



A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE KIDS OF ST. AMBROSE

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

Saint Nicholas was born to wealthy Greek parents in the year 270 on the coast of what is now Turkey. He lived in Myra, where he was bishop. He devoted himself to caring for the poor and defending children. At the Council of Nicea, he defended the divinity of Christ. To Roman officials who wanted to know who he was, he fearlessly declared: "I am Nicholas, a sinner, servant of God, and bishop of Myra." Saint Nicholas was gentle with children, but tough when it came to defending truth and justice. There are many stories of Saint Nicholas miraculously providing for those in need. He once convinced a merchant to give grain to people starving during a famine. The merchant gave grain but found when he arrived at his destination that he actually had no less grain than when he set off! The amount of grain he gave fed the people for 2 years with enough left over for planting after that! Saint Nicholas' feast day is December 6th. **Saint Nicholas, pray for us!**

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FAMILY TIME

*At the dinner table,
in the car,
we talk about our faith,
wherever we are!*



In this week's Gospel, Jesus reminds his disciples to be watchful. During Advent, we watch in hopeful anticipation of the Lord's birth at Christmas, but this passage also reminds us to watch in hopeful anticipation of when we'll meet Jesus after our life on earth.

FAMILY DISCUSSION: Jesus says "Be watchful. Be alert!" He warns "May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."

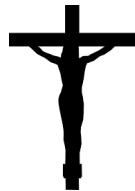
- What does it mean to be watchful during Advent? In what ways does Jesus want us to be awake and watchful?
- As we look forward to meeting Jesus after our life on earth, how can we be watchful? In what ways should we be cautious not to 'fall asleep' while we're waiting?

Psalm 80: "Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved."

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Let us give...



Have you ever heard of a Giving Manger? It's a wonderful tradition, during Advent, to help families prepare for the birth of the Christ Child. Below are links to a Giving Manger book and craft you can purchase and to a free version of the craft directions. Create a manger and build a warm bed of straw for Baby Jesus, adding straw for acts of love and kindness. The Giving Manger helps us to be watchful and prepared.



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PRAY AND DRAW: In today's first reading, the Prophet Isaiah prays that when the Lord comes, He might find us "doing right" and being mindful of God's ways. Pray about some ways God is asking you to be mindful of Him and choose to do what is right. Draw yourself 'doing right' below: