



The Kids' Catholic Virginian

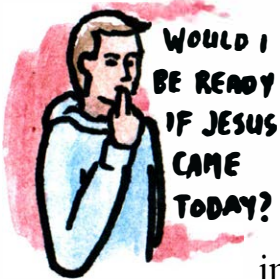
“Let the little children come to me” – Matthew 19:14

Let's not skip Advent!

Sunday is the beginning of Advent, the time when we prepare for Christmas.



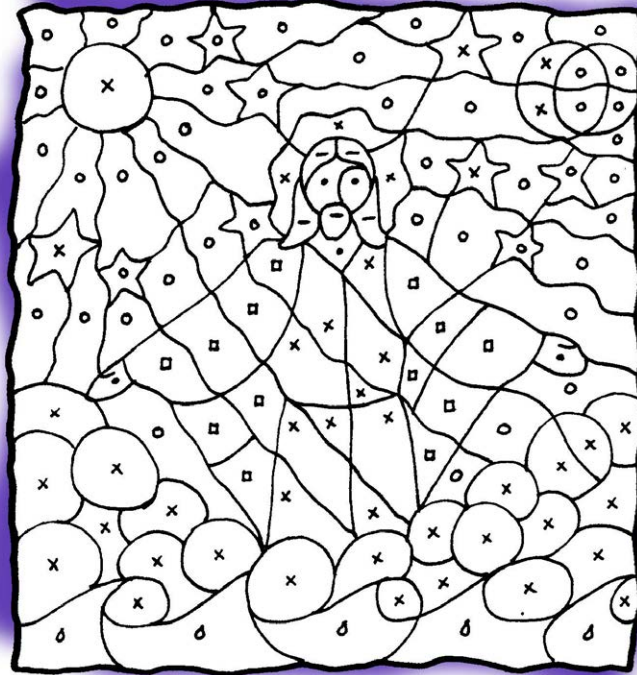
The word "advent" comes from the Latin word that means "coming." In Advent we are preparing for Jesus' coming. We look forward to Christmas, which is the celebration of his first coming and we also look forward to his second coming.



Did you know that the most important thing to have ready for Christmas is a clean soul?

During Advent you can try extra hard to be good. It is also a very good idea to go to confession before Christmas so that your soul will be good and clean when Jesus comes!

First Sunday of Advent • Dec. 1, 2024



In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about what is going to happen when he comes back at the end of the world.

Use the code to color in the picture!

- × white
- black
- ◊ blue
- red
- skin color
- brown

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



SAINT SUPERHERO

Saint Andrew

- Feast: November 30
- Patron: fishermen, singers, those suffering from sore throats

SAINT ANDREW LIVED AT THE SAME TIME AS JESUS. HE WAS A BROTHER OF PETER, AND THEY BOTH WERE FISHERMEN.

Can you help me haul this net up?

AT FIRST ANDREW WAS A DISCIPLE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, BUT THEN HE FOUND JESUS AND FOLLOWED HIM.

Behold the Lamb of God!

JESUS CHOSE ANDREW AS ONE OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES.

Andrew, come! Follow me.

What?! I thought you only had five loaves!

ANDREW WAS THE ONE WHO BROUGHT THE BOY WITH THE LOAVES AND FISH.

ANDREW STAYED WITH JESUS WHILE HE DID HIS WORK ON EARTH.

This is My Body.

AFTER THE ASCENSION AND PENTECOST, ST. ANDREW WENT OUT TO PREACH THE FAITH.

God gave us the Church to bring us closer to Himself.

ANDREW WAS MARTYRED BY CRUCIFIXION. HE WAS TIED TO A CROSS IN THE SHAPE OF AN X. HE PREACHED FROM IT FOR TWO DAYS BEFORE HE DIED.

Can you come and preach in my town?

WE DON'T KNOW VERY MUCH ABOUT THE LIFE OF ST. ANDREW EXCEPT THAT HE WAS A FAITHFUL APOSTLE OF JESUS AND ONE OF THE FIRST MISSIONARIES OF THE CHURCH. HE BEGAN AS A POOR FISHERMAN. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS STORY THAT JESUS CALLS US ALL TO BE SAINTS, NO MATTER WHERE WE'RE FROM.

Questions from Mrs. Mauney's 1st grade theology class, Charlottesville Catholic School:

Ask the Bishop

Q. What's your favorite Thanksgiving food?

A. The Thanksgiving meals I recall growing up had a combination of traditional Italian and American foods. We'd start with the "antipasto," which included cheeses, olives, pickles and prosciutto. This would be followed by a salad, along with pasta – usually ravioli or gnocchi – with red sauce and meatballs. The next course would be turkey, ham, stuffing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and different vegetables.

Then for dessert, there would be fruits like apples, oranges, and pears, along with walnuts, hazelnuts, and almonds. Finally, the "dolce" – sweet desserts – which included pumpkin and apple pies, as well as Italian-style "biscotti" cookies – like pizzelles – but also colorful American-style Christmas cookies.

As a kid, my favorite Thanksgiving foods were the pasta, especially the gnocchi, and the cookies! As an adult, my favorites are the ham, potatoes and gravy, and vegetables, like string beans with mushrooms.

Q. What are you thankful for this year?

A. I am always thankful when I am able to gather with my family during Thanksgiving. When my family members are doing well, it brings me joy!

Q. Do you travel for Thanksgiving?

A. Some years, because of events in a parish or other duties in my priestly work, I have not been able to travel to visit family – I would visit later, sometime after Christmas. But, for most years, I have lived close enough to family, so I could take part both in a parish Thanksgiving Day Mass and still make it to visit family in the afternoon. My plan this year is to drive to Maryland on Thanksgiving to join my sister and brothers for dinner.

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