



ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lion's Roar: December 3, 2018

Parents,

Advent is a season of waiting and anticipation for Christmas. In preparation for Christ's birth, your children will participate in Advent Prayer Services in assembly and projects in their classrooms this December. This Friday is our last all-school mass, so please encourage your children to bring food for the Baton Rouge Food Bank. Please join us for mass!

The faculty & staff invites you to join us as we participate in Dynamic Catholic's "Best Advent Ever". The uplifting, short videos arrive via email each day to bring us to a deeper Advent season. <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever> In addition, Advent reflections for your family will be included in the Lion's Roar (attached). The first reflection was emailed to each of you yesterday. We hope this helps us all to experience the "best advent ever" in order to better receive Jesus on Christmas Day!

Join us in celebrating Advent and Christmas through the gift of our talented Band and Choir Students! The concert will be held in Church at 6:30 tomorrow night. -Erin Candilora

"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." Amen

Important Dates

Tuesday, December 4 -	Band/Choir Christmas Concert 6:30 Church
Friday, December 7 -	All School Mass – Please support the B.R. Food Bank
December 19-21 -	No Buses – Bus Riders are to be dropped off and picked up in back lot by school office both in the morning and afternoon
December 20 -	NO AFTERNOON EXTENSION!
Friday, December 21 -	Dismissal at 10:00am to Begin Christmas Holidays/No afternoon extension.
December 24 – January 4 th -	Christmas Holidays (NO SCHOOL)
January 7 -	Students return from Christmas Holidays

The mission of St. Aloysius School is to educate the whole child in the Catholic tradition for a life of meaning and purpose.



Attached to this letter, you will find pages that can be cut and made into ornaments for an Advent Jesse Tree. To make ornaments, print out pages and cut out the pictures. The picture can be colored and glued to the front of a piece of pink or purple paper. The scripture summary can be cut out and glued to the back of the paper. Each day, your family can pray the prayer of the day and hang the ornament on the tree. The final ornament is for December 25, Christmas Day.

Prayer for Monday, December 3- Dear God, help us to be obedient and follow your rules by obeying our parents, teachers and other people you have sent to teach us. Amen. *Encourage your children to make a card for a grandparent or elderly neighbor. Put it in the mail for a special holiday surprise.*

Prayer for Tuesday, December 4- Dear God, You told Noah what to do so that the human race could continue to live. Help us to listen and obey you like Noah did. Amen. *(Discuss vocations with your children. What talents do they have that can be used to make the world a better place?)*

Prayer for Wednesday, December 5- Dear God, You promised Abraham and Sarah that they would have a son. It took many years, but you kept your promise. Help us to be patient as we wait for you to answer our prayers. Amen. *(Discuss a contribution your family can make to those in need. You can bring food for the All School Mass collection on Friday.)*

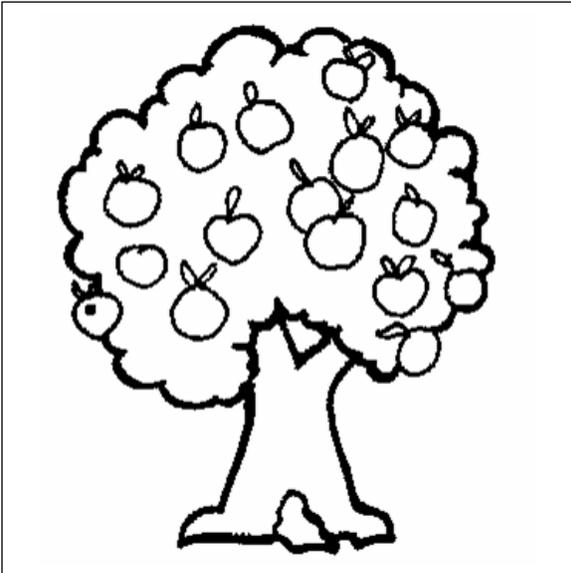
Prayer for Thursday, December 6- Dear God, Abraham was willing to sacrifice his own son in order to follow your will. Help us to remember that following you may require us to give up things we want. But we will do it for you. Amen. *(Have each member of the family discuss something new that they learned this week.)*

Prayer for Friday, December 7- Dear God, You spoke to Jacob in dreams. Help us to be quiet and to listen to your voice when we pray. Amen. *(Have a quiet time after prayer where everyone closes their eyes and sits still.)*

Prayer for Saturday, December 8- In order to celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Mary, pray the "Hail, Mary" together today. *Today celebrates that Mary was born without Original Sin. Even though God prepared her this way, Mary was still given the free will. Discuss how important it was for Mary to say "yes" to God, so that Jesus could be born.*

***As a family treat, rent and watch a video of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"*

Prayer for Sunday, December 9- Dear God, Moses' mother saved him because she loved him. Help us to be kind and loving to our brothers, sisters and friends. Amen. *Have your children draw a picture or write a note to someone your family knows who may be mentally or physically challenged. Put it in the mail to provide the recipient with a nice holiday surprise.*



Adam and Eve

Genesis 3, 1-15

This is a teaching story about God's love for us. God gave Adam and Eve everything they needed. But they sinned by doing the one thing that God told them not to do, eat the fruit of a certain tree. Because they sinned, they were expelled from the Garden. But God loves us so much that He promised to send a savior to save humans.



Noah's Ark

Genesis 6

This is a teaching story about God's love for us. In this story, humans had become so wicked that God wanted to destroy them by flooding the earth. But Noah was such a good man that God decided to save Noah and his family. God told Noah to build a big boat and to save the animals by bringing them onto the boat. After the flood, God sent a rainbow as a promise, or covenant that He would never destroy the world by



Isaac, Son of Abraham

Genesis 22, 1-19

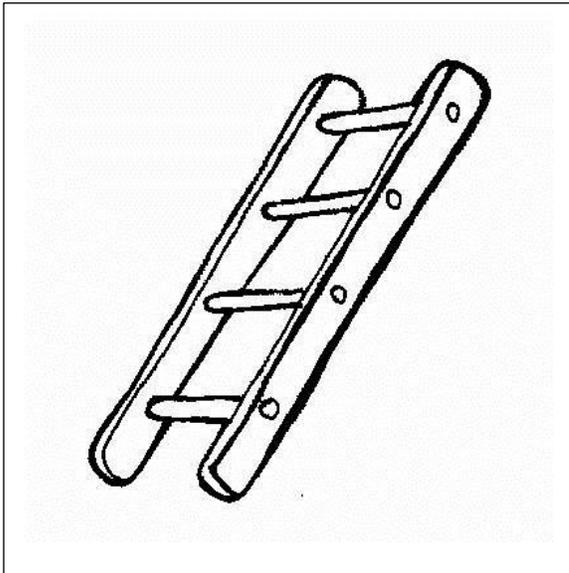
God promised Abraham that he would have many descendants (children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren.) But Abraham and his wife were getting too old to have children. God sent angels to tell them they would have a child. When Sarah heard this she laughed. (Isaac means "laughter.") But nine months later, Isaac was born. God also promised Abraham that the Messiah would come from his family.



Abraham's Sacrifice

Genesis 22, 1-19

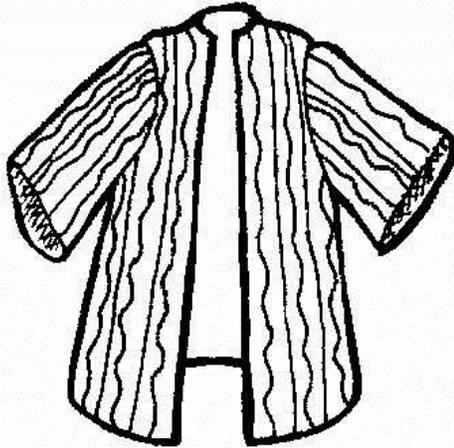
After waiting so long to have a son, God made a strange request. He asked Abraham to sacrifice his son. Abraham agreed, even though he did not want to kill Isaac. At the last moment an angel stopped Abraham. Abraham found a ram stuck in a thorn bush. He sacrificed the ram instead of his son.



Jacob's Ladder

Genesis 28, 1-22

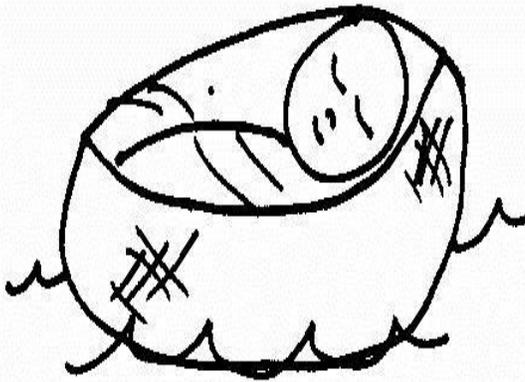
God spoke to Jacob in dreams. In one dream, he saw a ladder going to Heaven. Angels moved up and down the ladder as they brought God's message to people on earth. Jacob's name was later changed to Israel. He had 12 sons, which became the 12 tribes of Israel, God's chosen people.



Joseph and his Coat of Many Colors

Genesis 37, 1-4

Israel (Jacob) loved all 12 of his sons, but he loved Joseph the best of all. He gave Joseph a beautiful coat. Joseph's brothers were very jealous. They sold Joseph to some Egyptians as a slave, but told their father that Joseph had died. Years later, Joseph became an assistant to the Pharaoh of Egypt. He was able to save his family from starvation



Baby Moses

Exodus 2, 1-9

The Israelites stayed in Egypt. The Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. They were afraid that the Israelites might become a powerful army, so they ordered that all the baby boys be killed. Moses's mother put him in a basket that floated and placed him in the water where the princess would bathe. The princess found the baby and decided to adopt him. Moses was saved because his mother loved him so much.