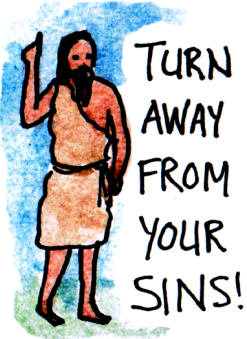


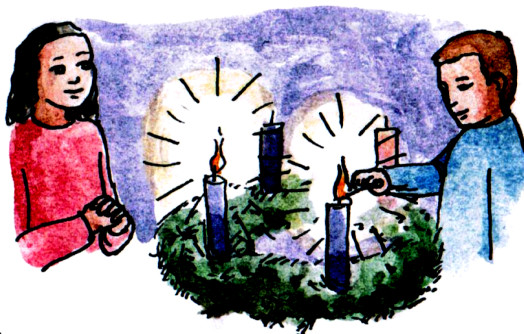
We Joyfully Wait for Jesus



Advent is a time of joy, when we happily look forward to the coming of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading tells about how Saint John the Baptist went around telling everyone to repent and prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

An Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of Jesus, our Light, into the world. It has three purple candles and one pink candle. One candle is lit on the first week of Advent, and one more is added every week until Christmas. Every week it gets a bit brighter because we are getting closer to Jesus' coming at Christmas.

The purple candles stand for repentance- being sorry and making up for our sins. The pink candle represents joy. It is lit on the third week of Advent because we rejoice that the waiting is half over.



Answers to John the Baptist Word Puzzle: crying, prepare, paths, filled, mountain, straight, rough, God, A PROPHET.



Second Sunday of Advent
December 5th, 2021



Luke 3:1-6

In Advent we hear about Saint John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. He preached to the people, telling them to repent, and baptized them.

When Jesus came Saint John told the people to follow Jesus because He was the Messiah.

Can you find your way from Saint John to Jesus?

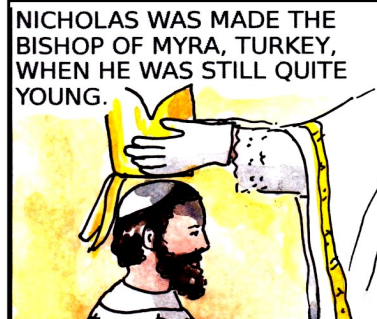
Saint Nicholas

December 6

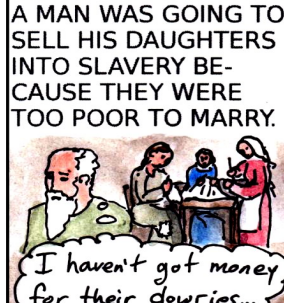
NICHOLAS WAS BORN TO CHRISTIAN PARENTS IN TURKEY IN THE 200'S. HIS PARENTS DIED WHEN HE WAS YOUNG. HE USED HIS MONEY TO HELP THE POOR AND THE SICK.



NICHOLAS WAS MADE THE BISHOP OF MYRA, TURKEY, WHEN HE WAS STILL QUITE YOUNG.



A MAN WAS GOING TO SELL HIS DAUGHTERS INTO SLAVERY BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO POOR TO MARRY.



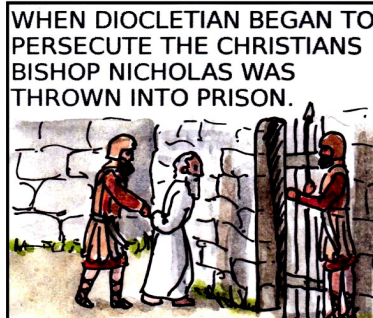
SO ST. NICHOLAS SECRETLY TOSSED THREE BAGS OF GOLD THROUGH THEIR WINDOW.



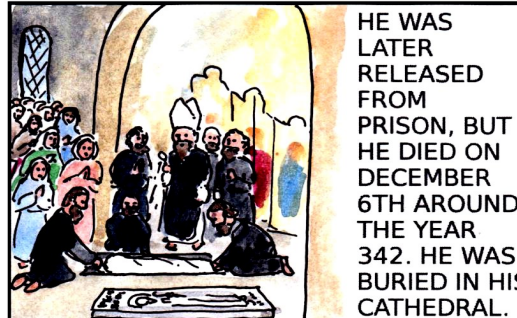
BISHOP NICHOLAS ESPECIALLY LOVED CHILDREN.



WHEN DIOCLETIAN BEGAN TO PERSECUTE THE CHRISTIANS BISHOP NICHOLAS WAS THROWN INTO PRISON.



HE WAS LATER RELEASED FROM PRISON, BUT HE DIED ON DECEMBER 6TH AROUND THE YEAR 342. HE WAS BURIED IN HIS CATHEDRAL.



SAINT NICHOLAS GAVE HIS LIFE TO GOD BY SERVING HIS PEOPLE. THERE ARE MANY STORIES ABOUT MIRACLES THAT GOD DID THROUGH HIM. HE IS THE PATRON SAINT OF CHILDREN, SAILORS, ORPHANS, TRAVELLERS, MERCHANTS, AND MANY OTHER PEOPLE. IS HE ONE OF YOUR PATRON SAINTS?

Saint John the Baptist

Word Puzzle

Here is a prophesy about Saint John the Baptist. Use the words from the list below to fill in the blanks. The letters that are in circles fit into the matching spots at the bottom.

A voice of one ○³ out in the desert:

" ○⁵ the way of the Lord, make straight his ○² . Every valley shall be ○⁷ and every ○⁸ and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made ○¹ , and the ○⁶ ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of ○⁴ ."

GOD **MOUNTAIN**
PATHS **STRAIGHT**
ROUGH **PREPARE**
FILLED **CRYING**

What was St. John the Baptist?

 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Isaiah 40:3-5

