



Feasts and Fun

Religious Education Class Night

Here are some fun feast days that are coming up! Listed with the feasts are ideas for celebrating them at home or with family. These special days are perfect times to celebrate our Catholic faith and learn about our Church's teachings. This year's focus is on Marian Feasts.

December 8—The Immaculate Conception

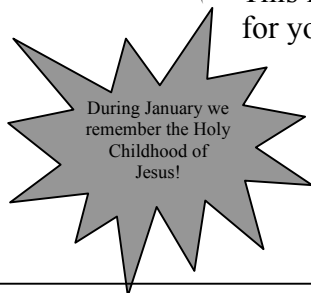


- ✚ This is a holy day of obligation, so be sure to check Mass times to find the one that works for your family!
- ✚ See <http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/kids/saints/1208.asp> and share it with your family!
- ✚ Renew your baptismal vows with your family today! Mary was born without original sin, and we have it removed through baptism!
<http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=1047>
- ✚ Decorate your home with a white paper chain in honor of Mary's purity. Have each family member make three links with a prayer petition on each.

December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

- ✚ See <http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/kids/saints/1212.asp> for information on the day. Share it with your family!
- ✚ Have Mexican food today in honor of our Lady appearing to Juan Diego in Mexico.
- ✚ Make a piñata by decorating a cereal box and putting a string through it to celebrate the feast day!
- ✚ Decorate a statue of Mary with paper or real flowers. In Mexico they have little shrines in their homes in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe.

January 1—The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God



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- ✚ See <http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/kids/saints/0101.asp>
- ✚ Have your children make a "Mother's Day" card for Mary.
- ✚ Before leaving church after Mass stop near the statue of Mary and say your favorite Marian prayer as a family. See the following site for a list of prayers
<http://ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/index.asp>

Advent: During this season consider putting a purple ribbon, piece of fabric, or construction paper near your Bible, crucifix, or another religious object to give your family a visual reminder of which Church season we are celebrating as purple is the liturgical color for the season. See the following website for more information on Advent http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/seasons/advent/advent_what.cfm

Christmas: During this season (December 25- January 9) consider putting a white or gold ribbon, piece of fabric, or construction paper near your Bible, crucifix, or another religious object to give your family a visual reminder of which Church season we are celebrating as white is the liturgical color for the season. See the following website for more information on the Christmas season
<http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/seasons/christmas/index.cfm>