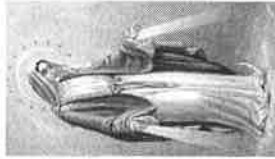
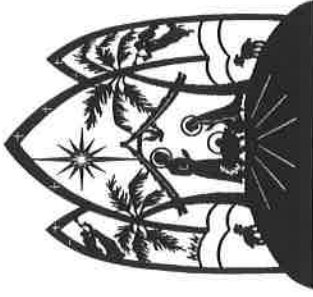


December 2019

St. Jude the Apostle School



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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 15 Breakfast with Santa	2 Mass PCA Meeting @ 6:00PM	3 Student Ambassadors	4 Cheer Chorus Perform at Colonie Center 6:30PM	5 Fowling	6 Banking	7 North Greenbush Christmas Parade 6PM
8	9 Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception	10 Student Ambassadors	11 Cheer	12 Santa's Secret Shop Christmas Concert Pre K @ 1PM K-6 @ 6:30PM	13 Santa's Secret Shop Banking	14
15	16 Mass	17 Student Ambassadors	18	19 Christmas Bowling with parents	20 Half Day 11AM Dismissal	21
22	23 Christmas Recess Begins No School	24 Christmas Pageant 4PM Mass No School	25 Merry Christmas No School	26 No School	27 No School	28
29	30 No School	31 No School	No School on 1/1, 1/2 & 1/3/2020			



Santa's Secret Shop 12/12 & 13

Children will be allowed to shop for their family & pets for Christmas right here at school! Items range from \$1.00 to \$5.00.



Breakfast with Santa Sunday, 12/15 8 to 11AM

Adult \$8

Children under 12 \$4

Children under 5 Free

Proceeds to

benefit the School



Christmas Concert 12/12

Pre-K @ 1PM

Doors will open @ 12:30PM

K-6 @ 6:30PM

Doors will open @ 6:00PM

January Reminders

1/1 to 1/3/2020 - Christmas Recess No School

1/6 - Classes Resume

1/6 - PCA Meeting @ 5:30PM

1/20 - Martin Luther King Day No School

1/26 to 2/1/2020 - Catholic Schools Week

10 December Activities for Catholic Families



- ☐ 1. **Pray for missionaries all over the world** who are spreading God's Word. To extend this activity, see what your family can do to help those doing a mission. (Saint Francis Xavier's Feast Day is December 3rd.)
- ☐ 2. **Fill your children's shoes with small gifts or wrapped candies** while they're asleep to celebrate Saint Nicholas' Feast Day on December 6th.
- ☐ 3. **Attend Mass on Christmas Day (December 25th) and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th).** Both are Holy Days of Obligation.
- ☐ 4. **Have a Mexican-themed dinner with roses as decorations** to celebrate the feast days of Saint Juan Diego (December 9th) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12th). You can make your own paper roses with this template:
<https://www.reallifeathome.com/super-easy-valentines-paper-rose-cutout/>
- ☐ 5. **Plan to give a gift (or three) to Jesus this year to celebrate His birthday.** Jesus taught us that when we help those in need, we are helping Him. Find a way to give a Christmas gift to someone who is particularly in need this year.
- ☐ 6. **Try one of these fun, hands on Nativity themed activities:**
<http://bit.ly/HandsOnNativity>
- ☐ 7. **If there is one within traveling distance, visit a Living Nativity.** If this is not possible, set up your family's Nativity scene and have a discussion about what the sights, sounds, and even smells may have been.
- ☐ 8. **Read one of the Gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.** Wait until then to add Jesus to your family's Nativity scene. Ask the youngest family member to add Him to the crèche. (Or you can give the honor to someone different each year.)
- ☐ 9. **Brainstorm with your family things you can do to live more like the Holy Family.** Plan to do at least one of those things before the end of the month. (The Feast of the Holy Family is the first Sunday after Christmas.)
- ☐ 10. **Choose an activity that will help babies,** such as donating to a crisis pregnancy center, praying for babies in danger around the world, or even just spending time with a special baby in your lives. (The Feast of the Holy Innocents is December 28th.)