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St. Philip Parent Catechesis '25-'26



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Let us pray

Dear Lord, thank you for our time together.

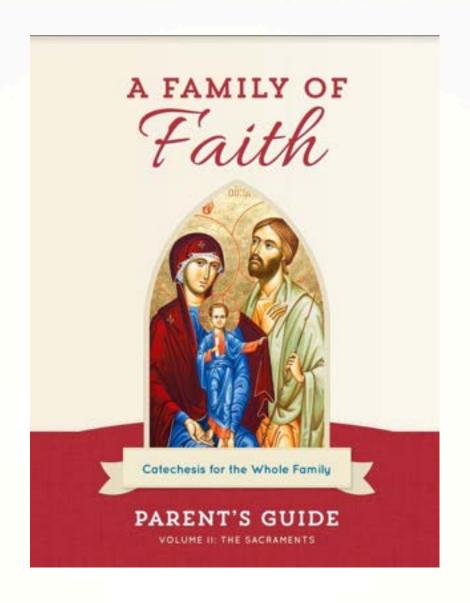
Thank you for the outpouring of grace that you sent the Apostles at Pentecost and that you continue to offer us in the Sacrament of Confirmation. You told us many times in the Bible not to be afraid. All of us, and especially the young people in our families, need your help to be holy in this world. Please help us always to do good and to avoid evil, to hold our faith as a shield, and to do your will even if we feel afraid. We know we do not need to be afraid, because you have already won the battle for us.

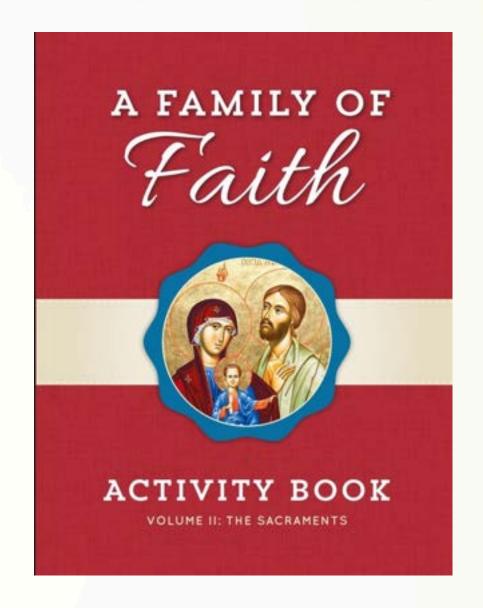
Bless all our families and fill us each with Your Holy Spirit. Amen.



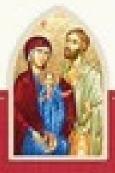
Books for the year

Volume II:
The Sacraments





- ONE Parent Guide per family
- ONE Activity Book per child Kindergarten 5th Grade
- See Maria Herrera in the church education office to get your copy or send her an email to at mherrera@stphilipfranklin.com

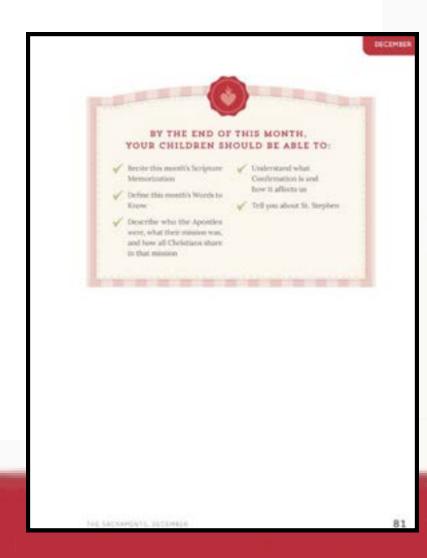


Monthly Objectives

BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, YOUR CHILDREN SHOULD BE ABLE TO:

- Define this month's Words to know.
 - Parent's Guide: Page 88
 - ☐ Activity Book: Page 53
- Describe who the Apostles were, what their mission was, and how all Christians share in that mission.
 - ☐ Parent's Guide: Pages 89-95
 - ☐ Activity Book: Pages 41-42
 - (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 95), 45, 46-47 (Answers in Parent's Guide: Page 100)
- Understand what Confirmation is and how it affects us.
 - Parent's Guide: Pages 96- 104
 - □ Activity Book: Pages 43-44, 48, 49
- ☐ Tell you about St. Stephen.
 - ☐ Parent's Guide: Pages 105-106
 - □ Activity Book: Pages 51- 52





Monthly Pacing Guide

	Weekly Teaching for Parents	
Week 1	 □ Introduce Words to Know: Parents discuss words to know with their children on Parent Guide pages 88. Teach their children what the words mean. □ Understand Words to Know: By the end of the week, the children should know how to explain and define the words to know. □ Get to know St Stephen Parents and children should read the brief biography of Saint Stephen on Parent Guide pages 105-106 □ Learn Scripture Verse: Begin reciting daily the Scripture verse for the month. "Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit" (Acts 8:17) 	
Week 2	 □ Parent and Child Activities: Parents should choose one or more activities on the Confirmation in the Parents Guide pages 89-104, lead the children through this activity. □ Learning Goal for the Week: The child should understand that - □ Confirmation places an indelible mark on our souls □ Confirmation is prefigured in the Old Testament anointing of priests and kings □ Confirmation increases the gifts of the holy Spirit in us, and gives us special strength to spread and defend the faith 	
Week 3	☐ Your Catholic Home: This month, add books of spiritual reading to your prayer space. Daily meditations are usually short and digestible, making it easy to commit to reading one meditation a day. Depending on the books you choose each family member could read them independently, or you could read aloud from one book every evening or before leaving the house each morning. Be sure to share with each other the new understanding you have received from God through spiritual reading!	



We learned last month that all Christians have the same mission as the Apostles by virtue of our Baptisms: to evangelize.

What help does God give us in this mission?



Lesson 5: Confirmation

pgs. 87-106 in the Parent Guide (Only Lesson this Month)



Lesson Activities & Key Concepts



LESSON 5

CONFIRMATION



Activities and Key Concepts

Activities you will do Key concepts the Recommended with your children activity will teach age and time

Marking something Confirmation places an Ages: All ages as Our Own indelible mark on our Time: 10 minutes Family discussion souls.

 Confirmation
 Old Testament priests and Prefigured
 Ages: All ages All age

What Is Confirmation increases Agest All ages
Confirmation? the gifts of the Holy Spirit Time: 10 minutes
Reading and within the person and
discussion gives the person special
strength to live out the
Christian mission.

Ascension and When we are confirmed, Ages: Ages 5-8

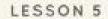
Pentecost we receive an outpouring Time: 5 minutes

Scripture reading of the Holy Spirit like and creative activity the Apostles received at

Gifts of the Holy Confirmation increases Ages: Ages 8 and up in us the gifts of the Holy Time: 5 minutes
Family discussion Spirit

I Belong to Jesus Review of the rite of Ages: All ages
Grace person Confirmation. Time: 5 minutes
activity

Words to Know



WORDS TO KNOW

The Words to Know are words that you and your children should know and understand at the end of this month. Use your best judgment about which words to expect each of your children to learn. For older children, you may want to have them create flashcards to help them remember what they have learned.

Anoint	To rub something with holy oil.
Apostle	One of the twelve men chosen by Jesus to be the first priests.
Confirmation	A Sacrament on the path of Christian initiation that completes, or confirms, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit received at Baptism and sends the person out to proclaim boldly the Good News.
Holy Spirit	The third Divine Person of the Blessed Trinity.
Pentecost	The "birthday of the Church," when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to Mary and the Apostles.
Gifts of the Holy Spirit	Gifts that are increased in us in the Sacrament of Confirmation: wisdom, understanding, counsel,
	Apostle Confirmation Holy Spirit Pentecost Gifts of the



Confirmation is one of the most misunderstood Sacraments of our Faith.



The Sacrament of Confirmation is so much more than a rite of passage.

It is a powerful encounter with God that transforms our entire Christian life!



Baptism is like joining the team.

Confirmation is like receiving the equipment you need to play the game.

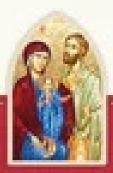


Confirmation in Salvation History



The Old Testament: Priest, Prophet, and King

- In Exodus, God says He wants His people to be a royal priesthood.
- Later on, Israel's kings were anointed as a symbol of consecration to God and the outpouring of God's spirit upon them.
- Finally, the prophets foretold an outpouring of the Spirit on all flesh.



The New Testament: Coming of the Advocate

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).



The New Testament: Coming of the Advocate

- The Holy Spirit descended upon the Disciples and the Blessed Mother at Pentecost.
- They were emboldened with the power and courage to begin preaching the Gospel.
- This is the institution of the Sacrament of Confirmation.



The Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation



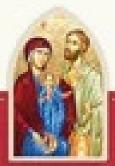
What happens at Confirmation?

Matter

Holy oil is used to anoint the recipient.

Form

- As he anoints the recipient, the Bishop says "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- Then he calls down the Spirit upon them by a laying-on of hands.



What happens at Confirmation?

Confirmation....

- Completes and perfects Baptismal grace.
- Increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit within us.
- Gives us special strength to spread and defend the Faith.
- Gives us the fullness of the Christian mission.
- Makes us full members of the Church.



Who can receive Confirmation?

Every baptized person not yet confirmed can and should receive the Sacrament.



Confirmation is not about "knowing enough" or being "old enough" to receive it.

It is about receiving the grace we need from the Holy Spirit to be living witnesses of Christ out in the world.



Sacred Art Discussion:

Pentecost

by Fray Juan Bautista Maino

Use the questions on the following slide to lead a discussion with your kids about this piece of sacred art.





What event is depicted in this painting? How do you know?

- The event depicted is the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- The dove, and the little tongues of fire emanating from it are both clues that this is a painting of Pentecost. It may also be guessed easily that the people pictured are the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mary Magdalene, and the disciples.

Does the scene look still, or full of energy? Explain your answer, and why you think the artist painted it that way.

- The scene looks very energetic: there is a lot of emotion on the people's faces; some
 of them look almost thrown backwards; expressive, moving hands.
- The energy in the painting conveys how the coming of the Holy Spirit filled the disciples with courage and energy to preach the good news of Christ to the world.
 Remember that, after St. Peter preached to the crowds on Pentecost, 3000 people were baptized that day!



Why do you think the man at the bottom right is writing?

• The story of Pentecost is told in the book of Acts. The Holy Spirit inspired the writers of Scripture too, because that is another way that Christ's followers proclaimed Him to the world, and they needed special grace and courage to do that as well!

• Read Acts 2:1-4.

"When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim" (Acts 2:1-4).



How does this painting help you understand the Sacrament of Confirmation?

- It gives us an image of how Jesus fulfilled His promise to send the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. What is happening to the people in this painting is what happens to us in Confirmation: we are filled with energy and courage and the desire to proclaim God through word and deed. The Catechism tells us that Confirmation "gives a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross" (1303). Remember that many of the disciples gave up their lives and became martyrs, and they had the courage to do that because of this event.
- Confirmation gives us that same ability!



Monthly Discussion Questions

- How is Confirmation connected to Baptism?
 - o Confirmation completes, or confirms, the grace received at Baptism.
- What are the effects of Confirmation?
 - By the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed (CCC 1285).
- What was the significance of anointing with oil in the Old Testament?
 - Priests and kings were anointed with holy oil as a symbol of consecration that is, of being set apart as belonging to God and as a symbol of the outpouring of God's Spirit upon them to commission them for God's service and to strengthen them for the work ahead according to their position.
- What did Christ promise the Apostles just before He ascended into Heaven?
 - He promised to send the Holy Spirit.
- What power would His disciples receive when this promise was fulfilled?
 - The power to be witnesses to Christ.
- Who should receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?
 - Everyone who has been baptized but not yet confirmed.

Monthly Discussion Questions

- Why do we choose the name of a saint when we are confirmed?
 - We choose a saint who will be a model of holiness. We can ask our Confirmation saint to pray for us in a special way.
- Why is Confirmation not a graduation or another completion ceremony?
 - Confirmation is not an end, but a beginning. Through this Sacrament, we receive a special strength to do what all Christians are called to do — share the Good News of the Gospel and make disciples of Christ.



Sophia Sketch Pad Confirmation Video



Sketchpad: Confirmation

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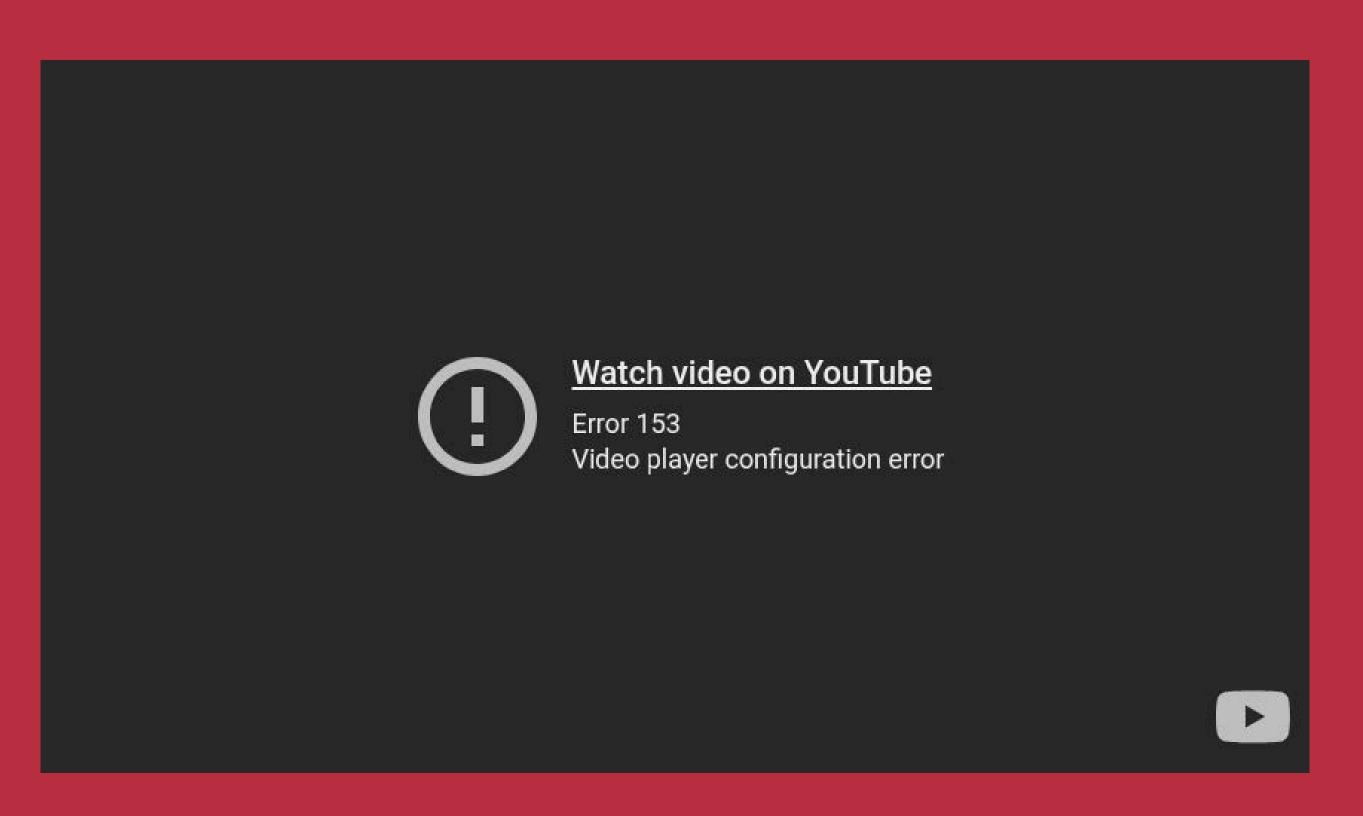
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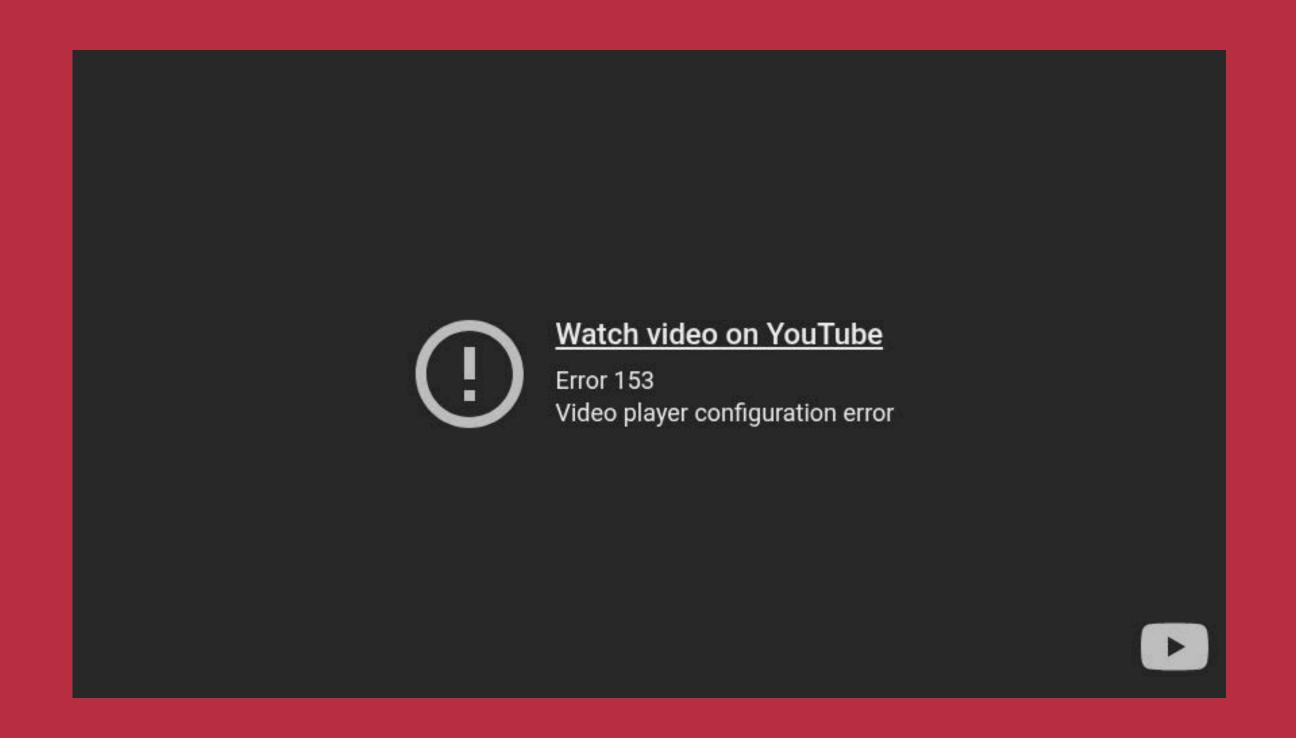
Bishop Baron on Confirmation





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-UuMAU7qTo

Father Mike Schmitz on Confirmation





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Live Your Faith at Home this Month



December

THE SACRAMENTS



VERSE OF THE MONTH

ACTS 8:17

Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

SAINT OF THE MONTH

ST. STEPHEN

CONFIRMATION



Overview

Confirmation is often misunderstood as a kind of "graduation" or public acceptance of the Faith. In fact, the Sacrament of Confirmation is an important step on the path of Christian initiation that completes, or confirms, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit received at Baptism and sends the person out to proclaim boldly the Good News.

Catechism Articles to Read

1285-1321

Words to Know

- > Anoint
- > Apostle
- > Confirmation
- > Holy Spirit
- > Pentecost
- Gifts of the Holy Spirit



BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, YOUR CHILDREN SHOULD BE ABLE TO:

- ✓ Recite this month's Scripture Memorization
- Define this month's Words to Know
- Describe who the Apostles were, what their mission was, and how all Christians share in that mission
- Understand what Confirmation is and how it affects us
- √ Tell you about St. Stephen



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Now Stephen, filled with grace and power, was working great wonders and signs among the people. -Acts 6:8



THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH:

- Add a book of spiritual reading to your prayer corner.
- Observe the season in your home with an Advent wreath.

ACTS 8:17

Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

REMEMBER!

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortifude knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

MEMORIZE!

Confirmation completes, or confirms, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit received at Baptism and sends the person out to proclaim boldly the Good News.



Essay Appendix

There is a background essay for every lesson.

We suggest that you read the essay before you teach from the activities.



GOD IS THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE

BACKGROUND READING

God is the Creator of all things, both visible and invisible, which He created what was present in the beginning - or, out of nothing. This doctrine of creation more precisely, before the beginning. of God, creation, and human beings. God of nothing," or ex nihilo in Latin, to describe reveals these truths that we cannot see this scene - what and how God created. through the things we can see - material God did not use any preexisting material to creation - using signs and symbols. First create the universe. The formlessness and among these is the Church, the visible sign shapelessness express the nothingness that of God's communion with humanity. Jesus was before the beginning, and the darkness established His Church to make known the and the abyss express the emptiness of the Kingdom of God on Earth and to gather all nothingness people to Him so that we might know God's love and be saved from sin and death.

Creator of All Things Visible and Invisible

The book of Genesis opens with some of the most famous words in the Bible, "In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth..." The sacred author goes on to describe a formless and shapeless darkness covering an abyss, surrounded by primordial waters over which a mighty wind swept. And then God spoke: "Let there be light," and there was.

All of this poetic language explains

The wind that swept over the water in the sacred author's portrait of creation is recognized as the Spirit of God hovering over the nothingness. God made all things, the material and the spiritual, out of nothing, with only the power of His voice. Given this doctrine, we can understand the sacred author as saying that in the beginning, when God created all that is, visible and invisible, there was nothing but God Himself, who spoke creation into existence. All of creation. therefore, owes its existence to God.

We learn from the doctrine of creation that God is all powerful and all knowing,

for nothing exists that did not come from Him. We learn that nature is real and not a mirage because it came from a Creator, that nature is fundamentally good, and that God reveals Himself to us through His creation. We learn that humanity has been given dominion over God's creation, that the Cross to save us from sin. we have a fundamental dignity as human beings made in God's image and likeness, and that our purpose is to honor and glorify God in this life through the things He has made.

God Reveals Himself through His Creation

The invisible God communicates Himself to us through His visible creation. For example, we know love, an invisible reality, through physical signs and symbols - a hug, a gift, or spoken words.

Human beings are both body and soul, visible and invisible, material and spiritual. Out of love for us, the invisible, spiritual God became visible. Taking on human flesh, God became man in the Person of Jesus Christ, who was like us in all things but sin. We call this fundamental teaching of our Faith the Incarnation. Jesus Christ is God's love fully revealed.

Jesus communicates the Father's love for us in visible, physical ways, going so far as to give Himself completely to us, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Eucharist, so that we might become one Body in Him. He gave His life and died on

The Church: A Visible Sign of the Invisible Kingdom of God

Jesus established His Church here on Earth to continue His mission of the salvation of all souls. The Church is a visible sign of the invisible Kingdom of God, inaugurated by Christ during His earthly life.

The Church uses visible signs and symbols to make known the invisible truths of our salvation. These visible signs of God's love communicate His very life to us. We call this free and undeserved gift of God's life grace. Grace is necessary for us to persevere on the path of holiness, to avoid sin, and ultimately to attain Heaven. In His divine wisdom, Jesus gave us the seven Sacraments as visible, material means of receiving the invisible grace of God.

How beautiful it is that God's grand design for His creation and for our salvation is made known to us still through the work of Christ's Church!

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THE SACRAMENTS, ESSAY APPENDIX



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CAR Conversations

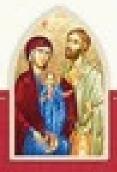
Was there ever a time you had to have courage and stand up for someone or something you believe in? Was it hard? How did it feel afterward?

Can you think of a special way of sharing the gift of the Christ Child with your friends during this Christmas season, especially with those who might not know a lot about Jesus?

Cultivate Faith-Filled Conversations

Casual family conversations in the caradinnera etc.

Let them be intentional, but spontaneous.



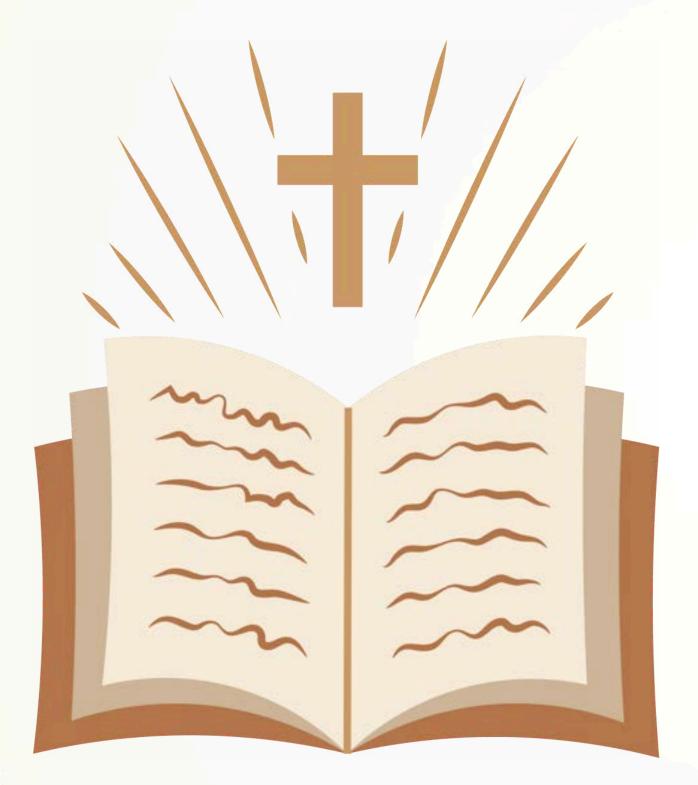
Talk about the key points of the month

- Confirmation, like Baptism, places an indelible mark on our souls.
- Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace, making us full members of the Church.
- Confirmation is prefigured in the Old Testament by the anointing of priests and kings, and foretold by the prophets.
- Confirmation is instituted in the New Testament by the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- Confirmation increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us, and gives us special strength to spread and defend the Faith.



Remember Special Liturgical Days

- Dec. 6 St. Nicholas Day
- Dec. 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate
 Conception Holy Day of Obligation
- Dec. 25 Christmas
- Dec. 30 Feast of the Holy Family





YOUR Catholic Home

SPIRITUAL READING

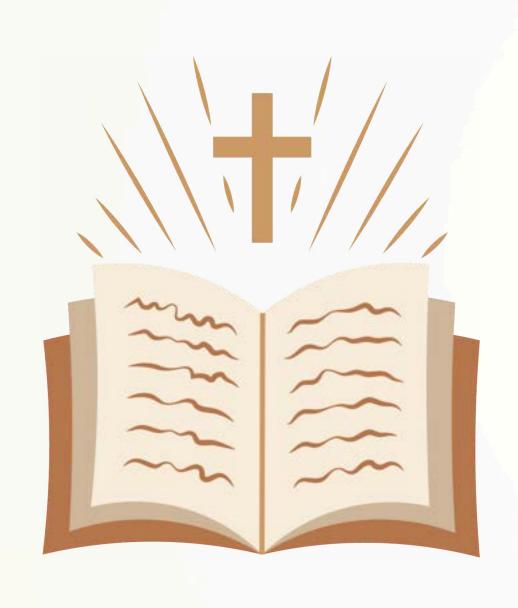
We learn this month about the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Like all of God's gifts of grace, the gifts of the Holy Spirit will bear fruit in our lives only if we respond with prayer and take time to develop them. One great way we can strive to nurture and grow the gifts of the Holy Spirit is through spiritual reading.

Practice It!

This month, add books of spiritual reading to your prayer space. Daily meditations are usually short and digestible, making it easy to commit to reading one meditation a day. Depending on the books you choose, each family member could read them independently, or you could read aloud from one book every evening or before leaving the house each morning. Be sure to share with each other the new understandings you have received from God through your spiritual reading!



Memorize Scripture with the Verse of the Month



ACTS 8:17

Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit





Learn from the Catechism

For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1285



The Catechism



OUR GIFT TO GROW

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Read the information below and do the activities with your family.

THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE:

Wisdom

Understanding

Counsel

Fortitude

Knowledge

Piety

Fear of the Lord

Galatians 5:22-23

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Think of what gift or fruit of the Holy Spirit your family would especially like to grow in this Advent season:

The three wise men brought gifts to the Baby Jesus. What special talent or traits would you like to grow in and offer to Jesus? Write your ideas here:

Write a prayer asking God to help your family grow in this gift:



Dray as a Family

- Basic Catholic Prayers
- Prayer Before Meals
- Night Time Prayers
- Family Rosary
- Praying for your children

Prayer

OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer Before Meals

BLESS US O LORD

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive, from thy bounty, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen



MORNING OFFERING

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day
for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the
world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular
for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.

Nighttime Prayers

ANGEL OF GOD

Angel Of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

DAILY EXAMEN

God, you have been with us all day long, since the time we woke up until now; help us to remember our day, so we can bring it to you. **THANK** God for what went well, **REPENT** for areas of sin, **ASK** for forgiveness where needed, **PETITION** to God for our needs and the needs of others.





Consider ways to make a family rosary work for your family.

- Pray a decade or the whole thing
- Take turns leading each decade
- Follow along with a YouTube rosary or the Hallow app
- Use a children's rosary book
- Pray as a part of your bedtime routine
- Pray at the end of dinner
- Pray in the car on the way to school
- Do a rosary walk
- Keep rosaries visible and accessible





"I ask for the intercession of all the angels and saints, especially those who are near and dear to our family and those who can help us with our struggles.

Saint ____, pray for us."

Find saints to pray for your kids:

- General Name Saints, Birthday Saints, Etc.
- Gifts Saints with similar gifts
- Struggles Saints with similar struggles
- Faith Formation Name & Confirmation Saints,
 saints associated with their school or your parish

Invoke the Intercession of the Saints

ST. STEPHEN

SAINT OF THE MONTH



St. Stephen SAINT OF THE MONTH

Age Level: All ages

Recommended time: 10 minutes

What you need: St. Stephen (page SI in the children's activity

books

Activity

Read aloud the story of this month's saint to your children. You may also want to show them the full page saint image. While you are reading or sometime the next day, have them complete the coloring page on page 52 in the children's activity book.

Biography of St. Stephen

one of the first Christians. He was full of wisdom and faith from the Holy Spirit. The disciples of Jesus ordained him a deacon. He had the task of taking care of widows betrayed and persecuted by the Jews, even who became Christian. The Bible also tells us that Stephen worked miracles and that people about Jesus. When Jesus came, He he was full of grace and power.

Christianity tried to argue with Stephen. but they could not outsmart the wisdom he received from the Holy Spirit. They - rage because they did not want to bear were so angry that they bribed other men the truth. Stephen looked up, and he to falsely accuse Stephen of telling lies - saw Heaven, with Jesus standing at the about the Old Testament prophet Moses.

was brought to the Jewish court. He listen. They dragged him out of the city defended himself by telling the story of and threw stones at him. Just before he Moses. Moses saved the Israelites from the died, Stephen prayed that Jesus would be

STEPHEN was a Jewish man who became pagan Egyptians. But the Israelites betrayed Moses and God by worshipping a pagan idol. Stephen told the Jewish men that, like Moses, every Old Testament prophet was though the prophets tried to tell the Jewish was also betrayed, persecuted, and killed Some Jewish men who hated by Jewish people, including by the men who arrested Stephen.

Then the Jewish men were filled with right of God the Father. Stephen told the On these false accusations, Stephen men what he saw, but they refused to A martyr is someone who is killed for his. - us what it means to live out all seven gifts or her religious faith. St. Stephen was the of the Holy Spirit.

merciful to the men who were killing him. first martyr of the Church. His life shows

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- First Sunday of Advent December 1
- St. Francis Xavier December 3
- St. Nicholas of Myra December 6
- St. Ambrose of Milan December 7
- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception December 8
- St. Juan Diego December 9
- Our Lady of Loreto December 10
- Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12
- St. Lucy- December 13
- St. John of the Cross December 14
- Christmas The Nativity of Our Lord December 25

- St. Stephen the Martyr December 26
 St. John the Apostle December 27
 Feast of the Holy Innocents December 28
- Feast of the Holy Family December 30

Other December Saints



- Read about the saints
- Watch movies about the saints (FORMED & YouTube)
- Listen to Podcasts about Saints
- Learn about any family patron or special saints
- Have pictures and/or quotes of the saints in your home
- Celebrate feast days











The first St. Nicholas tradition is a fun one. The night before the feast day, children will leave their shoe or boot out in front of the fireplace. When they wake up the next morning on December 6, they'll find their shoe filled with small gifts like coins, candy, and oranges. The coins are given in remembrance of the coins St. Nicholas left the girls in need of a dowry. The oranges are given to signify the gold that St. Nicholas gave away to those in need. This tradition comes from the legends of St. Nicholas' generosity and led to the celebration of Santa Claus on Christmas Day today. In some countries, like Germany and Austria, St. Nicholas is accompanied by his counterpart the Krampus. Much like the legend of Santa Claus, the Krampus will leave coal in the shoes of misbehaving children. Children are encouraged to participate in acts of kindness to stay off of the Krampus' naughty list.

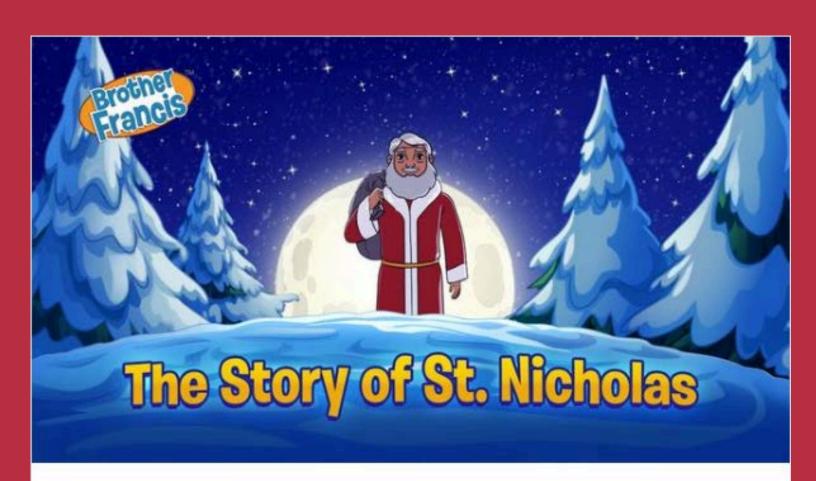
St. Nicholas



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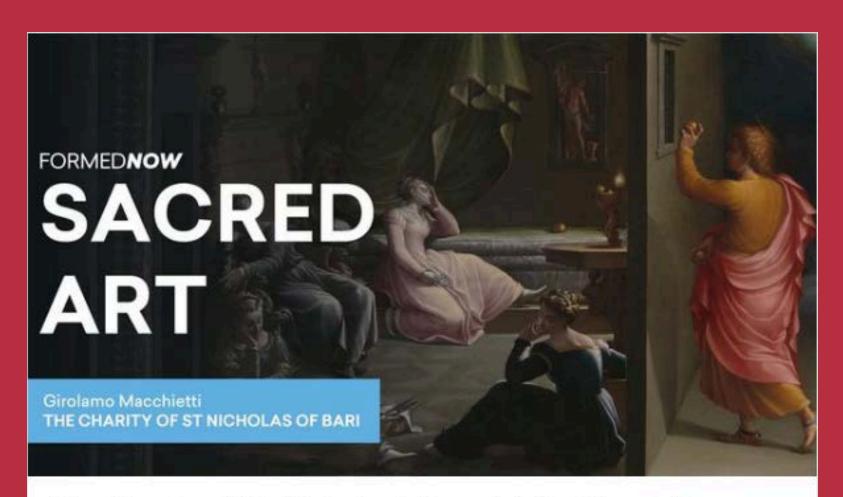
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The Charity of St. Nicholas | Sacred Art - Advent & Christmas

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Candlemas | Catholic All Year w/ Kendra Tierney - Advent & Christmas

Let's talk about Candlemas! Fun, simple, traditional Catholic practices for Candlemas (a.k.a. the Presentation of the Lord) on February 2nd, including using only candlelight all day, crepes, and the blessing of...





Christmas Eve | Catholic All Year At Home w/ Kendra Tierney - Advent & Christmas

Combining the German traditions from her heritage and the Mexican traditions popular in her hometown of Los Angeles, Kendra shares her Christmas Eve menu. Learn about the luminaria tradition, too, to usher i...

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O Holy Night - Christmas with the Annie Moses Band - Advent & Christmas

Experience the beauty of the Christmas season with the Annie Moses Band as the acclaimed classical crossover ensemble performs stunning arrangements of holiday favorites.





The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas Special - Kids

In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His...

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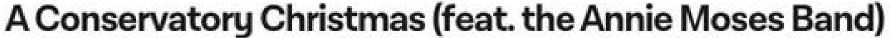
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Enjoy a night of incredible young talent from the Conservatory of Annie Moses led by the Annie Moses Band as they perform beloved Christmas music.



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Jesse Tree Tales

This Advent season, join Ezra, a spirited 10 year old, as he travels with his family to Bethlehem for the census. Sharing the road with Mary and Joseph, Ezra will come to learn about the long story of salvation that Go...

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From Be A Heart! Join Mary as she bustles around the house, preparing her heart and her home for the arrival of her Son this Christmas season. Each day, Mary will share part of her story, give kids a kindness challen...

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 Christmas Anticipation Prayer
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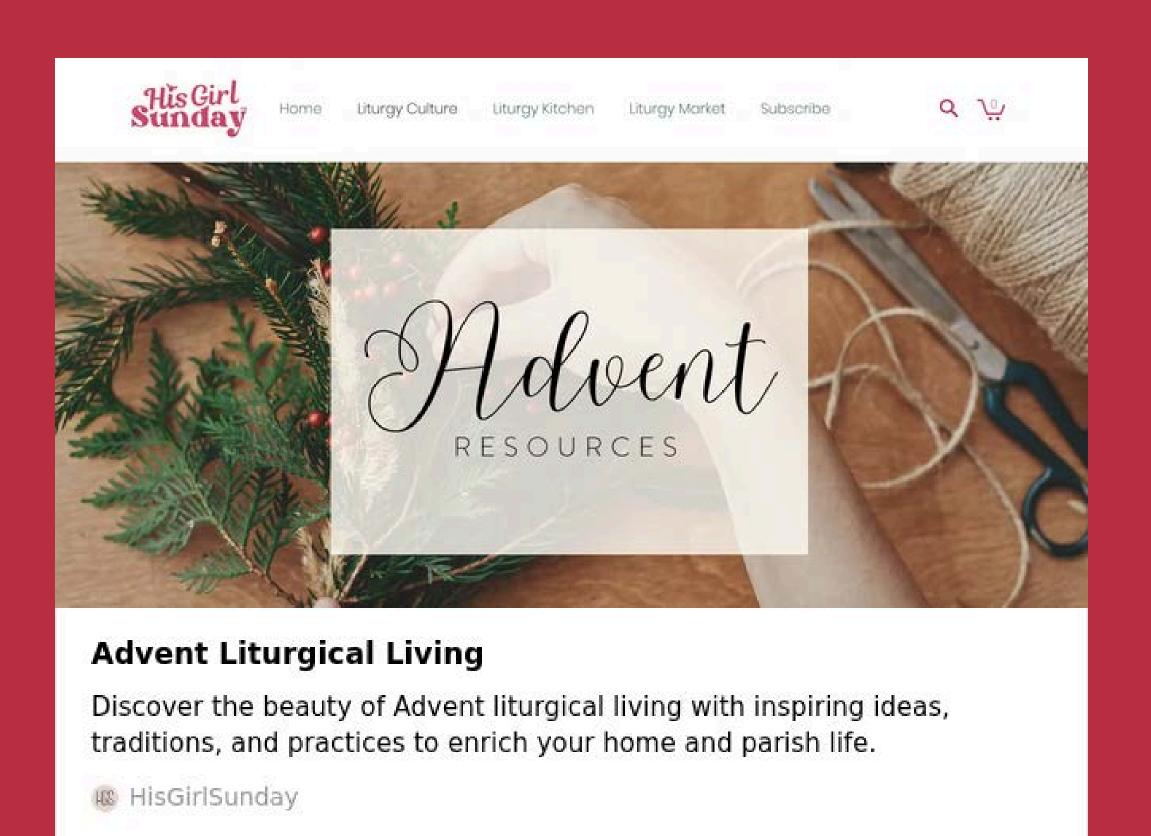














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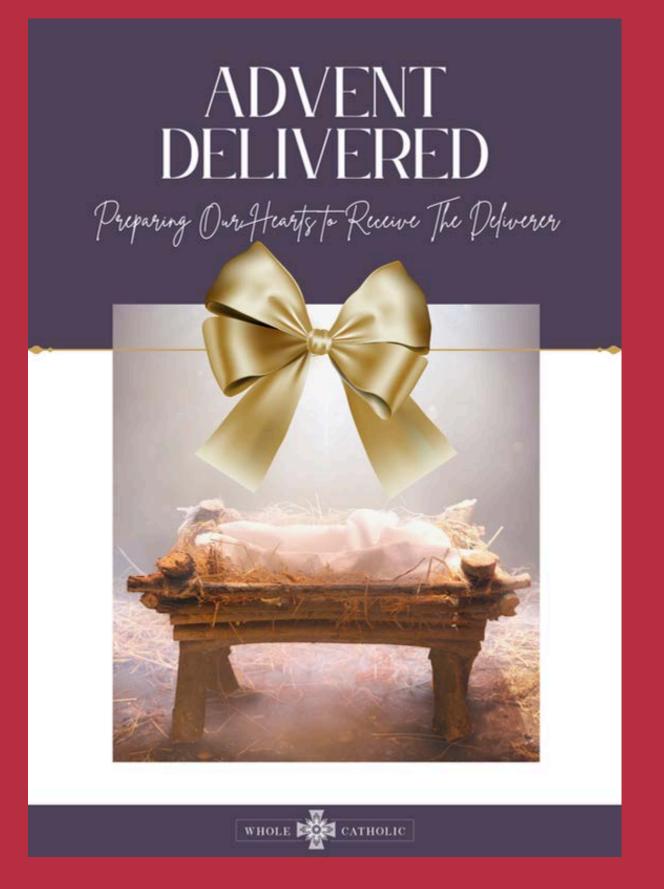
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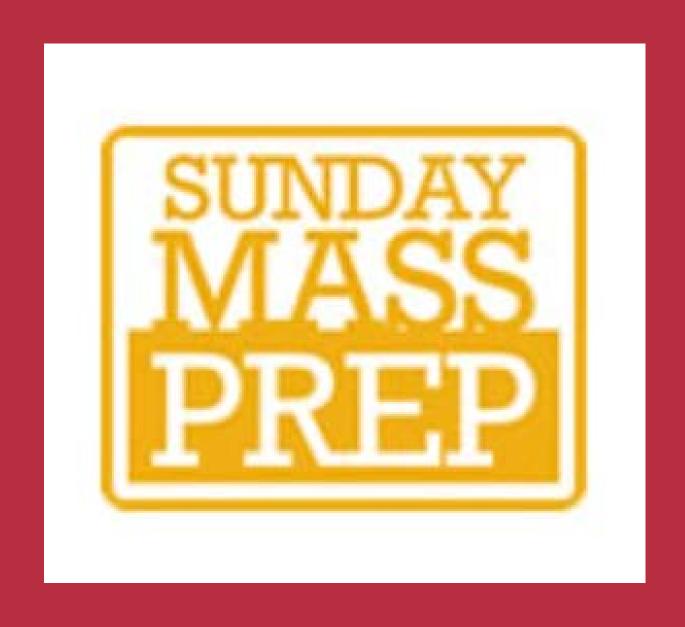






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HOLY HEROES





- Weekly Gospel Video
- Weekly Mass Readings
- Mass Coloring Sheet
- Mass Worksheet
- Mass Quiz
- Bonus Activity

Local Happenings



Advent Meditations for the Jubilee

A Women's Advent Preparation Retreat at St. Philip Catholic Church Franklin, TN

> November 19, 2025 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Individual Tickets: \$25 Full Table of 6: \$125

Scan the code to register





Or go to https://bit.ly/AdventHope25



November 22 & 23
A special weekend for
St. Philip,
Bishop Mark Spalding
will bless our new altar
and formally install
Father Gervan as pastor.



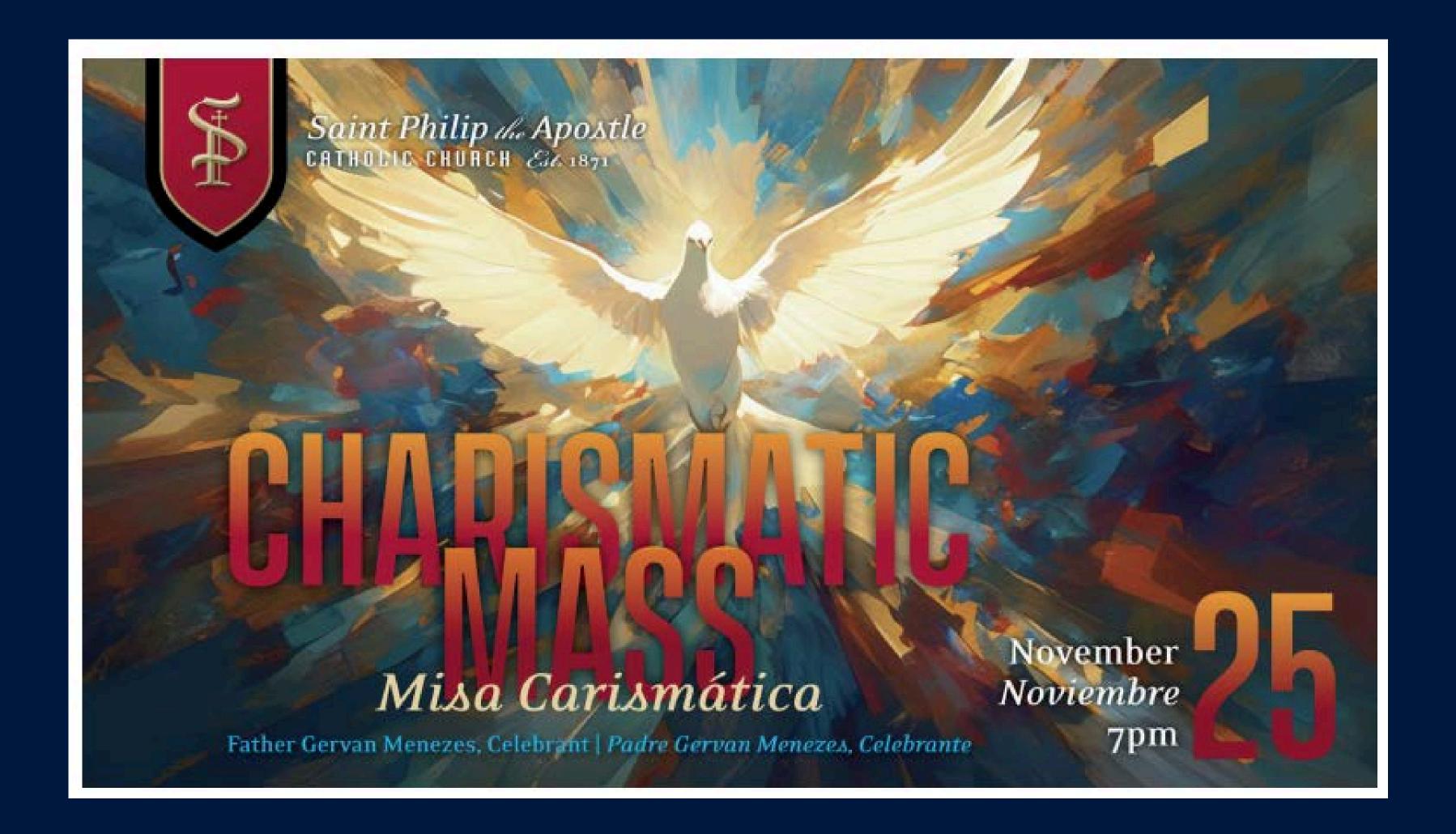
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al padre Gerván como párroco.

Blessing of the Altar will take place at the 5:00pm Saturday Mass.

Father Gervan's installation will be during the 11:00am Sunday Mass.

A reception follows.

La Bendición del Altar será durante la misa del sábado a las 5:00pm. La instalación del padre Gerván será durante la misa del domingo a las 11:00am. Habrá una recepción después.





Matt Mahr & Sarah Kroger

Thursday, December 4 7:00pm

Sagrado Corazón de Jesús Church Catholic Pastoral Center 2800 McGavock Pike, Nashville

> \$12.50* – Balcony or Wings \$28.15* – Main Floor \$81.25* – VIP Experience

*Plus service fees. | Más gastos de servicio.



St. Nicholas Visit

Saturday,
December 6th

Watch Bulletin for Details





Christmas Basket Week is coming!!

December 8-13, 2025

Watch for details.

¡Se acerca la Semana de la Canasta de Navidad! Del 8 al 13 de diciembre de 2025. ¡Estén atentos para más detalles!



Friday, December 5th 5:00 - 8:00 PM



Saturday, December 6th 1 PM





Dickens of a Christmas December 13th - 14th 10 AM - 5 PM