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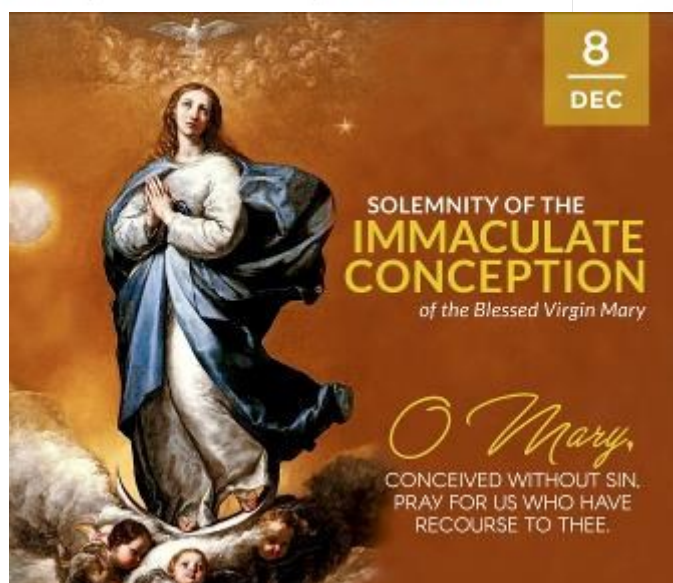
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Dec. 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

National Day of Prayer in

Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

Diocesan Prayer

We give thanks for the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples of Canada, and for the blessing of cultures and traditions, as well as for the gifts of creation that we share. Creator God, please walk with us and help us to embrace our mutual journey toward truth and reconciliation. Guide us to healing and peace, and awaken in all a spirit of compassion, justice, community and friendship.



Find this year's message from the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council online at:

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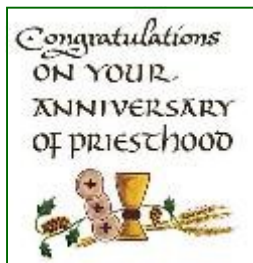
Lucille's Letter

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Dear Fr. Mario & Sisters in The League,

The hustle and bustle of the Christmas season is upon us. Let us commit to starting our Advent in a prayerful and prayer filled way by participating in the retreats offered to us through our parishes or through online portals. These retreats will help to center us and be a reminder that for Christians, Christmas is far more than parties and gifts!

Did you know that December 6th is Fr. Mario's 26th anniversary of ordination? We thank him for his continued devotion to our Lord and our parish.



A big shout out to all who donated to and participated in our Soup Sunday fundraiser for the Tache Food Resource Centre on November 5. We were able to donate over \$1000 from our endeavour!

Thank you to all members who actively participated in our Unity Project discussion at our last general meeting. Comments were recorded and have been passed on to the diocesan level where they are being collated to pass on to provincial and national levels of the league.

At our general meeting, we were able to celebrate the upcoming child of Jennifer Opara by hosting a baby shower for her. She was humbled and so grateful for the generosity of our members.

Our council laid a wreath at the annual Remembrance Day ceremony held on Saturday, November 11. Thank you to Rolande Chernichan and Constance Haas for representing our council so well.

Thank you to Marcia Poirier for representing me at the annual diocesan CWL dinner with His Grace, Archbishop LeGatt on November 17, as I was unable to attend.

Your executive council has completed the annual survey as required by national. We have also identified highlights for each committee and for our council as a whole. These will be published in the January newsletter.

Thank you to all members who have paid their 2024 membership dues of \$45.00. Members who have not yet paid are urged to do so ASAP. You can pass a cheque to Suzanne or eTransfer to

Please complete your council election nomination forms and return them to Lacey by December 15th. A new executive will be elected at our January general meeting. As I stated before, if you are nominated for a position, that is indicative of the trust your sisters have in your abilities to lead and guide us over the next 2 year term. Please do not be scared to accept a new challenge. You have many League sisters ready and able to help you on this journey.



As you celebrate Advent, please remember in your prayers Lacey Bernardin, Lynne Bernier, Sue Johannesson, Carol, Mravinec, Clarence Bialek, Agatha White, Darren Reiter & Bob Chernichan.

Suzanne Moore would like to extend her profound thanks and humility to the members of the CWL for the prayers that surrounded her during her recent encounter with uterine cancer. She claims that her recent cancer-free diagnosis is God's way of saying, "Get back to work!"

Nettie reports that her winter clothing drive for Union Gospel Mission was a huge success! These two pictures represent the last third of the donations she received and delivered.

Our CWL council is hosting an Advent gathering for members and their families at the Bles d'Or at 1:30 pm on Sunday, December 3rd. Please bring an appetizer for sharing and a wrapped \$10.00 gift per person to participate in a game.

Our next general meeting will be on January 10th, 2024. Until then, have a blessed and peaceful Christmas and a very happy new year.

Lucille Chay



December

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

2023 Pope's Intentions



December 2023

Sun

Mon

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Advent is a season observed in most Christian denominations as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year in Western Christianity. The name was adopted from Latin *adventus* "coming; arrival", translating Greek *parousia* from the New Testament, originally referring to the Second Coming.

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Adoration 5—6
Kathleen & Marie

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Fr. Mario

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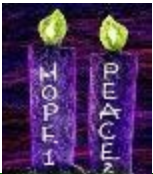
Feast of
The Immaculate
Conception—
Honour Guard
at Cathedral

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Advent
Gathering
1:30 Bles d'Or



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Feast of
Our Lady of
Guadalupe



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Adoration 5—6
Monique & Faith

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Jolene &
Ryan Capina

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Feast of the
Holy Family

The Feast Of The Holy Family is a religious holiday that mainly celebrates the sanctity of the holy family (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph), but also celebrates the family unit. It's observed on the Sunday after Christmas, or if Christmas falls on a Sunday, then it's observed on December 30th instead. Devotion to the Holy Family became more popular during the 15th century, and they appeared prominently in works of art during this period of time. It was during this time that the Holy Family was presented as the ideal for Christian families and that purpose continues to this day.

CWL Soup Sunday, November 5

In Support of Taché Food Resource Centre



CWL General Meeting, November 8

Unity Project and Baby Shower for Jennifer



You Are Invited!

Join us for a Christmas luncheon and celebrate the work Life Culture is doing, as well as hear an update on abortion and MAiD in Canada from our executive director, Susan Penner.



**Life
Culture**

STEINBACH
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 12:00-2:00PM
SMITTY'S BANQUET ROOM

WINNIPEG
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 12:00-2:00PM
HYATT HOUSE HOTEL



Reserve seats at:
www.lifeculture.ca/christmas
or by calling (204) 326-5433

This event is complimentary, an opportunity to donate will be given.

Dear Jesus,
Please bless this baby
who is loved so very much.
Shower this little one with
your heavenly blessings,
and keep this child
always in Your loving care.
Amen.

Remembrance Day Service November 11, 2023



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Lest we forget



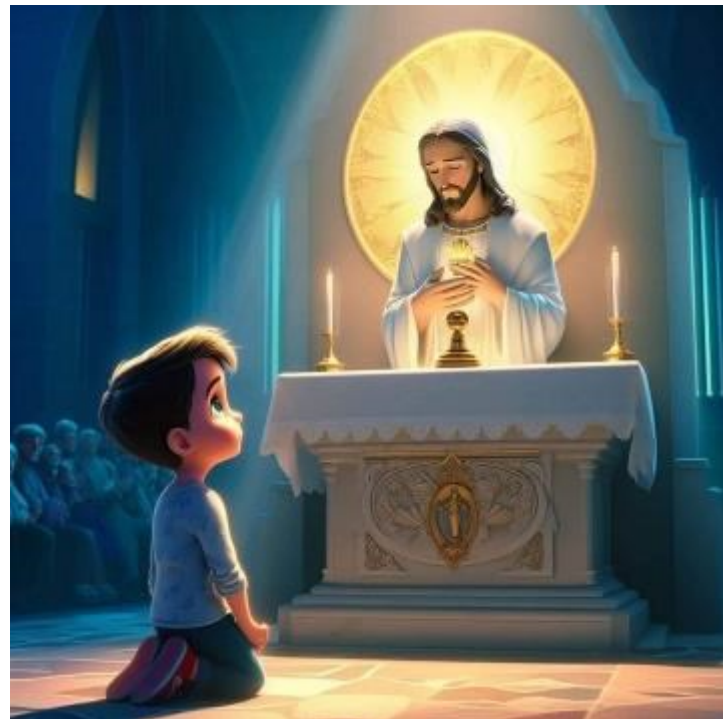
Annual Diocesan CWL Dinner with Archbishop LeGatt November 17, 2023



If I can create these types of Encounters with Jesus for our children, then I have done well in the sight of God.



Jared Larson & his aunt Sister Anna Marie of the Sacred heart of Jesus.



Global Textile Waste

KEY STATISTICS

Up to **100 BILLION**
new garments are made each year



TheRoundup.org



The World Produces
92 Million Tons
of textile waste every year



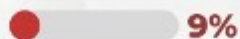
of all new clothing
materials are actually

PLASTIC

Textile Production Causes

**42 MILLION
TONS**

of plastic waste per year
and contributes



of annual microplastic
pollution added to our oceans.



Of materials used to
make clothing

**END UP IN
LANDFILL**



That's one truckload
EVERY SECOND



Of clothes are
**RECYCLED INTO
NEW GARMENTS**

TheRoundup.org

Sources: UNEP, Global Fashion Agenda, Ellen MacArthur Foundation, Science Advances



2023.01 Combating Textile Waste in Canada

Resolved, that national council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada in 103rd national annual meeting of members assembled, urge the federal government to establish new programs and to expand established subsidies aimed at reducing textile waste in Canada.

Major clothing brand waking up to ditch "fast fashion"



Our wallets and the planet will thank us for making this shift ... and we bet Pope Francis would approve!

Clothing is a daily essential, so it's kind of shocking to find out just how big a problem the clothing industry is.

Clothing used to be made to last, but not anymore. Just since 2000, the average number of times an item was worn decreased by 36%. At the same time, clothing sales doubled from 100 to 200 billion units a year. And that's not even taking into account the fashion industry wasting billions of dollars and its environmental impact.

Those numbers are mind blowing. We are churning through poorly made clothing products in a way that would have been completely foreign to our great-grandparents ... and to humans for most of history. For

millennia, every garment was made slowly and carefully to last as long as possible.

There's good news, though. A few brands are waking up to the harm of "fast fashion" and starting to offer sustainable options.

Major retailer H&M now offers an option to buy "pre-loved clothing," in partnership with ThredUp, an online thrift store for clothing. Their website says, "Extending your clothes' lifespan is a great way to look after your wardrobe and our planet."

Totally apart from the environmental effects, buying secondhand clothing is also a lot easier on the wallet, which can be a real boon in this economy!

If you're on the fence about using ThredUp, I want to put in a personal plug. I've been buying through the site for several years and have scored all kinds of cute outfits from higher-end brands like J. Crew and Anthropologie for a real steal. I'm wearing jeans from ThredUp as I type this!

For beginners to the site, know that you can personalize your search in highly specific detail, not only searching by size and brand

but also by things like fabric material and item condition. You can even choose to search only for clothing that is "New with tags" if you prefer.

ThredUp and similar online clothing resale shops are an amazing resource for so many reasons. They make fashion more affordable and more sustainable. They're especially useful if you have little kids who grow out of their clothing quickly!

It's so good to see a major retailer like H&M partner with ThredUp. In his encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis wrote, "The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together; we cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation." This kind of partnership seems like a simple way to put care for the environment into action.

Here's hoping we see more of this going forward for savvy shoppers. Our wallets and the planet will thank us ... and we bet Pope Francis would approve!

https://aleteia.org/2023/11/09/major-clothing-brand-waking-up-to-ditch-fast-fashion/?utm_campaign=EM-EN-Newsletter-Daily-utm_content=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_s

ADVENT


"May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women."

— Pope Francis



FIRST SUNDAY

The first candle on the Advent wreath represents Hope – the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. It is purple, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle," the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus.

 Sunday, December 3

THIRD SUNDAY

The third candle of Advent symbolizes Joy. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. It takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls "Gaudete Sunday," meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. For this reason, it is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and its color is pink, the liturgical color for joy.

 Sunday, December 17


SECOND SUNDAY

The second candle on the Advent wreath represents Peace and is also purple. Often called the "Bethlehem Candle," this candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. It also builds on the meaning of the Prophecy Candle, recalling that after the division, destruction, and dispersion of the kingdom in the Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth.

 Sunday, December 10

FOURTH SUNDAY

The fourth candle of Advent represents Love, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the "Angel's Candle," the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the color purple, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth.

 Sunday, December 24

The Season of Advent

Both Lent and Advent are seasons of waiting, preparation, and penance. During Lent, we await Christ's return from 40 days in the desert, His loving sacrifice for us, and Resurrection. In Advent, we prepare for His birth. The birth and resurrection of Christ are intertwined, and their connection is quite significant theologically. Yet, these seasons of waiting look different for us – **Advent is a uniquely joyous and hopeful season in the Church.**

We light candles amidst the darkness. We find warmth in the cold, dark winter season. And we come together as friends and family to celebrate the coming of our Savior.

Advent is also the beginning of a new liturgical year. (This Advent season marks the start of Year B.)

We begin the year anew, renewed by His birth.

Advent: The Biblical Roots

Though it's never explicitly mentioned in the Bible, Advent is inspired by scripture.

Isaiah, a messianic prophet, foretold Jesus's birth centuries before it took place:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

In the Gospels, we see the fulfillment of this prophecy.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus. (Matthew 1:18-25)

Short Advent Prayers

Advent is a relatively short liturgical season, so perhaps it's fitting that short, simple prayers are all we need to feel God's calming presence in our lives amid the many distractions of November and December.

Consider these brief Catholic prayers this Advent season:

- Dear Lord, please allow me to embrace Advent in the way the Church intends: as a way to prepare for Your arrival. May everything I do—every gift I send, every party I attend, every meal I share—remind me to prepare space in my heart for You. Amen.
- Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In Your name I pray. Amen.
- Lord, send down Your Spirit to guide me during Advent this year. May the Holy Spirit help me journey closer to You and lift me up when I feel down and led me when I feel lost. I may stumble at times, but I know my ultimate journey is to draw closer to You and build Your kingdom here on earth—a kingdom that Jesus's birth, life and death helped secure. Amen.
- I pray for focus today, dear God, because during Advent, my mind and attention tend to wander. There are so many distractions, many of them well-meaning. But nothing gives my heart rest like resting in You. I pray that keep You at the focus of my day today, because I know the peace that only You offer. Amen.

Two 'Pagan Roots of Christmas' Claims You Can Refute

Scripture forbids the Christmas tree! Right? Well, no. Get the truth about this and one more 'pagan' accusation against Christians.

One of the first shows about Christmas I watched as a kid was *A Charlie Brown*



Christmas. I haven't watched it in years, but I haven't forgotten the climactic scene, where Charlie Brown shouts above the noise to demand an answer to a question he's struggling with: *What is Christmas all about?* As we all know, Linus steps forward and proclaims the birth of Christ.

The scene is interesting to me as a Catholic. It's reminiscent of the Council of Jerusalem in Acts 15, where, after much disputation among the apostles, Peter rises and puts the debate on circumcision to rest. Linus was our second pope, and it seems no small coincidence that, amid all the noise, it was Linus who delivered the truth of Christmas to Charlie Brown and his friends.

The show first aired in 1965, and it became a holiday favorite for many, but modern critics dislike the show for its Christian sentiment. It's a lot more than sentiment—it's catechesis! I can't name another Christmas movie that goes so far as to recite an entire section of the Bible (see Luke 2:8-14) to discuss the reason we celebrate the birth of Christ.

Unfortunately, times have changed, and fewer people are willing to recognize that

Christmas is a Christian celebration. If Charlie Brown entered a crowded room today to ask what Christmas is all about, he'd get mixed answers. Perhaps out of a desire to further secularize Christmas, many claim that it is not Christian at all, that it was "invented."

The modern Catholic has many fronts to defend, one of them being the so-called "pagan roots" of Christmas. Around Christmastime, you are likely to hear the objection that Christmas is a Christo-pagan holiday, a mash-up of pagan beliefs and Christian celebration. Here are two of the objections you might meet, and a helpful way to respond to each.

1. "Christians coopted Christmas from the winter solstice celebration of Sol Invictus."



Yes, there were mid-winter celebrations in religions outside Christianity during the time of the early Church. In fact, as with Easter, the Eastern and the Western churches observed Christmas differently, and, until recently, the Armenians didn't celebrate it at all. The West led the way with a distinctive Nativity-based celebration, concluding with the holy Mass. Christmas was not an assimilated celebration until the fourth century.

Does that mean that the apostle John, and Ss. Polycarp and Irenaeus—three men who were apostolically connected—did not celebrate Christmas? It could. But there is nothing wrong with this. There was never a debate about the birth of Christ; rather, the debate was about the celebration of it as Christmas took time to develop.

The person who maintains Christmas's "pagan roots" has to ask himself the following questions:

After centuries of the Church being persecuted for not observing pagan holidays, where is the proof of influence?

Who influenced whom? Did Christianity influence pagans to begin to adopt a more public and concrete celebration, or did Christians

"Christianize" a pagan event? We can observe historically that the two celebrations were present at the time, but neither scenario is a problem for the Christian, because the Church has the ability to Christianize people *and* celebrations alike. Light overcame darkness at the celebration of Sol Invictus, and, in Christ, darkness was defeated by the *real* luminousness of Christ. Paganism had a hint, but Christianity had the fulfillment.

Remind your objector of what Paul said to the Greeks at the Areopagus:

For as I passed along, and observed the object of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, "to an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you . . . that [every nation of men] should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after him and find him (Acts 17:23,27).

A desire for the "unknown God" is written on the hearts of all men. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* puts it this way:

The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for (27).

2. "The Christmas tree comes from pagan origins and is condemned in the Bible."

The objector can have a field day with this one. Evergreens are a near-universal symbol of hope in the winter season. They represented resurrection (triumph of life over death) for the Egyptians, everlasting life for the



Scandinavians and Druids, and agricultural anticipation (to the god Saturnalia) for the Greeks and Romans. But the tree was not recognized as a use of Christmas celebration until the time of the Reformation.

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More closely connected to the ancient Church is the use of evergreen wreaths. Your objector might say that it came around the same time as the popularity of the pagan celebration Saturnalia. The truth is, Tertullian wrote as early as 190-220 that Christians hang more “wreaths and laurels” than the pagans (who hang it for the “gate gods”) at their doors.

In this letter, Tertullian condemned the wreath as something into which to put hope as did the pagans with their temples, over that of Jesus who is the true Light in which we are the actual temples of the Spirit. He wasn’t condemning the décor! He ends with, “You are a light of the world, and a tree ever green. If you have renounced temples, make not your own gate a temple.” There’s little evidence that the Church adopted the practice from the pagans they were trying to convert.

The passage in the Bible your objector likely is referring to is Jeremiah 10:3-4.

Thus says the Lord: Learn not the customs of the nations, and have no fear of the signs of the heavens, though the nations fear them. For the cult idols of the nations are nothing, wood cut from the forest, wrought by craftsmen with the adze, adorned with silver and gold. With nails and hammers they are fastened, that they may not totter (NAB).

Let’s get one thing straight: Jeremiah was not talking about Christmas trees. He was writing hundreds of years before Christmas became a celebration. He was pointing out the

idolatry of the people of that day and, like Tertullian, was warning against the idolatry of those who put their hope in earthly gods and things.

Near to this, the objector must understand that Christians are not intent on worshiping their trees and are certainly not putting them in their entryways to deter spirits—perhaps



for some carolers and eggnog, but not for protection.

There is nothing wrong with the Church baptizing certain practices of other religions. The objector is claiming that the Church derived its beliefs from these celebrations when it only assimilated such seasonal celebrations and symbols. St. Patrick did the same with the shamrock to illuminate and demonstrate the reality of the Trinity, as did St. Paul in

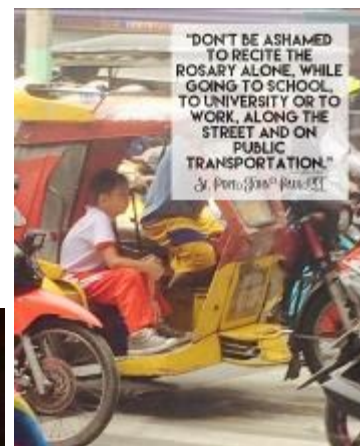
explaining the “unknown god” at the Areopagus. Paul did not derive the idea of God from the Greeks that day, and Patrick did not derive the Trinity from a leaf.

We don’t believe that Christians hold the patent on truth. Instead, we believe that God has allowed hints of himself in other religions. In other words, just because a specific religion does not contain the *whole truth*, that does not mean that it contains *no truth*. If you witness to a pagan who believes that a wreath will save him, maybe you can show him how Jesus is the fulfillment of that promise of everlasting life. Then, like the cross that hangs from our necks, we can display a wreath to remind us of what is true. In this way, Christianity has the distinct ability to assimilate the “hints” of other religions.

I find the following passage from Vatican II’s *Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions* especially enlightening:

The Catholic Church rejects nothing that is true and holy in these religions. She regards with sincere reverence those ways of conduct and of life, those precepts and teachings which, though differing in many aspects from the ones she holds and sets forth, nonetheless often reflect a ray of that truth which enlightens all men. Indeed, she proclaims, and ever must proclaim Christ “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6), in whom men may find the fullness of religious life, in whom God has reconciled all things to himself (*Nostra Aetate* 4).

<https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/refuting-the-pagan-roots-of-christmas->





What does the Bible say about Mary's Immaculate Conception?

The Bible supports the Catholic teaching that Mary was conceived without any stain of sin.

The Roman Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary on December 8. It is a feast that recognizes Mary's conception without any stain of sin.

While **not explicitly mentioned in the Bible**, the dogma of the Immaculate Conception is **supported by various scripture passages**.

Full of grace

In the Gospel of Luke, Mary is called "**full of grace**," a term that reflects her "immaculate" (from the Latin for "without stain") state. And he came to her and said, "Hail, **full of grace**, the Lord is with you!" *Luke 1:28*

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains this connection.

*Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the **Immaculate Conception** confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854. 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**. CCC 491*

The single verse from Luke is the most direct affirmation from the Bible that Mary was immaculately conceived.

https://aleteia.org/2022/12/07/what-does-the-bible-say-about-marys-immaculate-conception/?utm_campaign=EM-EN-Newsletter-WeeklySunday-&utm_content=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=sendgrid&utm_term=20221211

Scientists can't explain why Guadalupe tilma hasn't decayed



After nearly 500 years, the tilma bearing the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is still perfectly preserved, when it should have decayed.

St. Juan Diego's tilma, bearing the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, has been on display in Mexico for nearly 500 years, but it has not shown any signs of decay.

This reality has **stumped many scientists**, as the tilma was made of a material that should have decayed only a few short years after it was put on display.

Dr. Aldofo Orozco explained the situation at the International Marian Congress on Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2009, as

recorded by *Catholic News Agency*.

All the cloths similar to the Tilma that have been placed in the salty and humid environment around the Basilica **have lasted no more than ten years** ... the original Tilma was exposed for approximately 116 years without any kind of protection, receiving all the infrared and ultraviolet radiation from the tens of thousands of candles near it and exposed to the humid and salty air around the shrine.

Furthermore, the tilma has endured all sorts of mistreatment, such as the accidental spilling of a 50% nitric acid solvent in 1785. The tilma was unharmed by the incident.

The tilma even survived a **bombing of the basilica in 1921**. Everything around the tilma was badly damaged, but not the tilma.

Dr. Orozco said that the preservation of the tilma was simply "**beyond any scientific explanation.**"

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I don't know if I should cook this potato or take it to the hospital 🥴🥴🥴



Today, 8 year olds are asking for the latest iPhone.



When I was 8, I felt like I'd won the lottery if I had this pen.

Men be like "where's the ketchup"



Men also be like "do you see that buck across the canyon?"



The awkward moment when you drive your Chevy to the levee and the levee isn't dry.



This is what happens when you're drinking whiskey and rye.

When you see someone eat the last deviled egg and you only had 7 of them



Me before Confession Me after Confession



If you have a stain on your shirt, outline the stain with a pen and give it a name. This will make it seem like you visited a random island




"Verily, verily, I say unto you, the one who returns his cart to the little corral thing after shopping shall be called first in the kingdom of heaven." -Matthew 18:4




Jesus walks into a bar: "Just 12 waters please!" *winks at disciples*




RAMBO




CHUCK NORRIS



BRUCE LEE



Mama



IMAGINE IF YOU WILL



....An atheist stuck at a green light behind a car with a "Honk if you love Jesus" bumper sticker.

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Our four-year-old, talking to a neighbour: "Do you know about Jesus?"


Neighbour: "Not really. I —"

4yo: "SOMETIMES WE DRINK HIS BLOOD."

Neighbour:



Beard to Holiness Chart



A little holy

Pretty Holy

Holy

Super Holy

Pretty much a saint

Definitely a saint

Peak holiness (most holiness)

Only for the Theologians

You might as well go ahead and pronounce the "L" in "salmon." Nothing matters anymore.

I love it when my kids sigh. Like what ails you my little unemployed freeloader

This is what irony means. You buy an electric car to save the planet and a tree kills it!



Men will literally complain about having to match outfits for family pictures and whatnot but then proceed to coordinate outfits perfectly with 65k random people



Daughter: I want a Dinosaur
Dad: It's impossible
Daughter: Then let me have a Boyfriend
Dad:

@Ronald Hopkins



- Who are you??
- I am death.
- Are you here for me?
- No. For your indoor plants



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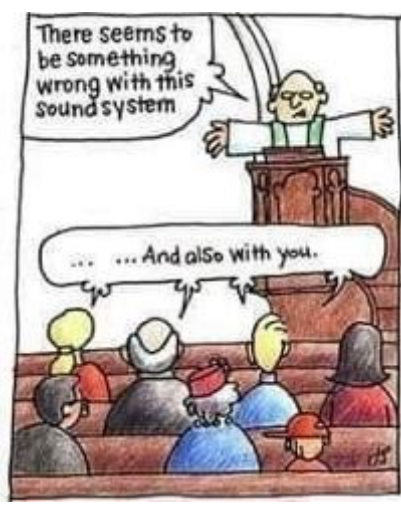
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Many people do not realize the struggle of the Tally Man in tallying bananas.



Decided to go for a walk on the beach and got freaked out when I thought I'd ran into a kkk meeting...

Turns out they're just closed beach umbrellas.



Are you stuck?



No you idiot, the combine needed a drink.

Pix/Instagram

 **Nate** 
@thenatewolf

HUMAN BODY: I can grow a fully formed human baby in like 9 months. I'm talking brain, functioning respiratory system, eyeballs, everything.

ME: Cool, cool. How long will it take for my twisted ankle to feel better?

HUMAN BODY: 7 years and it will never be the same.

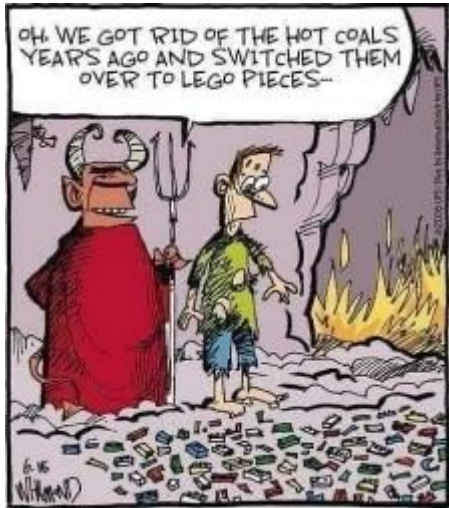
Now Mama, you don't have to go to church to go to heaven.



Well, you don't have to wear a parachute to jump out of an airplane either, but it certainly helps.



BECAUSE NOBODY TELLS ME WHAT TO DO



You might want to get dressed, the landlord is here. She said I wasn't on the lease or somethin. I bit her.



Merry Christmas
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR