



# The Kids' Catholic Virginian

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

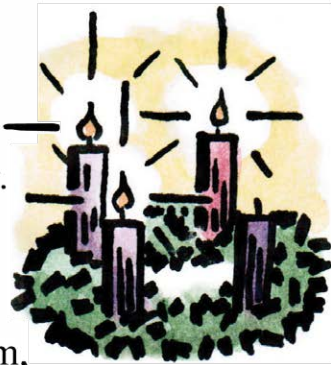
## Pointing the way to Jesus

Third Sunday of Advent • Dec. 15, 2024



In Sunday's Gospel reading we hear about the people being filled with expectation for the coming of the Messiah. St. John the Baptist told the people how to prepare for his coming -- by doing good and repenting of their sins.

At first the people thought that John the Baptist might be the Messiah. But Saint John was only a messenger. We can think of him as a sign-post pointing the way to Jesus. People came to



see and hear him, and he showed them the way to God.



How can you be like Saint John the Baptist and show other people the way to Jesus?

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## SAINT SUPERHERO Saint Lucy • Feast: December 13 Patron: blind people, those with vision problems

SAINT LUCY WAS BORN IN SICILY AROUND 283 A.D. SHE WAS FROM A WEALTHY FAMILY BUT HER FATHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG.



LUCY'S MOTHER WAS CURED OF AN ILLNESS AT THE TOMB OF THE VIRGIN MARTYR SAINT AGATHA.



SAINT LUCY IS A GREAT EXAMPLE FOR US BY HER PURITY AND DEDICATION TO GOD. SHE DID NOT LET ANY TORTURE STOP HER FROM DOING WHAT WAS RIGHT. BECAUSE SHE WAS BLINDED SHE IS THE PATRONESS OF SIGHT AND OF BLIND PEOPLE. WE PRAY TO HER IF WE HAVE PROBLEMS WITH OUR EYES.

LUCY WAS TOLD TO MARRY A ROMAN, BUT SHE REFUSED BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO GIVE HER LIFE TO GOD.

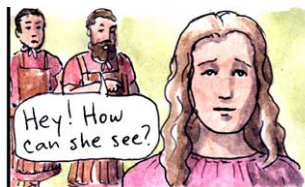


THE MAN TOLD THE GOVERNOR SHE WAS A CHRISTIAN SO SHE'D GET ARRESTED.

BUT WHEN THEY TRIED TO DRAG HER AWAY THEY COULDN'T!



LEGEND SAYS THEY PUT HER EYES OUT AS PUNISHMENT, BUT SHE REGAINED HER SIGHT BEFORE SHE DIED.



THEN THEY TRIED TO BURN HER, BUT THE FLAMES WOULDN'T TOUCH HER BODY. FINALLY THEY KILLED HER WITH A DAGGER.



### Ask the Bishop

**Q.** Do you like “The Chosen”?  
- Samuel Liam Hillbish, 11, St. Michael the Archangel, Glen Allen

**A.** I like the show very much! I've not seen all the seasons, but I have watched it from time to time, when my schedule permits. It uses some “artistic license,” which means that it creatively tells the story of Jesus' life, mission, and ministry, but imagines what the lives of Jesus, Mary and the disciples might have been like. It is creative and respectful of the Scriptures, but goes beyond what we know from the Gospels.

**Q.** What would happen if the devil tricked a Catholic into being hypnotized?  
- Jonah Lynch, 10, St. Bede, Williamsburg

**A.** I am not an expert on hypnotism, but it is hard for me to believe that you could be hypnotized against your will. If you have a good prayer life and try to live a holy life, you will be resistant to deceptions. God helps all of us to avoid things that might harm us – we just need to ask his help in prayer.

**Q.** What do you like to do after you celebrate Sunday Mass?  
- Jonah Lynch, 10, St. Bede, Williamsburg

**A.** If I have a free Sunday afternoon, I enjoy watching some football, golf, or just taking an afternoon nap. If it works out for my schedule, I also enjoy a nice meal with family or friends.

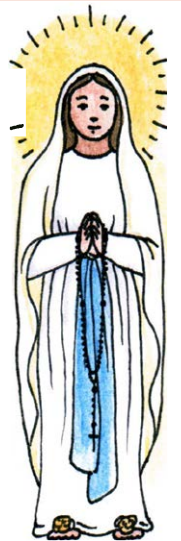
Kids 12 and younger: make sure to check with your parent/guardian, then email Bishop Knestout YOUR question. AskTheBishop@catholicvirginian.org Include your full name, age, and home parish.

### Immaculate Conception Word-Find

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See if you can find the words that are written in CAPITALS.

The leftover letters spell the name of a special prayer we can say to Mary on her feast day.



This year, December 9 is the feast day of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. That is a name for MARY that means that GOD made her WITHOUT SIN because he had CHOSEN her to be the MOTHER of HIS SON. Her SOUL was FREE from ORIGINAL sin even before she was BORN. All her life she KEPT her HEART PURE and without the STAIN of sin. Mary NEVER OFFENDED God, and with his GRACE, she spent her whole life LOVING JESUS.