

WHY AND HOW DO CATHOLICS CELEBRATE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS?			
	Week 9 – Advent Nov. 29 – Dec. 5	Week 10 – Chrismass Dec. 6 – 12	Week 12 – Epiphany Jan. 3 – 9
Sunday <i>Honor the Lord and attend Mass</i>	B.O.W. with your family <u>Sunday Gospel (readings)</u> <u>MK 13:33-37 (audio)</u>	B.O.W. with your family <u>Sunday Gospel (readings)</u> <u>Matthew 25:14-30(audio)</u>	B.O.W. with your family <u>Sunday Gospel (readings)</u> <u>Matthew 25:14-30</u>
Memorization Verse	Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. [PS 85:8]	Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the salvation of God. [LK 3:4, 6]	We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. [Mt 2:2]
Monday <i>In today's prayers say a prayer for the World</i>	Work on your Advent Wreath. Use the instructions and resources given to you in your packet. Practice the Posada Song attached in this email and posted on the website.	Light the 2 nd candle of the Advent Wreath you made last week. Continue working on the song you would like to present to Baby Jesus as a gift (on His birthday- 12/24.)	Learn more about Epiphany. <u>https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/epiphany.shtml</u>
Tuesday <i>In today's prayers say a prayer for the country</i>	Practice the Posada Song attached in this email and posted on the website.	Prepare to share your song to us on Wednesday session. Even those who will attend virtually.	Share with someone from school or family members somethin new you learned about Epiphany.
	DON'T FORGET to say your BG2B prayers - Try to finish memorizing a new prayer from your prayer keys/cards.		
Wednesday <i>In today's prayers say a prayer for a neighbor / or neighborhood</i>	Attend Faith Formation Session On site on this day. Dress up as a Mary and Joseph (old rags work perfectly for a costume for Mary and Joseph.) If you have more than 2 family members attending the in-person session, dress the others as shepherds or sheep (even a donkey.)	Attend Faith Formation Session - On site on this day.	Attend Faith Formation Session Use the chalk that has been blessed by Father Dwight and follow the instructions of the Epiphany sheet provided to you in your packet and posted on the website. Eat a king's cake.
Thursday <i>In today's prayers say a prayer for Friends/ family</i>	Work on a song (alone, with your siblings or as an entire family) you would like to present to Baby Jesus as a gift (on His birthday- 12/24.)	From this day on until the day of Christmas, try to do all Corporal Works of Mercy. For ideas to execute these works go to USCCB <u>https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/jubilee-of-mercy/the-corporal-works-of-mercy</u>	Be a Magi and prepare a care packet for an expecting mother and visit (in any possible way in these days of pandemic) her to drop the packet.
Friday <i>In today's prayers say a prayer for yourself</i>	Continue working on the song you would like to present to Baby Jesus as a gift (on His birthday- 12/24.)		Pray a rosary for expecting mothers so that their babies may be born healthy and that they come to a home full of love.
Saturday <i>In today's prayers say a prayer for a Church Leader</i>	Continue working on the song you would like to present to Baby Jesus as a gift (on His birthday- 12/24.)	On Saturday, learn about Our Lady of Guadalupe [OLG] and color the OLG Coloring Sheet posted on the website.	Pray at least a mystery of the rosary for all unborn babies. And for all mothers who decided not to have their babies so they may seek and find spiritual healing and forgiveness.

Remember to take pictures of your work, dressing up as Mary and Joseph; Working on the Spiritual Works of Mercy; Tracing your door posts with chalk on epiphany day [1/6/2021]; Preparing the Care packets for pregnant women and your visit with them.

Learning Targets

The following learning targets will help you answer the EQ for weeks 9, 10, 12

Why and how do Catholics celebrate Advent and Christmas?

EARLY CHILDHOOD [PRE-K AND KINDER]

- Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
- Catholics sing different songs during the year.
- God chose Mary to be the Mother of Jesus.
- Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birth.
- Jesus is called Emmanuel (God with us).
- When Jesus was born, Jesus, Mary and Joseph became known as the Holy Family.
- Mary and Joseph said yes to God's call.
- The Church year celebrates the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum, Easter, Ordinary Time and special feasts of Jesus Christ, Mary and the saints.
- There are prayers, songs and customs for the different seasons of the Church.

ELEMENTARY [1-3RD GRADE]

- Jesus is God's Son and Mary's Son.
- Jesus was born in Bethlehem, grew up in Nazareth, preached and performed miracles, was killed, rose from the dead, and ascended to heaven.
- The liturgical year is divided into various seasons, each of which has a special focus and meaning and is associated with a particular color.
- Mary's prayer of "yes" was one way she showed her love for God.
- The Holy Family is a model for families.
- Jesus was sent by God the Father.
- Mary is the Mother of God.
- Jesus had a human family.
- Jesus came to save everyone.
- Advent is the first season of the liturgical year in the Church; the time of preparation for the second coming of Jesus. The color for the season is purple.
- Because God and God's name is holy and deserves respect, it is a sin to speak about God, Jesus, the Virgin Mary, or any of the saints in a way that is angry, hurtful, or disrespectful.
- Jesus was born a Jew.
- The liturgical year moves through the seasons in the following order: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time.
- During the liturgical season of Christmas the Church celebrates Jesus' birth. He is the Son of God, the Light of the World, who offers light and goodness in place of darkness and sin.

ELEMENTARY [4TH-6TH GRADE]

- Each liturgical season focuses on a different part of the Paschal Mystery.
- Mary conceived Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- The entire Paschal Mystery is unfolded through the various seasons of the liturgical year.
- During Ordinary Time of the liturgical year, the readings of the Mass focus on the events of Jesus' life between the Incarnation and Resurrection.