent do?
Teach children to look for Jesus in the world and to pray to Him often. Tell them the Holy Spirit will reveal the presence of the Lord to those who want to know Him, receive Him, and to be with Him forever.

Parent TALK

I lost my job during the pandemic and fortunately got another one, but at a much lower pay rate. I am grateful that my new job allows us to pay the important bills and even save some, but it doesn't allow for extras. As Christmas



approached last year, we explained to the children that there were going to be fewer gifts under the tree and why, and asked them to pare down their Christmas lists.

The girls spent a lot of time going over their requests, but they didn't seem to be upset. One night at dinner, they handed their lists to me and each one had just three gift requests. Chris explained that if three gifts were good enough for Jesus, three gifts were good enough for us. What they really wanted was family time. We agreed. And Christmas turned out to be a joyful, blessed celebration of Love.

Feasts & Celebrations

December 3 - First Sunday in Advent. We anticipate Christ's birth and His second coming on the last day. Catholics everywhere light candles in an Advent wreath to signal the coming of the light of Christ.

December 9 - St. Juan Diego (1548). St. Juan Diego was visited by Our Lady at Tepeyac Hill, Mexico. She requested a chapel be built and sent him with roses to the bishop as a sign. When St. Juan emptied the roses before the bishop, his cloak (tilma) retained the miraculous image of the Blessed Mother.

December 17 - St. Olympias (408). Born to a wealthy family in Constantinople, this holy widow devoted her large fortune to caring for the poor and supporting her friend, St. John Chrysostom, in his work.

December 31 - The Holy Family (1st century). We celebrate the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - three people who lived for God. By their love and support of one another the Holy Family is a model for all Christian families.



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Compañeros en la fe

Diciembre de 2023

Ayudando a nuestros hijos a crecer en la fe católica

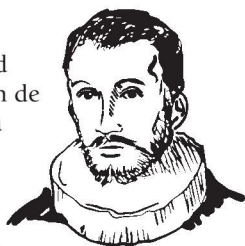
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Momentos para pensar

San Edmundo Campion

San Edmundo Campion gozaba de una envidiable posición como docente en Oxford y de la admiración de sus colegas y de la reina Isabel I. Renunció a todo para hacerse misionero jesuita. Viajó en secreto por Inglaterra para administrar los sacramentos a los perseguidos católicos. Fue traicionado por un espía que fingía ser católico y encarcelado en la Torre de Londres. Fue martirizado por negarse a renunciar a su fe.



Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

En tiempos de gran agitación en México (1531), la madre de Jesús se le apareció a san Juan Diego con mensajes de esperanza y se empezaron a producir conversiones en cantidades asombrosas. Para el año 1539, se habían convertido casi nueve millones de personas. María es la primera y la mejor discípula de Jesús para comunicar el mensaje de esperanza y salvación.

"Porque el mismo Dios que dijo: 'Brille la luz en medio de las tinieblas', es el que hizo brillar su luz en nuestros corazones para que resplandezca el conocimiento de la gloria de Dios, reflejada en el rostro de Cristo" (2 Corintios 4:6).



Añadan paz al Adviento este año

No se puede negar que este año va a ser más complejo que nunca encontrar paz y júbilo durante el Adviento, teniendo en cuenta lo que está sucediendo en el mundo. Pero sabemos que no es en el mundo donde encontramos nuestro júbilo. Procuren seguir el ejemplo de la primera Navidad en su celebración familiar a fin de encontrar más paz y júbilo este año.

Barran la posada. Jesús eligió circunstancias humildes para su nacimiento a fin de estimular nuestro desapego de las cosas del mundo. Elijan juntos ropa, regalos y juguetes en buenas condiciones que no necesiten y donen todo eso a gente que sí lo necesita. Luego limiten el número y el valor de los regalos que

hagan. Esto liberará su atención y su afecto por lo que de verdad importa.

Elijan los pastores. Aunque las personas que cuidaban de las ovejas en los campos esa noche no eran ni las más afortunadas ni las más populares del pueblo, Dios las eligió para que dieran la bienvenida a su hijo recién nacido. Los niños se benefician de la compañía sana y cariñosa. Acepten y extiendan invitaciones estas fiestas sólo a personas con las que pasen tiempo lleno de cariño y de amor.

Mediten en su corazón.

Cuando nació su excepcional hijo, *"María, por su parte, guardaba todas estas cosas y las meditaba en su corazón"* (Lucas 2:19) para poder disfrutar la alegría de cada momento. No se olviden de disfrutar el tiempo con su propia excepcional familia para poder meditar cada maravilloso momento en su propio corazón.



¿Por qué hacen eso los católicos?

¿Por qué llaman los católicos Emmanuel a Jesús?

"... Y le pondrán por nombre Emmanuel, que significa Dios con nosotros" (Mateo 1:23). Jesús es Dios y vino no sólo para salvarnos, sino también para estar con nosotros. De hecho prometió: "Yo estoy con ustedes todos los días" (Mateo 28:20). Jesús está presente con



nosotros de forma invisible pero poderosa en la Iglesia, en la Sagrada Escritura, en las almas de los fieles, en el sacerdote que celebra los sacramentos, en la oración y, muy especialmente, en la Eucaristía. Dios está verdaderamente con nosotros.

Prolonguen la Navidad...

Para algunos, la Navidad termina cuando las tiendas se vacían y se abren los regalos. Para los católicos, el tiempo litúrgico de Navidad empieza el día de Navidad y termina el 8 de enero, con el Bautismo del Señor. Procuren que el júbilo de la Navidad dure todo este tiempo.

Guarden los adornos. Regocijense en el gran misterio de la Encarnación. Conservar el belén hasta el final del tiempo litúrgico le recuerda a su familia el significado profundo de la Navidad. Enciendan las luces de Navidad para recordar que Jesús llevó luz a la oscuridad.



Celebren una fiesta de Epifanía. La festividad de la Epifanía celebra la visita de los Magos y sus regalos al Niño Dios. Den una fiesta con velas, comida deliciosa, villancicos e himnos y las personas que sean una bendición para su familia.

Hagan una visita. Jesús vino a nosotros esa primera Navidad y permanece en la Eucaristía. Si tienen días de vacaciones en el trabajo y la escuela, procuren ir a misa diaria o a la Adoración. El regalo que desea el Niño Dios es que le hagamos compañía.

Lecciones de las Escrituras

Lucas 2:22-40, Dios cumple sus promesas

María y José eran fieles judíos que hicieron lo que su fe exigía para celebrar el nacimiento de su hijo y agradecerlo a Dios. Como no podían permitirse la habitual ofrenda de un cordero, ofrecieron en su lugar dos tórtolas o pichones. Contemplado desde fuera, el nacimiento de Jesús era común y corriente y su familia completamente normal.

Sin embargo Simeón reconoció inmediatamente a Jesús como el Mesías. Inspirado por el Espíritu Santo, profetizó que Jesús sería *"luz para iluminar a las gentes y gloria de tu pueblo Israel"* (Lucas 2:32).



Simeón no fue el único que reconoció la presencia de Jesús en el templo. También Ana fue inspirada por el Espíritu Santo y dio gracias a Dios. Su fe en las promesas de Dios le dio esperanza. La esperanza que Dios pone en nuestros corazones nos inspira el deseo por el reino de los cielos.

¿Qué pueden hacer los padres? Enseñen a sus hijos a que busquen a Jesús en el mundo y le recen con frecuencia.

Díganles que el Espíritu Santo revelará la presencia del Señor a quienes quieran conocerlo, recibirlo y estar con él para siempre.

Hablan los padres

Perdí mi trabajo durante la pandemia y por suerte encontré otro, aunque pagaba mucho menos. Agradezco que mi nuevo trabajo nos permita pagar las facturas importantes e incluso ahorrar un poquito, pero no nos queda para extras.



Al acercarse la Navidad el año pasado, les explicamos a nuestras hijas que habría menos regalos bajo el árbol y les pedimos que recortaran sus listas de regalos navideños.

Las niñas pasaron mucho tiempo repasando sus peticiones, pero no parecían disgustadas. Una noche durante la cena, me entregaron sus listas y cada una pedía sólo tres regalos. Chris explicó que si Jesús tuvo bastante con tres regalos, nosotros teníamos bastante con tres regalos. Lo que realmente querían era tiempo en familia. Todos estábamos de acuerdo. Y la Navidad resultó una alegre y dichosa celebración del Amor.

Fiestas y celebraciones

3 de diciembre – Primer domingo de Adviento. Anticipamos el nacimiento de Cristo y su segunda venida al final de los tiempos. Los católicos de todo el mundo encienden velas en una corona de Adviento para indicar la venida de la luz de Cristo.

9 de diciembre – San Juan Diego (1548). San Juan Diego recibió la visita de Nuestra Señora en el cerro del Tepeyac, México. Nuestra Señora le pidió que construyera una capilla y lo mandó al obispo con rosas como prueba. Cuando san Juan puso las rosas ante el obispo, su manto (tilma) retuvo la imagen milagrosa

de la Santísima Virgen.

17 de diciembre – Santa Olimpia (408). Nacida en el seno de una familia rica en Constantinopla, esta santa viuda dedicó su amplia fortuna al cuidado de los pobres y apoyó la obra de su amigo san Juan Crisóstomo.

31 de diciembre – La Sagrada Familia (siglo I). Celebramos la vida familiar de Jesús, María y José, tres personas que vivieron para Dios. Por su amor y su apoyo mutuo, la Sagrada Familia es el modelo para todas las familias cristianas.



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