

**Be Watchful! Be Alert!**  
**You do not know when**  
**the time will come.**

Mark 13:33

# **A** 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF **DVENT**



## **CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH** **ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON**

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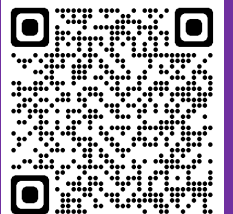
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### **PASTOR:**

Rev. Giovanni Hùng Nguyễn

### **Permanent Deacons:**

#### **English Mass:**

Garry Janota  
Russell Pasket

#### **Spanish Mass:**

Rafael Millet 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
Jose Lauro Huerta 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

### **Mass Schedule**

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday: (English) 8:00 am

Sunday: (Spanish) 1:00 pm

Weekday Mass:

First Saturday 9:00 am

Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30 am

Tuesday 6:00 pm (English)

Thursday 6:00 pm (Spanish)

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### **Reconciliation Confession**

Tues, Thurs

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays

5:00 – 5:45 pm

Confession by appointment:

Parish Office

Tel: 936-825-3920

#### **Confesiones**

Los martes, jueves y el segundo  
y cuarto sábado a las 5:00-5:45 pm  
y por cita 936-825-3920

## Rosary Prayed in Common

Tues & Thurs: 5:40 pm  
Wed & Fri: 8:10 am  
Saturday: 5:15 pm  
Sunday: 7:15 am & 12:15 pm

## P.E.R.A. (Perpetual Eucharistic Reporative Adoration)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays following the 8:30 AM Masses and will be reposed at 9:00 PM on Wednesdays, Thursdays at 5:45 PM before the 6:00 PM Spanish Mass and Friday at 9:00 PM. The "Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to make amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." Please call Mary Rangel @ 936-419-9024

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

34 <sup>th</sup> Week Collection	
11/26/2023	\$ 3,171.72
Online Giving	\$ 728.76
Maintenance Fund	\$ 180.00
Retired Priest	\$ 20.00
DSF	\$ 607.00
Children Collection	\$ 55.00

## DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2023

2023 Parish Goal.....	\$ 26,000.00
2023 Total Paid	
(activity thru 11/25/23)	\$ 20,977.00
Difference Goal vs. Paid	\$ 5,023.00

## POPE PRAYER INTENTION



### For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

To our new parishioner, we welcome you to Christ Our Light Parish. Please register at the parish office or ask one of the Hospitality Ministers to help you. For parishioners moving out of the parish or changing your address or phone number, **please** notify the parish office: 936-825-3920 or by email: admin@christourlight.org

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

English Baptism preparation is completed via an on-line video class. Spanish Baptism Classes will be held in person. Please call for Rosa or Felisa for class dates and times. All Documents, forms and classes must be completed prior to the next upcoming scheduled Baptism date, turned in, and approved by the Pastor.

The Sacrament of Baptism is a communal celebration; therefore, private baptisms are not celebrated at Christ Our Light.

For English Baptism, contact Susan Pilger at 979-219-1360. For Spanish Baptisms, contact Rosa Torres at 936-419-8974 or Felisa Paz at 979-255-4361.

## MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Candle Stands are electrical. Anyone wanting to light a candle may do so by pressing the red button and give an offering. The candle will burn for 12 hours. Memorial Candles burning for one year are \$150.00 each. Come by the parish office to schedule and pay your offering of \$150.00 for your Memorial candle.

THE PARISH THANKS  
ALL DONORS THIS PAST YEAR  
WITH DSF, AC CAMPAIGN,  
FUNDRAISINGS, ONLINE  
TUESDAY GIVING, AND SUNDAY  
COLLECTIONS.

EACH ONE HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE  
IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER AS GOOD  
STEWARDS OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE"  
(1 Pt 4:10)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### DECEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY  
ADVENT-B

3

GATHER BOOK #1022  
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  
1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37 (2) Pss I

MONDAY

4

Saint John Damascene,  
Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11 (175)

TUESDAY

5

Is 11:1-10  
Lk 10:21-24 (176)

WEDNESDAY

6

Saint Nicholas, Bishop  
Is 25:6-10a  
Mt 15:29-37 (177)

THURSDAY

7

Saint Ambrose, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church  
Is 26:1-6  
Mt 7:21, 24-27 (178)

FRIDAY

8

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
[Holyday of Obligation]  
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
Lk 1:26-38 (689) Pss Prop

SATURDAY

9

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin  
Is 30:19-21, 23-26  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180)

## OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

### USCCB CHARTER AUDIT

CMGConnect online training

The Safe Environment compliance training and renewal training is a condition of employment and for volunteer ministry in our Archdiocese. All clergy, employees, contracted school personnel, volunteers, members of groups, movements, and organizations over the age of 18, who work, volunteer or participate in any capacity are required to complete the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training and a criminal background check before they may begin employment or volunteer activities. Mandatory renewal training must be completed every five years and a new background check submitted before the five-year expiration of prior training.

For questions regarding the Child and Youth Protection Safe Environment Policy or assistance with compliance issues, contact Jeannie Nelson, Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection [jnelson@archgh.org](mailto:jnelson@archgh.org) Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston ([archgh.org](http://archgh.org))



# MASS INTENTION

12-3-23	8 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Benefactors of Memorial Fund
	1 pm	Petra Rios +
12-4-23		NO Mass
12-5-23	7 pm	Advent Penance Service
12-6-23	8:30 am	Smith Family Living & Deceased
12-7-23	8:30 am	Howard Shaw +
	6 pm	Vigil Mass -Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception. Patrick Hetmaniak +
12-8-23	8:30 am	Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception People of the Parish
	6 pm	Martin Ruiz Jr +
12-9-23	6 pm	Deceased Dominguez & Abad Families
		II Collection Maintenance Fund
12-10-23	8 am	Torres, Rangel & Baldobino Families
	1 pm	People of the Parish
		II Collection Maintenance Fund

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

12-3-23	10:30– 2 pm	CCE grades 6- 12 SPH
	4-5:30 pm	First Communion Workshop, SPH
		II Collection Retirement Fund for Religious (sisters' collection)
	6:30 pm	Novenario a la Virgen de Guadalupe
12-4-23	5:15	Adult Bible Class, SPH
	4:30	Sp. Legion of Mary, CH cry room
	6:30 pm	Novenario a la Virgen de Guadalupe
12-5-23	5:30 pm	Priest Dinner, Rectory
	6:30 pm	Novenario a la Virgen de Guadalupe
	7 pm	Advent Penance Service
12-6-23	6 – 7:15 pm	CCE grades 1-5 SPH
	5:30 pm	Priest Christmas Gathering St. Mary Seminary
	6:30 pm	Novenario a la Virgen de Guadalupe
12-7-23	12 noon	Eng. Legion of Mary, CH cry room
	6:30 pm	Novenario a la Virgen de Guadalupe
	7 pm	RCIA, SPH
12-8-23	6 am	TMIS, Men's group SPH
	6:30 pm	Novenario a la Virgen de Guadalupe
12-9-23	8 – 11 am	Breakfast with Santa, SPH
	5 – 5:30 pm	Confessions
	6:30 pm	Novenario a la Virgen de Guadalupe
12-10-23	10:30 am –noon	CCE grades 6-12, SPH
	4 – 5:30 pm	Confirmation Workshop, SPH
	6:30 pm	Novenario a la Virgen de Guadalupe

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"We should take a moment each day to pray for peace."

— Pope Francis

**PRAY for THE CONTINUING RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF**  
the infirmed and homebound members of our community:

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Sarafina Alo

Andrew Castillo

Braxton Castillo

Jo Ann Clepper

Frank Crouch

Elizabeth Culmer

Eva Estrada

Liz Estrada

Lois Finke

Fabryna Hitchcock

Liz Johnson

Rachel Kammel

Mary Ann Knowles

Liz Kubricht

John Lawrence

Christian Mills

Leslie Mills

France Munoz

Primitivo Zamorano

Anita Olguin

Julian Olguin

Matthew Oliver

Cecelia Pearson

Angelina Petersen

Wallace Petersen

Irene Ramirez

Lucila Rivera

Zek Rueda

Rosalinda Salazar

Josh Sechelski

Sherrie Shiflett

Lydia Torres

Jessie Torres

Polly Uilkie

Jessie Valadez, III

Crystal Winkler

David Woehler

Trần Thị Tuyết Mai

Kim Sechelski

Dawson Shiflett

### Call the parish office

when a member of our community has a need to be remembered in prayer, 936-825-3920. Also, if you have added a name to the prayer list, please call to let us know when to remove the name from the list. Thank you.

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**SÁBADO 9 DE DICIEMBRE 2023**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**

8 AM	Procesion/Procesión desde el 1700 Bell St. 77003
10 AM	Holy Mass/Santa Misa (Bilingual/Bilingüe)
12 PM	Serenade and Traditional Dances/Serenata y Danzas a la Virgen

**MASS CELEBRANTS**

His Eminence  
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo,  
Celebrante

Rev. Fr. Italo Dell'Oro, C.R.S.  
Concelebrante

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Toda la comunidad está invitada a unirse a esta gran celebración del 51. Aniversario de la festividad en honor a nuestra Santísima Virgen de Guadalupe, Madre de las Américas.

All the community of the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston is invited to celebrate together the 51th Annual Festivity in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas.

Evento gratuito abierto al público. Free event open to the public.  
Organizado por: Asociación Arquidiocesana de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe  
Organized by: Archdiocesan Association of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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THE MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED AT:

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## Be watchful! Be alert! (Mark 13:33)

Today we begin our Advent journey and prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas. So you'd expect today's Gospel to refer to his birth. But Jesus isn't talking about Christmas when he says, "Be watchful! Be alert!" (Mark 13:33). He's urging his disciples to be vigilant as they wait for his return. We might wonder, *Why are we hearing about the Second Coming? Isn't Advent about Jesus' first coming?* Well, yes. But as St. Bernard of Clairvaux once said, we can ponder three "comings" of the Lord during Advent.

First, there's Jesus' coming as a baby in Bethlehem. So we can enter into the Jewish people's longing for the Messiah. Next, there's his Second Coming in glory at the end of time. We can be watchful as we ready our hearts for Jesus' return. Finally, we can experience a third coming of Jesus—his coming into our hearts right now. In fact, it is this coming of Christ that undergirds all that we do during this holy season. Jesus comes to us every day. He isn't passive; he doesn't wait for us to climb some mountain to find him. He is the initiator. He actively pursues us and seeks us out. That's why he became a man; that's why he promised to be with us always (Matthew 28:20). And that's why he seeks to come into our lives this Advent.

Jesus comes to remind us to pause in our busy lives. He comes to inspire us to pray or read his word. He reminds us that he is with us, even when we feel alone. He stirs our conscience so that we want to turn away from sin and toward his mercy. He comes to us in a friend or stranger in need of kindness. Jesus is constantly seeking ways to come to us. And the more alert we are to his coming now, the more ready we will be when he comes again.

So be alert! The Lord who loves you is walking beside you. Will you notice him?

*"Jesus, help me to be aware of the ways that you come to me this Advent."*  
Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7 Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

## Velen y estén preparados. (Marcos 13, 33)

Hoy iniciamos nuestro camino de Adviento y nos preparamos para la venida de Jesús en Navidad. Así que podrías esperar que el Evangelio de hoy se refiriera a su nacimiento. Pero Jesús no está hablando sobre la Navidad cuando dice: "Velen y estén preparados" (Marcos 13, 33). El Señor está exhortando a sus discípulos a estar vigilantes mientras esperan su regreso. Podríamos preguntarnos: ¿Por qué estamos oyendo sobre la Segunda Venida? ¿No se trata el Adviento de la primera venida de Jesús? Bueno, sí. Pero como una vez dijo San Bernardo de Claraval, podemos meditar en tres "venidas" del Señor durante el Adviento. Primero, la venida de Jesús como un bebé en Belén. Así podemos adentrarnos en el anhelo del pueblo judío por el Mesías. Luego, su Segunda Venida en gloria al final de los tiempos. Podemos estar vigilantes al preparar nuestro corazón para el regreso de Jesús. Finalmente, podemos experimentar una tercera venida: Su venida a nuestro corazón en este mismo momento.

Jesús viene a nosotros todos los días. El Señor no es pasivo; él no espera que nosotros escalemos alguna montaña para encontrarlo. Jesús es el que inicia, él nos busca activamente y nos encuentra. Esa es la razón por la cual se hizo hombre; esa es la razón por la cual prometió estar con nosotros siempre (Mateo 28, 20). Y esa es la razón por la cual busca venir a nuestra vida en este tiempo de Adviento.

Jesús viene para recordarnos que debemos hacer una pausa en nuestra ajetreada vida. Viene para inspirarnos a rezar o a leer su Palabra. El Señor nos recuerda que él está con nosotros, aun cuando nos sentimos solos. Jesús conmueve nuestra consciencia de manera que nos alejemos del pecado y nos acerquemos a su misericordia. Viene a nosotros por medio de un amigo o un extraño que necesita bondad. Jesús constantemente está buscando formas de acercarse a nosotros. Y cuanto más alertas estemos ahora a su venida, más preparados estaremos cuando regrese.

*"Amado Jesús, te pido que me ayudes a descubrir cómo vienes a mí en este tiempo de Adviento."*

Isaías 63, 16-17. 19; 64, 2-7 Salmo 80 (79), 2ac. 3b. 15-16. 18-191 Corintios 1, 3-9

# ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

## CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH

WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM

NOV  
29

- ST. MATTHIAS-MAGNOLIA -

TUESDAY 7 PM

DEC  
05

- CHRIST OUR LIGHT, NAVASOTA -

THURSDAY 6:30 PM

DEC  
14

- ST. JOSEPH, NEW WAVERLY -

WEDNESDAY 6 PM

DEC  
20

- ST. THOMAS, HUNTSVILLE -

THURSDAY 6:30 PM

DEC  
21

- SACRED HEART, CONROE -



### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

#### Why do we celebrate the Immaculate Conception?

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, on December 8.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX declared the dogma of the Immaculate Conception:

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was, in the very first moment of her conception, by a unique gift of grace and privilege of Almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ the Redeemer of mankind, preserved free from all stain of original sin." (Ineffabilis Deus, Apostolic Constitution of Pope Pius IX on the Immaculate Conception)

#### Why do we celebrate the Immaculate Conception? (Continued)

Thus, the Church teaches that the Blessed Mother was redeemed by Her Son, just as we are, but by a Divine anticipation of the merits of the Word-made-flesh. Like Eve before her, she was not subject to the Fall and thus to the prince of this world. However, unlike Eve, she would never surrender that freedom which God's grace provided her.

#### What is the difference between the Immaculate Conception and the Virgin Birth?

The Immaculate Conception indicates that Our Lady was preserved from the penalty of original sin from the moment of her conception. The Virgin Birth means that Jesus was conceived and born, not of man, but by the Holy Spirit.

#### How do we know Mary was Immaculately Conceived?

The Church teaches us that Mary was immaculately conceived. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states,

To become the mother of the Savior, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role." The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace." In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin." (CCC 490-491). EWTN

She too was saved by Christ,  
but in an extraordinary way,  
because God wanted that  
from the moment of conception  
the mother of his Son  
was not touched by the misery of sin.

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## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thursday December 7, 2023

Vigil Mass 6:00 pm

Friday December 8, 2023

Feast Day 8:30 am & 6:00 pm



### Legion of Mary Redemptoris Mater Northern Curia

#### ANNUAL GENERAL REUNION (AGR)

Date: Saturday December 9, 2023

8:20am: Rosary,

8:45am: Holy Mass



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Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mystical Rose, make intercession for holy Church, protect the sovereign Pontiff, help all those who invoke you in their necessities, and since you are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, of sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life of burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance. Amen.

**JOIN US IN  
CELEBRATION  
FEAST OF  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
TUESDAY DEC. 12, 2023  
5:00 AM MARIACHIS  
5:30 AM PROCESSION  
6:00 PM MASS  
MATACHINES, DANCING,  
MUSIC & FOOD FESTIVAL**



## Catholics can receive a plenary indulgence by praying before a Nativity scene

Earlier this year, on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the faithful gathered at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy, to honor the beloved Italian saint and celebrate the [800th anniversary](#) of the approval of the Rule of St. Francis (1223) and the creation of the Nativity scene in Greccio.

As part of the celebration of this Franciscan Centenary, the [Conference of the Franciscan Family](#) asked Pope Francis for the approval of this plenary indulgence.

The conference wrote: "In order to promote the spiritual renewal of the faithful and increase the life of grace, we ask that the faithful receive a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions from 8 December 2023, the solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to 2 February 2024, feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by visiting the churches run by Franciscan families throughout the world and stopping in prayer in front of the Nativity scenes set up there." The Apostolic Penitentiary welcomed the request, allowing the faithful to receive this indulgence under the usual conditions. Those who are sick or unable to participate physically can obtain the indulgence by offering their sufferings up to the Lord or by "carrying out practices of piety."

### What is a plenary indulgence?

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary, and all the saints to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. The indulgence cleanses a person of all temporal punishment due to sin. However, it must always be accompanied by a full detachment from sin.

### Conditions to receive a plenary indulgence in all cases:

1. Detachment from all sin, even venial.
2. Sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope. Sacramental confession and receiving the Eucharist can happen up to about 20 days before or after the act performed to receive a plenary indulgence.

It is appropriate that Communion and the prayer take place on the same day that the work is completed. One sacramental confession is sufficient for several plenary indulgences. However for each plenary indulgence one wishes to receive, a separate reception of the Eucharist and a separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required.

[Catholics can receive a plenary indulgence by praying before a Nativity scene](#) | Catholic News Agency

# Advent 2023

## CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Advent Activities for Families

◆ DECEMBER ◆

SUN 3

Prepare an Advent wreath: three purple candles, one pink candle, and some evergreens. Place all on a tray or large plate. The candles can symbolize hope, faith, joy, and love or peace. Light the first purple candle and pray to God about the things you hope for.

MON 4

Make a nativity scene with household materials. Paint paper tubes to make the Holy Family. Use bits of fabric to make clothes. Use a shoebox to make the barn and a small box for the manger. Wait for Christmas Day to put Jesus in the manger.

TUE 5

The Christmas story begins with one small family set to change the world. On yellow strips of paper, write ways that your family can help bring light and hope to your community during Advent. Keep the papers in a jar. As you complete these actions, place them in the nativity scene you made to act as hay.

WED 6

**Feast of Saint Nicholas**  
Listen to a story about the legendary gift giver. Make or buy a small, thoughtful gift for someone you know.

THUR 7

Mary and Joseph were traveling far from their home when Jesus was born. Try sleeping in a different place in your house tonight. Swap beds with a sibling or sleep in a sleeping bag on the floor. Thank God for the comforts of your home.

FRI 8

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
Honor Mary, Mother of God by praying the Hail Mary today. Mary is Jesus' mother. Take special care of your mother or a mother figure in your life today.

SAT 9

**Feast of Saint Juan Diego**  
Juan Diego lived in Mexico, and Mary appeared to him. Eat a Mexican meal today and pray the Hail Mary before your meal in honor of Saint Juan Diego's devotion to Mary.



*Advent is Here!*  
*Jesus is coming!*

Advent is here! It's time to begin preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Jesus came the first time long ago in Bethlehem. Now He comes to us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. But we celebrate Jesus' coming in a special way at Christmas time.

Advent is the time to get ready for Christmas. We get our houses ready by cleaning and decorating. We get our souls ready by cleaning out our sins when we go to confession, and by learning and thinking about Jesus.



Here are some things that will help you get ready for Christmas:

~ Light a candle on an advent wreath when you say your prayers every day.

~ Read a book about Advent or Christmas.

~ Go to Confession before Christmas.



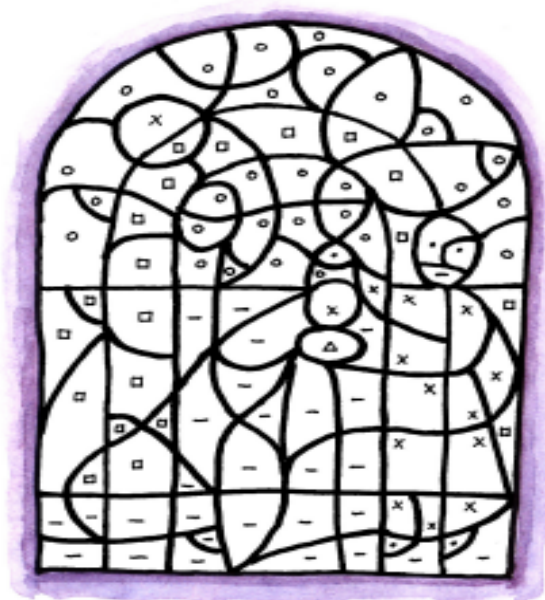
~ Do nice things for people. Remember that anything you do for someone else you do for Jesus!

Answers to Cross-words: Across: 1. like 5. saw 7. immaculate 10. over 11. preserve 15. pure 17. man 18. lamp 20. ready 22. am 23. original. Down: 2. him 3. you 4. hate 5. save 6. were 8. Mary 9. love 12. soul 13. baby 14. Adam 16. Eve 18. laws 19. born 21. Anne

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## The Kids' Bullet

First Sunday of Advent  
December 3rd, 2023



In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to always be ready.  
Here's someone waiting for his master to return...

Use this code to colour the picture in:

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