

December 17-18, 2022 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

AVE MARIA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

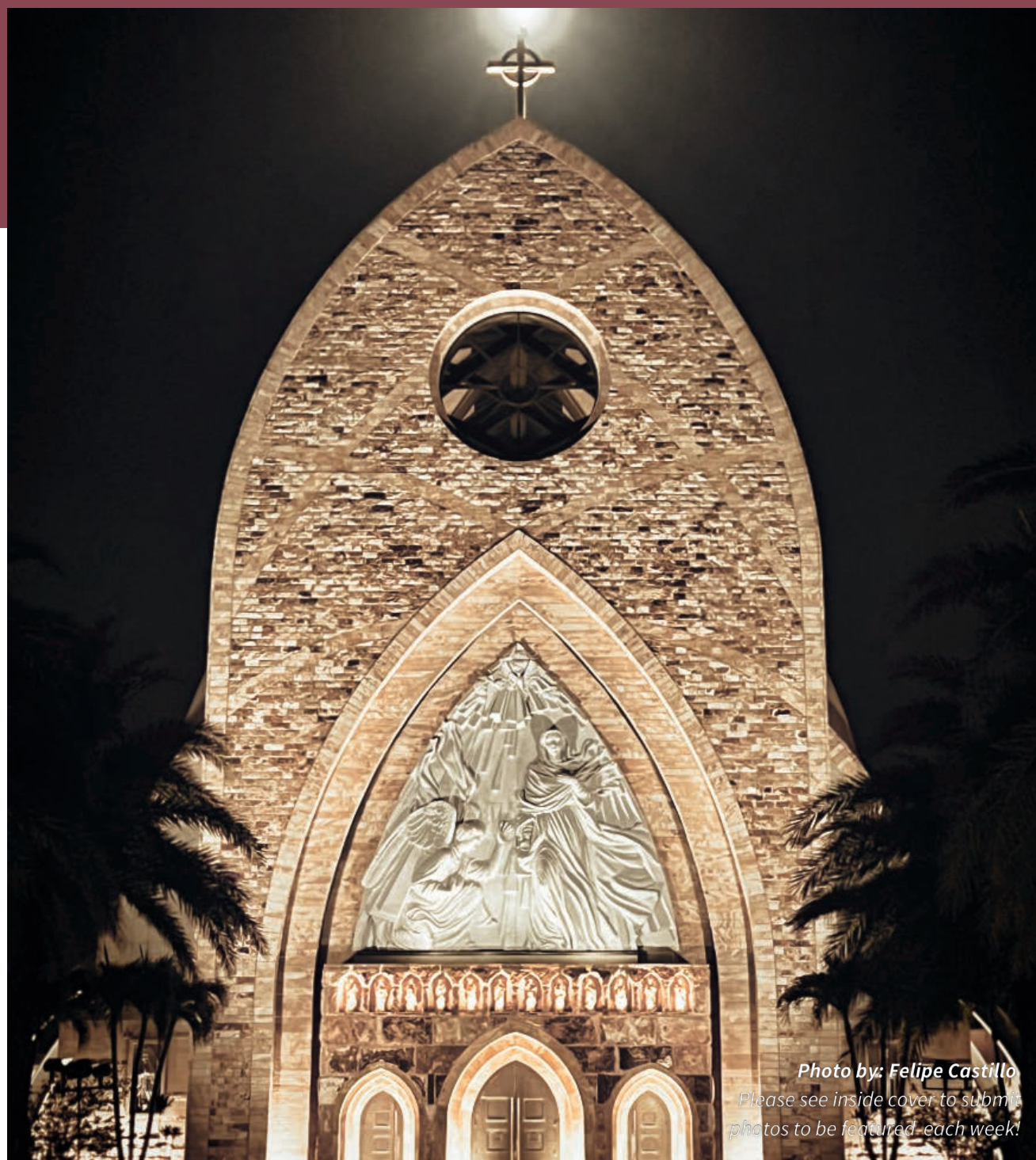


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Weekly Reflection



Each year, the Church invites us through her liturgy to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord. Advent signifies a time of preparation and expectation, not just as a remembrance of what happened more than two thousand years ago, but also as a preparation for the coming of Jesus. During Advent, the Church invites us to meditate on the three comings of Jesus.

In the first coming, Jesus took our flesh and our weakness. He was seen on earth and dwelt among us, as we pray in the angelus. In this first coming, Jesus came as our Savior and Redeemer, to destroy sin and death with his passion, death, and resurrection.

In the third and final coming, Jesus will appear again, but now in his glory and majesty. He will come as the judge of the living and the dead. And he will give the reward of eternal life to those who accepted his grace, and he will give a judgment of condemnation to those who rejected it.

Now between these two comings of our Lord, the humble one in Bethlehem, and the glorious one of the Last Judgement, Jesus also comes. In a particular way, He comes through the sacraments of the Church. He comes to wash away our sins, restore gladness, and nourish our souls.

Let us accept Jesus's grace through a worthy reception of the sacraments, then we will remember with joy his coming at Bethlehem and expect with great desires his final and triumphant coming.

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Request for Photos

Do you enjoy taking photos of our beautiful Church? Please share them with us! Send your photos to **Media@AveMariaParish.org** and be featured on the cover of the bulletin. We will of course offer recognition for your beautiful work!

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



Sat. December 17

- 9:00am + Daniel Bonham
- 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm + Elizabeth Glenn
- 7:00pm (SP) + Bernardo Serna

Sun. December 18

- 8:00am The Parish Community
- 10:00am + Beth Glenn
- 12:30pm (EF) + Betty & Alan Fricke
- 7:30pm + Debbie Shaughnessy

Mon. December 19

- 7:30am + Daniel Bonham
- 12:00pm + Rafael Pagan
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Emily & Weston Scialabba

Tues. December 20

- 7:30 am (EF) + Duska Anne Meister Waite
- 12:00pm + Connie Kelley
- 5:00pm + John Barrett

Wed. December 21

- 7:30am + Daniel Bonham
- 12:00pm + Gerald Boulanger
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Joseph Argenzia

Thur. December 22

- 7:30 am (EF) Michael & Sarah Marchetta
- 12:00 pm + Nita Apang
- 5:00pm Heather Meyer

Fri. December 23

- 7:30am + Mirta Urizarri
- 12:00pm + Kathleen B. Smith
- 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Nita Apang
- 6:30pm-7:30pm Holy Hour & Confessions

Sat. December 24

- 9:00am + Deacon Larry Casey
- 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm Respect Life Novena
- 12:00 am Deacon John Jarvis

Sun. December 25

- 10:00am The Parish Community
- 12:30pm (EF) Bishop Frank Dewane
- 5:00 pm (SP) The Parish Community

Color Key for Priests

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|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| ● Fr. David Vidal | ● Fr. Romanus Cessario | ● Fr. Joseph Lugalambi | ● FSSP |
| ● Fr. John Andem | ● Fr. Rick Martignetti | ● Fr. Anbu | ● Fr. Bob Garrity |
| | ● Fr. Richard Bondi | ● Fr. Guy Mansini | |

Contact the Parish Office for Mass Intentions. Contacte a la Oficina Parroquial para Intenciones de Misa

PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Baptism

- December 3, 2022
 - James Christopher Bruce
- December 4, 2022
 - Michael Joseph Pogasic
- December 8, 2022
 - Malachy Joshua Harte
- December 10, 2022
 - Leo Loughry

Holy Matrimony

Marriage is a union of love and a response to God's call to holiness. The love of husband and wife becomes the symbol of God's love on earth.

*Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior. Must be registered parishioner & been attending Mass for 3 months.

Anointing of the Sick

The primary effect of this Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick receive peace and courage to deal with the difficulties of illnesses or frailty.

*Contact the parish office for scheduling a visit to the sick. For an emergency, call 239.261.5555 and follow the instructions.



Prayer of the Week:

ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

Oración de la Semana:

ORACIÓN DE NAVIDAD DE SAN ANDRÉS

Alabada y bendita sean la hora y el momento en el que el Hijo de Dios nació de la más pura virgen María, a medianoche, en Belén, en el frío penetrante. En esa hora, dignante, Dios mío, de escuchar mi oración y conceder mis deseos, por los méritos de Nuestro Salvador Jesucristo y de su Santísima Madre. Amén.

PARISH LIFE



December 25

Merry Christmas!

See Schedule of Masses



January 14

Parish Men's Retreat
SAVE THE DATE

7:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Church & AMU Ballroom



January 21

Ave Maria Pro-Life
March

Evening Event
Ave Maria Church & AMU



February 25

Youth Choral Festival
& Mass

4:00 - 6:00 PM
Ave Maria Church

Christmas & New Year Schedule



Nativity Play

Sat. Dec. 24:

3 PM Nativity Play
In Front of the Church



Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord

Sat. Dec. 24: 5 PM (Eve Mass) 12:00 AM
(Midnight Mass)

Sun. Dec. 25: 10 AM, 12:30 PM (EF High
Mass), 5 PM (Spanish)



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sat. Dec. 31: 5 PM (Eve Mass)

Sun. Jan. 1: 10 AM, 12:30 PM (EF),
5 PM (Spanish)

SAVE *The* DATE

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Hometown Heroes
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BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF FAITH TOGETHER
Honoring "Faith and Deacon John Jarvis"

FEBRUARY 4, 2023

VINEYARDS COUNTRY CLUB

400 Vineyards Blvd.
Naples, FL 34119

Cocktails: 5 pm | Dinner 6:30 pm

INDIVIDUAL TICKET:

\$175

For more information:

239.867.4900 | www.avemariaparish.org

PARISH STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

COLLECTION SUMMARY

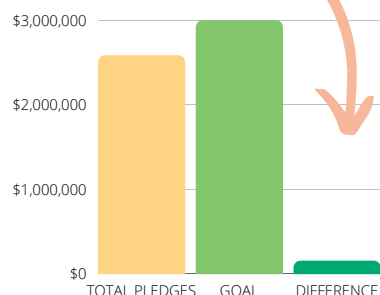
● 12/3 & 12/4 Total	\$25,363	● Weekly Budget*	\$18,943
Donations to CFA 2022	\$60,735	CFA Goal	\$210,000
Pledges Collected to Date	\$2,205,363	Campaign Victory Goal	\$3,000,000
Total Campaign Pledges	\$2,842,476	*Does not include the maintenance of the parish debt	



only

\$157,524

TO GO!



Parish Capital Campaign

The ***Our House, His Home, Our Children's Future*** is underway and your gift is vital for our success. Thanks to the generosity of 220 donors, \$1,364,805 was raised, during our renewed efforts, bringing the total of pledges to \$2,842,476. However, we need your help to reach our **goal of \$3,000,000** to help reduce our debt and fund necessary improvements.

Please, join us in supporting ***Our House, His Home, Our Children's Future*** to secure the financial future of our growing parish community.



Tax Smart Giving

IRA - REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION

This is the time of year that many of us are receiving the Notice of Required Minimum Distribution from our IRA Administrators. Did you know that you can direct your Required Minimum Distribution to Ave Maria Catholic Church and avoid increasing your taxable income by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution?

You can request your IRA Administrator to send a check payable to Ave Maria Catholic Church or any other qualified charity to satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution. Donations made to reduce debt help the Parish by decreasing the interest payments due on the debt, thereby freeing up Parish funds for ministry. Please check with your professional advisors for more information on this beneficial giving option.

For more information, contact Beatrice Sanford at (239) 867-4900 or email at giftplanning@avemariaparish.org

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

From A to Z, Ways to Grow and Serve

Religious Education

CHRISTMAS RECESS

Faith Formation Holiday Class Schedule:
We want to wish all the Ave Maria families a blessed and holy holiday season. Thank you for your continued support and prayers into the New Year.

The Faith Formation Holiday Class schedule:

- **Sunday Faith Formation Classes:** No classes on December 25th and January 1st. Classes resume on January 8th.
- **Youth Ministry “DTS”:** No sessions on December 25th and January 1st. Sessions resume on January 8th.
- **Children’s Eucharistic Adoration:** No session on December 26th. Adoration resumes on January 2nd.
- **2nd Year Confirmation Preparation (Wednesday Classes):** No classes on December 21st and December 28th. Classes resume on January 4th.
- **RCIA:** No sessions on December 21st and December 28th. Sessions resume on January 4th.
- **Adult Formation:** No classes on December 23rd and December 30th. Classes resume on January 6th.
- **St. Margaret Castello Sacramental Development:** No classes December 16th, 23rd, or 30th. Classes resume on January 6th.

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.” -Colossians 3:15



Children's Holy Hour

Monday, December 19
6:30 - 7:30 PM | Church
Becky Hampton
Becky.H@avemariaparish.org



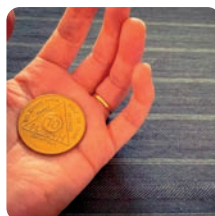
Legion of Mary

Monday, December 19
6:30 - 8:00 PM | Parish Conf. Room
Bill Bradt
bradtbill@aol.com



American Heritage Girls

Thursday, December 22
3:30 - 6:30 PM | Parish Hall
Alicia Ritter
alicia.ritter@ymail.com



AA Group

Thursday, December 22
6:45 - 8:15 PM | Parish Hall
Daniel Linton
dlinton58@gmail.com

Our Lady of Guadalupe

SUNDAY CELEBRATION & MAÑANITAS -- THANK YOU!!!



IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE AVE MARÍA

Información para nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión Semanal



Cada año, la Iglesia nos invita a través de la liturgia a prepararnos para la venida del Señor. El Adviento significa un tiempo de preparación y expectación, no sólo como un recuerdo de lo que sucedió hace más de dos mil años, sino también como una preparación para su venida. Durante el Adviento, la Iglesia nos invita a meditar sobre las tres venidas de Jesús. En la primera venida, Jesús tomó nuestra carne y nuestra debilidad. El fue visto en la tierra y moró entre nosotros, como lo rezamos en el Angelus. En su primera venida, Jesús vino como nuestro Salvador y Redentor para destruir el pecado y la muerte eterna con su pasión, muerte, y resurrección.

En la tercera y última venida, Jesús aparecerá nuevamente, pero ahora en su gloria y majestad. El vendrá como juez de los vivos y muertos. Y el dará el premio de la vida eterna a aquellos que aceptaron su gracia, y dará un juicio de condenación a aquellos que la rechazaron.

Ahora, entre estas dos venidas, entre su humilde venida en Belén y la gloriosa venida en el día del juicio final, Jesús viene a nosotros. De un modo particular, el viene por medio de los sacramentos de la Iglesia. El viene para lavar nuestros pecados, restaurar nuestra alegría, y alimentar nuestras almas.

Aceptemos la gracia de nuestro Señor Jesús por medio de una recepción digna de los sacramentos. Entonces recordaremos con alegría su primera venida en Belén, y esperaremos con grandes deseos su última venida triunfante y final.

Domingos a las 5:00PM

AVE MARIA CHURCH - MISA EN ESPAÑOL

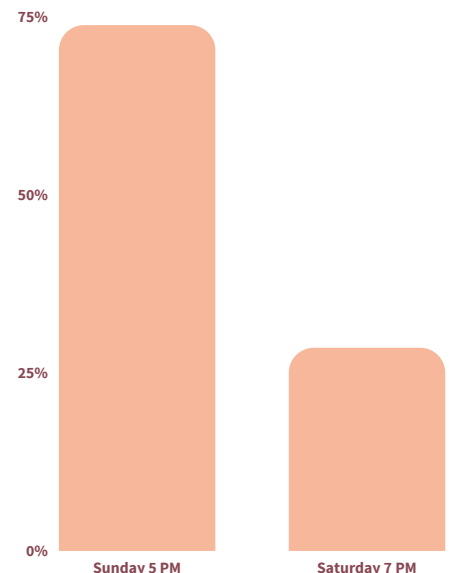
Quisiéramos hacerles conocer los números finales de nuestra encuesta por el cambio de día y horario de la Misa en español en nuestra parroquia.

- 141 personas manifestaron que preferían la Misa los domingos a las 5:00 PM (73.8%).
- 50 personas dijeron que preferían el sábado a las 7:00 PM (26.2%).

Luego de escuchar esta consulta y evaluar las conveniencias del cambio, **la Misa en español comenzará a ser celebrada en nuestra parroquia los domingos a las 5:00 PM a partir del domingo 25 de diciembre.** Agradecemos a todos los que han participado en la encuesta.

Starting on Sunday, December 25th, the Mass in Spanish will be celebrated on Sundays at 5:00 PM. Thank you for your participation in the parish survey.

Spanish Mass Schedule Preferences
(Final Numbers)



Ave Maria University Events

December 18

Museum Hours

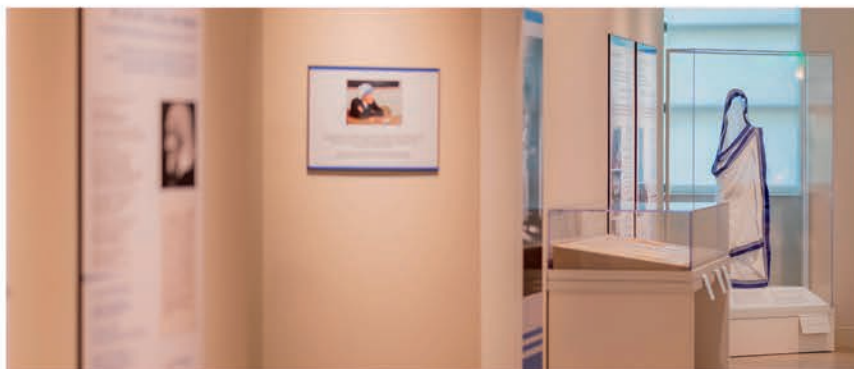
Mother Teresa Museum

Thomas and Selby Prince Building

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Monday - Saturday

Hours are subject to change.

James.Stella@avemaria.edu or 239-304-7954



Fr. Rick

Advent Reflection

Advent is a time of prayerfully waiting on the Lord. It's a time to reflect on our lives and honestly ask what needs to go, in order to make more space for the coming of Jesus Christ. Our souls are like the stable where Jesus was born; they should be simple, welcoming, and peaceful. Each straw of hay for the manger that will hold our young King is to be warmed through the breath of our prayer from the heart.

May the Lord give you a blessed Advent season and joyful Christmas!



THE Catholic Theology SHOW

a podcast with Dr. Michael Dauphinais

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DONAHUE ACADEMY

Ave Maria Parish's PK-12 Catholic, Classical School

Donahue Academy's Football Achievements

HARD WORK PAYS OFF!

The Sunshine State Athletic Conference has announced its All State 8-Man Football Team. There are 32 teams and coaches voted for the athletes from each team nominated by their respective head coach. Donahue Academy of Ave Maria is proud to announce the following as receiving recognition: Michael Buccheri, Isaiah Loboda, Sam Schneider, Jacob Gordon, Aiden Minter, Tommy Patterson, Noah Gordon, and Leo Cantwell.

Additionally, our very own Deacon Kinnick was named Coach of the Year for the 2022 Season. His hard work and dedication to our parish school's athletes is inspirational!

Donahue Academy finished the season as the Gulf Coast Champions, finishing as the State Runner-Up against Shorecrest Prep of St. Petersburg.



Interdisciplinary Malthus Project

COMBINING HUMANITIES, THEOLOGY, MATH AND SCIENCE!

Our parish school's 11th grade class recently completed an intensive presentation session on the "Dangerous Legacy of the Thought of Thomas Malthus." This work challenged the students to combine their knowledge of mathematics, science, humanities, and theology to explore perhaps the most infamously abused misapplication of mathematical modeling to real-world phenomena. The study culminated with an essay and presentation that adumbrated the challenge of our Senior Theses, simply on a smaller scale.

The junior class presented their completed work in the Ave Maria University lecture hall over four consecutive evenings, demonstrating the truly distinctive way in which Donahue Academy students are formed and educated in integrating disciplines, the richness of a classical education, and the importance of the ways in which the Catholic Church must confront modernity.

News / Events



Christmas Break

Dec. 19, 2022 - Jan. 3, 2023



Acceptance of Applications to The Donahue Academy

Until Jan. 15, 2023



Assessments & Interviews

January 15 through March 15

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," (Mk 10:14)

A Visit With Jesus

Last week we learned some amazing facts about Our Lady of Guadalupe from Diego, one of the CK101 Kids from the website: Catholic Kids 101. Now we'll learn from another CK101 Kid, Nicholas. He begins:

"Don't you just love Christmas? It's my favorite time of the year! After all, my name *is* Nicholas...

...I know you know that Christmas is the birthday of Jesus *and* you know that Jesus really and truly comes to us at every Mass in the Holy Eucharist. Now look at the words: **MERRY CHRISTMAS**. Do you know what those two words mean? Of course, "MERRY" means joyful or happy. "CHRISTMAS" comes from an old English phrase 'Cristes Maesse' which means 'Mass of Christ.'

CHRISTMAS = CHRIST'S MASS!

Christmas is a Catholic word that means the Holy Mass where Jesus comes to us!"

Wow! Nicholas has more to share about Christmas, like who gave us the Christmas tree, and a whole lot of other wonderful things about Jesus. So be sure to visit his CK101 page with your mom or dad.

One of the best ways we can grow in our love for Jesus is to come to Church often and make our visits with Him. Every Monday night from 6:30-7:30pm we have our guided Children's Holy Hour with Mrs. Hampton and myself, including Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament with our pastor, Fr. Vidal, and Ave's finest altar servers. See you Monday!

Mrs. Prather

CatholicKids101.com

"We are kids telling kids about Jesus!"



The Garden of My Heart

The flowers I will make in "the garden of my heart" for Jesus this week are big **RED CARNATIONS**.

I will make them by looking for ways to help my dad and listening carefully to what he says!

"Dear Jesus, when You were a child like me, You loved helping good St. Joseph in the carpenter shop. You were *always* ready and eager to learn from him! Each time I lend a helping hand to my dad and pay close attention to what he says, I will be making beautiful big RED CARNATIONS in the 'garden of my heart' for You.

I hope You like my big red carnations, Jesus! They are very important flowers to make.

*"Listen, my children, to a father's instruction;
pay attention and gain understanding."*

Proverbs 4:1



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