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## Hello to my CCD Families!

Can you believe that Christmas is less than a week away?!?! In all the hustle and bustle of the season, I pray that you will look around at all the "gifts" you have in your life...family, friends, and our faith! God is constantly blessing us with so many gifts. May our eyes be opened to them and may we remember to thank the giver of all!

This week will be our last before we break for the Christmas and New Year's holiday. We will be on break December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 6<sup>th</sup>. Classes resume on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. L wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday season!!

As always, contact me should you have any questions or concerns!

God bless you and yours! Annie

#### **Christmas & New Year's Break**



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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**December 18<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Memorial Gift deadline

**December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm** Christmas Eve Vigil Mass Rehearsal

**December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm** Christmas Eve Vigil Children's Mass

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – January 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas • New Year's Break NO CCD CLASSES

January 7<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation RETREAT

January 13-15<sup>th</sup> Holiday Weekend

January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Children's Mass



Prayer Focus...

First Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> Year Grace Before Meals

First Communion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Act of Contrition & Form of Confession

Confirmation: 1<sup>st</sup> Year Act of Contrition

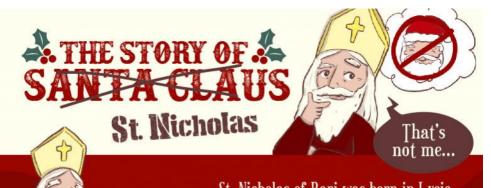
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## Lost & Not Yet Found....

I have several sweatshirts and miscellaneous items in our Lost & Found. Please feel free to come and look through the items to see if they belong to your household. **PHOTOS OF OUR LOST ITEMS WILL BE POSTED ON THE CCD TAB!** 

## PRAYER Champions

We have a new addition to our wall! Congratulations to **EZRA LIZARRAGA** on finishing her prayers for this year! Please encourage your children who are in First Holy Communion or Confirmation formation to visit Annie regularly to test on prayers! We may be concentrating on certain prayers each month, but the children are more than welcome to test on ALL the prayers that they know!



St. Nicholas of Bari was born in Lycia (today's Turkey). From an early age he was a very generous person, especially towards the poor. He also had the custom of giving secret gifts to children.

Nicholas moved to Myra where he was ordained as a priest, and later as a bishop.

He was imprisoned during the Diocletian persecution and only released when Constantine the Great came to power.



St. Nicholas is associated with Christmas because of his tradition of giving secret gifts to children. His feast day is on the 6th of December.





Celebrating birthdays December 18<sup>th</sup> – January 7<sup>th</sup>

- Amelia Melo
- Gavin Bettencourt
- Landyn Segura
- Alyssa Colston
- Elizabeth Torres
- Leah Faria
- Ezra Lizarraga
- Darin Maciel
- Justin Ortiz
- Austin Rocha
- Kelsey Tejeda

# SERVICE HOURS opportunities!

- · Children's Liturgy Room Helper
- · Cleaning the Church
- · Cleaning the CCD Classrooms
- Filhos Kitchen Helpers

# What are some Catholic Christmas traditions?

See the answer on the CCD page of the Holy Rosary Church website!

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