

# Saint Agnes Catholic Church

December 31st, 2023 | Feast of the Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph



*From the Gospel of Luke*

“He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to Him, He took Him into his arms and blessed God...”

*Lk 2:22-40*

## This Week's Mass Intentions

### Sunday, December 31

- 7:30 a.m. † Eleanor and Ann Nugent  
9:00 a.m. † Hadda Boughnami  
11:00 a.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners

### Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

- 5:00 p.m. The Saunders Family

### Monday, January 1

- 9:00 a.m. † Ed Schirmer  
11:00 a.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners

### Tuesday, January 2

- 6:30 a.m. † Barbara Barnes  
*(The Barnes Family)*  
9:00 a.m. † George Spada  
*(Richard Lolich)*

### Wednesday, January 3

- 6:30 a.m. † Rene Yves Tallec  
*(Armelle Tallec)*  
9:00 a.m. † Dorothy D. Miller  
*(The Dougherty Family)*

### Thursday, January 4

- 6:30 a.m. In reparation for the sins committed  
against the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
*(Craig Turner)*  
9:00 a.m. † Thomas Donovan  
*(James & Karen Berkon)*

### Friday, January 5

- 6:30 a.m. Fr. Steven Oetjen  
*(Carol Mack)*  
9:00 a.m. † Elizabeth Meiners  
*(Kelsey Bloom)*

### Saturday, January 6

- 7:30 a.m. † Rose Randolph  
*(The Ford Family)*  
9:00 a.m. † Mary Fay Wilkinson  
*(The Gutierrez Family)*

### Vigil

- 5:00 p.m. † Katylee McNerney  
*(The Michael Family)*

### Sunday, January 7

- 7:30 a.m. † Sophie Michaels  
*(The Saunders Family)*  
9:00 a.m. † Katylee McNerney  
*(Carolyn [TASTE])*  
11:00 a.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners

† indicates person is deceased

## Scripture Readings Week of December 31st, 2023

- Sunday** Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2: 22-40
- Monday** Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God  
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Tuesday** Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church  
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Wednesday** Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus  
1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Thursday** Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious  
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42
- Friday** Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop  
1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51
- Saturday** Memorial of Saint André Bessette, Religious  
1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
- Sunday** The Epiphany of the Lord  
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## Keep Them in Your Prayers

### For those who are sick in our midst:

Judy Shack, Walter Quinn, William Thomas, Carol Naill, Cathy Sheehan-Wilson, Ed Bonin, Marlise Yetter, Paz Speer, Jake Williams, Mary Pace, Agnes Howard, John Terrill, Jodi Borisinco, David Lounsbury, Helen Rebull, Mark Peterson, Stephen Andrews, Christian Andrews, Caio Rabello, Sharon Beene, Dwight Beene, Allen Ashby, Maria Pereira, John Thieman, Judy Bosco, Carlos Porras, Patricio Martinez, Seamus Hasson, Beth Simon, Residents of Cherrydale Health and Rehabilitation

### The repose of the souls who have recently passed:

Armando Maldonado, Bernard Skibinski, Frederick A. Griffen, Clinton Froscher, John Greer, Margaret Brooks

## Adorers Needed!

The chapel is open with Exposition in the Monstrance from 1:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

On Wednesdays, Adoration is **in the Church**. Starts after the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 8:30 p.m.

To maintain this, we have an URGENT NEED for recurring weekly commitments:

- ♦ Tuesday: 3:00 p.m.
- ♦ Saturday: 4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.

Please contact Greg King at [adoration@saintagnes.org](mailto:adoration@saintagnes.org)





## Saint Agnes Essentials

### Sacramental Emergency:

Please call (703) 525-1166 Ext 1.

### Infant/Child Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact [sacraments@saintagnes.org](mailto:sacraments@saintagnes.org) to learn more about having your child baptized.

### Marriage Preparation:

Call the Parish Office for Pre-Cana at least 7 months prior to your wedding.

### Anointing of the Sick:

Call the Parish Office to request Anointing of the Sick. Anyone with a serious illness should request this sacrament before being admitted to the hospital.

### Homebound Visitation:

Call the Parish Office to request visitation.

### How to become Catholic:

Interested in joining the Catholic Church or want to learn more? Contact [adultformation@saintagnes.org](mailto:adultformation@saintagnes.org).

### Holy Orders and Consecrated Life:

Is the Lord calling you? For information about priesthood, the permanent diaconate, or the consecrated life, contact one of the priests or the Diocesan Vocations Office at (703) 841-2514.

### Registration/Change of Address:

Forms can be found in the parish office or you can register online on our website. Let the parish office know about any address changes.

### Sacramental Records or Sponsor Forms:

Please contact [sacraments@saintagnes.org](mailto:sacraments@saintagnes.org) to request copies of your Sacramental records or for Godparent or Confirmation sponsor forms. Please allow five (5) business days to accommodate your requests.

### Mass Intentions:

Please visit the Parish Office to request Mass intentions. We are currently scheduling into May 2024.

## Parish Clergy

- Pastor** • Rev. William Saunders
- Parochial Vicar** • Rev. Andrew Haissig
- In residence** • Rev. Anthony Pinizzotto
- In residence** • Rev. Steven Oetjen

## Parish Office

1914 N. Randolph Street • Arlington, VA 22207-3046  
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## Saint Agnes School

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**Assistant Principal** • Ann Reid [areid@saintagnes.org](mailto:areid@saintagnes.org)

## Sunday Mass

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

## Weekday Mass

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

## Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
and by appointment



It is often forgotten that Our Lady of Fatima requested the First Saturday Devotion to be widely observed to ensure Russia's conversion. The consecration which

recently took place by Pope Francis was not the only requirement for the conversion of Russia, according to Our Lady of Fatima. She included the request for the observance of the First Saturday devotion. She said to Sister Lucia (one of the three children at Fatima): "When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that He is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father. To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church."

### What is the First Saturday Devotion?

Our Lady of Fatima revealed to Sister Lucia the following aspects of the First Saturday devotion:

- ❖ Receive Holy Communion on five consecutive First Saturdays
- ❖ Go to confession each month
- ❖ Recite five decades of the Rosary on the First Saturdays
- ❖ Meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary.

## Christmas Office Hours

**January 2nd:** The Parish office reopens at 9:30 a.m.

## Adoration Chapel Christmas Schedule

The Adoration Chapel will reopen at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024.

# Ministries & Groups at Saint Agnes

## Adult Faith Formation

- Bible Study—[adultformation@saintagnes.org](mailto:adultformation@saintagnes.org)
- RCIA—[adultformation@saintagnes.org](mailto:adultformation@saintagnes.org)
- Spanish Bible Study—[gvegge@aol.com](mailto:gvegge@aol.com)
- Women's Bible Study—[stagneswvp@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswvp@gmail.com)

## Parish Service

- Arts & Crafts Guild—[gveggejr@gmail.com](mailto:gveggejr@gmail.com)
- Bethany Ministry—[bethanyministry@saintagnes.org](mailto:bethanyministry@saintagnes.org)
- Cherrydale Rehab Prayer Group—[biehlerj@aol.com](mailto:biehlerj@aol.com)
- Christ House Team—[Alice.paxton@paladinlifecare.com](mailto:Alice.paxton@paladinlifecare.com)
- Gabriel Project—[gabrielproject@saintagnes.org](mailto:gabrielproject@saintagnes.org)
- Gardening Angels—[jshirhall@gmail.com](mailto:jshirhall@gmail.com)
- Homebound Parishioners Visits—[homebound@saintagnes.org](mailto:homebound@saintagnes.org)
- Legion of Mary—[jbdugan45@gmail.com](mailto:jbdugan45@gmail.com)
- Respect Life—[saintagnesrespectlife@gmail.com](mailto:saintagnesrespectlife@gmail.com)
- St. Joseph's League—[StJosephLeague.StAgnes@gmail.com](mailto:StJosephLeague.StAgnes@gmail.com)
- St. Raphael Prayer Group—[littlecubb@aol.com](mailto:littlecubb@aol.com)
- The Borgo Gift Store—[theborgo@saintagnes.org](mailto:theborgo@saintagnes.org)
- Young Adults—[youngadults@saintagnes.org](mailto:youngadults@saintagnes.org)

## Liturgy

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—[dkcwhelan@gmail.com](mailto:dkcwhelan@gmail.com)
- Flower Guild—[dfowen@aol.com](mailto:dfowen@aol.com)
- Lectors—[biehlerj@aol.com](mailto:biehlerj@aol.com)
- Sacristans—[ruthefoster@earthlink.net](mailto:ruthefoster@earthlink.net)
- Ushers—[jholl2473@aol.com](mailto:jholl2473@aol.com)

## Youth Activities

- Challenge Club—[kfoley2@pefoley.com](mailto:kfoley2@pefoley.com)
- Conquest Club—[kfoley2@pefoley.com](mailto:kfoley2@pefoley.com)
- Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts—[mallen@americanpublic.us](mailto:mallen@americanpublic.us)
- CYO Sports—[dan.r.madigan@gmail.com](mailto:dan.r.madigan@gmail.com)
- Girl Scouts—[pamelasnichols@gmail.com](mailto:pamelasnichols@gmail.com)
- Youth Group—[youth.ministry@saintagnes.org](mailto:youth.ministry@saintagnes.org)



The next First Friday Sung Mass in Latin (Ordinary Form) at St. Agnes will be on **Friday, January 5th** at 7:00 p.m.

## 2023 Contributions

Contributions made in 2023 must be postmarked or received at the Parish Office no later than December 31, 2023. These contributions will be credited for the calendar year 2023. Contribution statements for 2023 will be mailed to those whose parish records indicate they have contributed during the year. If you do not receive your statement by January 31, please contact the Parish Office at [parishoffice@saintagnes.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintagnes.org).

***Thank you for your stewardship of God's gifts and your generosity for the many needs of parish life!***

# HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

all high schoolers are invited

**Christmas Break:**

December 17-January 7

**YG returns Jan. 9, 2024**



**JUNE 22-28**

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high schoolers & volunteers



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December 12, 2023

feed their families.  
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an incredibly suffered  
from the increase in  
the cost of food - as well  
as the increase in  
other expenses. (rent & electricity)  
Please let your generous  
community know how  
incredibly grateful we  
are.

God Bless you Father  
and God Bless you community  
THANK YOU - Ruth Kulick

DEAR Father Saunders:

No words can  
express how incredibly  
thankful we are for  
the huge amount of food  
collected for our rural  
poor at you parish.

The increase in need  
has exploded around  
here. Your generous  
food delivery has  
truly helped them

*Thank you*

*Note*

*from*

*Ruth Kulick*

*at*

*Our Lady of*

*the Blue*

*Ridge*

*Outreach*

“By faith Abraham obeyed.” If you should be called to serve the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, pray for a deep faith and obey Him in love.

Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director,  
at (703) 841-2514 or email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

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*Wise men still seek Him.*

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## Child Protection Compliance for Volunteers in Programs with Children or Youth

Adult volunteers who have substantial contact with children in the Diocese of Arlington are required to be compliant with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy which includes Background Checks, policy acknowledgement and completion of the VIRTUS (Protecting God's Children) Seminar. A VIRTUS Seminar will be held at Saint Agnes on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. You must register online at VIRTUS.org to receive attendance credit. Please register as soon as possible because the seminars fill up quickly.

If you would like to volunteer with children at Saint Agnes Parish or School, please contact Joan Biehler, Saint Agnes Liaison for Child Protection at [protect@saintagnes.org](mailto:protect@saintagnes.org) to receive the link for the online application for the background checks and instructions on completing the application and registering for the VIRTUS Seminar.

## Christmas Flower 2023

(Additional Names) Pray for our *donors* and their intentions

† Deceased Members of the Banks Family  
Banks Family Members

† Deceased Members of Vincentelli Family  
Vincentelli Family

† Souls in Purgatory  
*Duke and Elvira Banks*

*John an& Tip Barbara*

*Delson & Maria Baraoidan*

*Richard Lolich*



## 'Gardening Angels' Needed

Join fellow parishioners in helping to maintain the churchyard gardens. No special training needed, just a willingness to join and learn as you work. Timing can be arranged. If you have any questions, please call Jean Shirhall at 703-528-2617.

## Quo Vadis Seminary Visit for High School Boys

Ever wondered what college seminary is like? Join Fr. Isenberg and Quo Vadis on January 27, 2024, to experience it firsthand on a visit to St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. Meet the seminarians and their formators, see where they live, pray, eat and study, celebrate Mass together and tour parts of Catholic University where they have classes. Dads are welcome but not required. Deadline to submit registration form is January 18, 2024.

Visit [www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis) or contact the Office of Vocations at 703-841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). Quo Vadis events are for high school boys interested in growing in their spiritual life and exploring their vocations.

## VSHL

### Virginia Society for Human Life

**The Virginia Affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee**

The Northern Virginia Chapter of the Virginia Society for Human Life (VSHL) is sponsoring the Helen M. Donovan Memorial Award Essay Contest. This contest is open to high school seniors.

**ESSAY TITLE: Promoting the Culture of Life**

**1<sup>st</sup> Award      \$1,000.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Award      \$500.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Award      \$250.00**

***"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." Edmund Burke***

**As social media users and content creators, you can positively influence both your local community and the global culture through civil discourse, particularly on issues that threaten human life, such as abortion.**

**Discuss how you would use social media and other means to promote a culture that values human life at every stage and preserves human dignity.**

**Using the above title, your essay must be at least 400 words, double-spaced with one-inch margins. Please postmark by January 22, 2024. Include your home address, home phone number and school name. Mail to VSHL at the below address. A VSHL committee will judge each essay. Winners will be notified in February of 2024.**

**VSHL, Northern Virginia Chapter, PO Box 26003, Alexandria, VA 22313**

St. Agnes Catholic Church, Arlington VA is hiring!

# Religious Education ASSISTANT

FULL TIME

### Requirements:

- † A passion for Jesus Christ and sharing the Catholic Faith
- † Detail-oriented with strong administrative and computer skills
- † Ability to lift up to 30 pounds
- † Willingness to work some nights and weekends
- † Experience is not required but must be a quick learner and hard worker

We offer competitive salary and benefits.

Contact Lisa Orosa  
dff@saintagnes.org



## Catholic Charities Giving Tree – Thank you so much for your amazing generosity!

We received so many great gifts and gift cards for our Catholic Charities Giving Tree. The van from Catholic Charities was filled to the top! Thanks to your **amazing generosity**, refugee families in need will be able to have necessary items during this season.

Thanks to Brian Sherry and John Dolata who helped moving the gifts and then load the van and to Claudia Janes who prepared the beautiful gift tags.



*Don't throw away your Christmas cards! Bring them to the office so that Claudia can use them for next year's giving tree. Thank you!*

## Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 3+

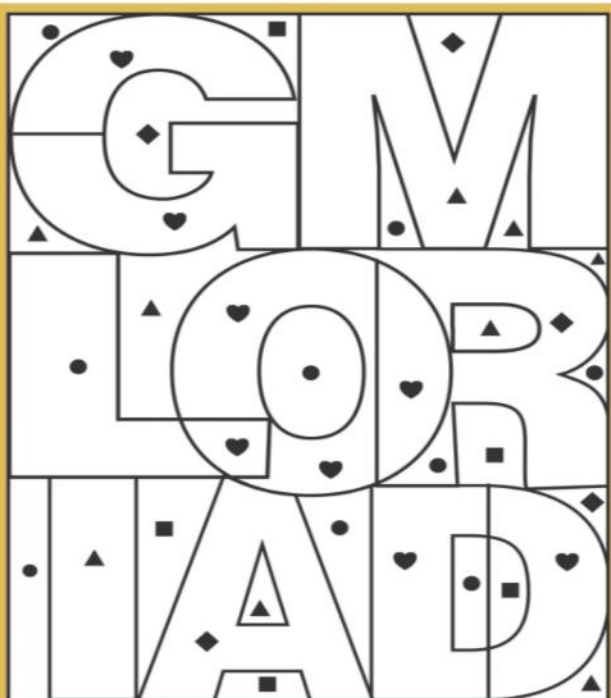
December 31, 2023 • Psalm 105:1-11

### Give Praise to the LORD



He is the LORD our God; He is the judge of all the earth.

Shade in all the spaces that have a ♥.



## Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

December 31, 2023 • Luke 2:22-40

### Jesus Presented in the Temple



What happened to Jesus after their visit to the temple?

Do the math problems and use the answers to fit the words into the correct blocks.





# Saint Agnes Religious Education

## Important Dates!

- ◆ December 20th-January 6th | Christmas Break
- ◆ January 7th | Confirmation First Sunday
- ◆ January 11th | Adult Faith Formation | Discovering Christ
- ◆ January 16th & 21st | Midterm Assessments
- ◆ January 27th | Family Day of Service for Pediatric Cancer

For more information, contact Lisa Orosa at [dff@saintagnes.org](mailto:dff@saintagnes.org).



*“Christ made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him Whom the angels serve.”*

## Sunday Mass Journal

Feast of the Holy Family  
Luke 2:22-40

Sunday, December 31

- CHURCH & MASS TIME: .....
- PRIEST & COLOR OF VESTMENTS:.....
- I OFFERED THIS MASS FOR:.....

### Gospel Reflection

In the Gospel, we see how Mary & Joseph took Jesus to the Temple, in obedience to Mosaic law. Why was it important for the Holy Family to follow Mosaic law? How can your family be more like them?

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I am thankful for...

- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....

I will pray for...

- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....

My Spiritual Goal for the Week



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a...

St. Agnes RE student

St. Agnes school student

Not an RE/SAS student

# ST. AGNES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH BINGO

## DECEMBER 2023



Do 5 activities in a row. Submit this card at the end of the month to the RE Office or at the Parish Gift Shop on the last Sunday of the month to collect your prize! **Complete ALL activities here and you will be entered for a raffle for a GRAND PRIZE in RE's May Crowning Celebration.**

Make an Advent wreath for your family.	Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis Xavier (Dec 3) by telling someone why you love Jesus	Learn the song "O Come Emmanuel".	Pray 3 Hail Marys before going to bed.	Go to Mass on Immaculate Conception, Dec 8. <b>It is a holy day of obligation.</b>
Take a walk or drive in your neighborhood to see the Christmas displays and pray for your neighbors	Pray the Advent prayers and light a candle from the wreath each Sunday of Advent.	Celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas (Dec 7) by putting out your shoes for candies	Memorize the Act of Contrition and go to Confession, if you can.	Eat some tacos or nachos to celebrate the feast of St. Juan Diego (Dec 9)
Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary as a family.	Celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec 12) by watching Littlest Saints on Formed.org	<b>GO TO MASS EVERY SUNDAY!</b>	Celebrate the feast of St. Lucy (Dec. 13) by having the girl in the family wear white and serve ginger cookies.	Assemble care bags for the homeless and give it to those you meet on the streets.
Attend a weekday Mass during Christmas Break.	Ask your parents if you could invite an elderly neighbor or acquaintance for a meal.	Celebrate the feast of St. John of the Cross (Dec. 14) by praying before a crucifix.	Sing Christmas carols and cheer up those who are lonely.	Help decorate your home for Christmas, with special emphasis on the Nativity scene.
Pop some popcorn and watch "A Charlie Brown Christmas" with your family.	Go to Mass on BOTH Sunday Mass on Dec. 24 & Monday, Dec. 25. <b>Christmas is a holy day of obligation.</b>	Visit Jesus in the Adoration Chapel and pray for world peace, especially in the Holy Land & Ukraine.	Honor the Holy Innocents (Dec. 28) by reading Matthew 2:16-18 and pray for an end to abortion.	Make Christmas cards for your loved ones and tell them why you love them to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family (Dec. 31).



# Saint Agnes Catholic School



St. Agnes School is a Catholic community centered on the teachings of Jesus Christ and strengthened by the partnership between parents, who are the primary educators of our students, and our dedicated teaching staff.

We believe in the mission to educate our students so that they become loving Christians, inspired learners, outstanding achievers, natural communicators, and strong servants of God.



**Merry Christmas from St. Agnes School! Sending wishes of comfort, joy, and all that this Christmas season offers you and your family.** The first grade Spanish class made birthday cards for Jesus, as well as an ‘escena del pesebre’, or Manger Scene, to celebrate the birth of our Lord. St. Teresa of Calcutta focuses us on this holy time, *“My prayer for you is that when Christ comes to you at Christmas, He may find in you a warm home, warm love like that of a heartfelt love, like that of a simple shepherd who was the first one chosen to see Christ.”*

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