

Advent is Here!

Jesus is coming!

Advent is here! It's time to begin preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Jesus came the first time long ago in Bethlehem. Now He comes to us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. But we celebrate Jesus' coming in a special way at Christmas time.



Advent is the time to get ready for Christmas. We get our houses ready by cleaning and decorating. We get our souls ready by cleaning out our sins when we go to confession, and by learning and thinking about Jesus.



Here are some things that will help you get ready for Christmas:

~ Light a candle on an advent wreath when you say your prayers every day.

~ Read a book about Advent or Christmas.

~ Go to Confession before Christmas.

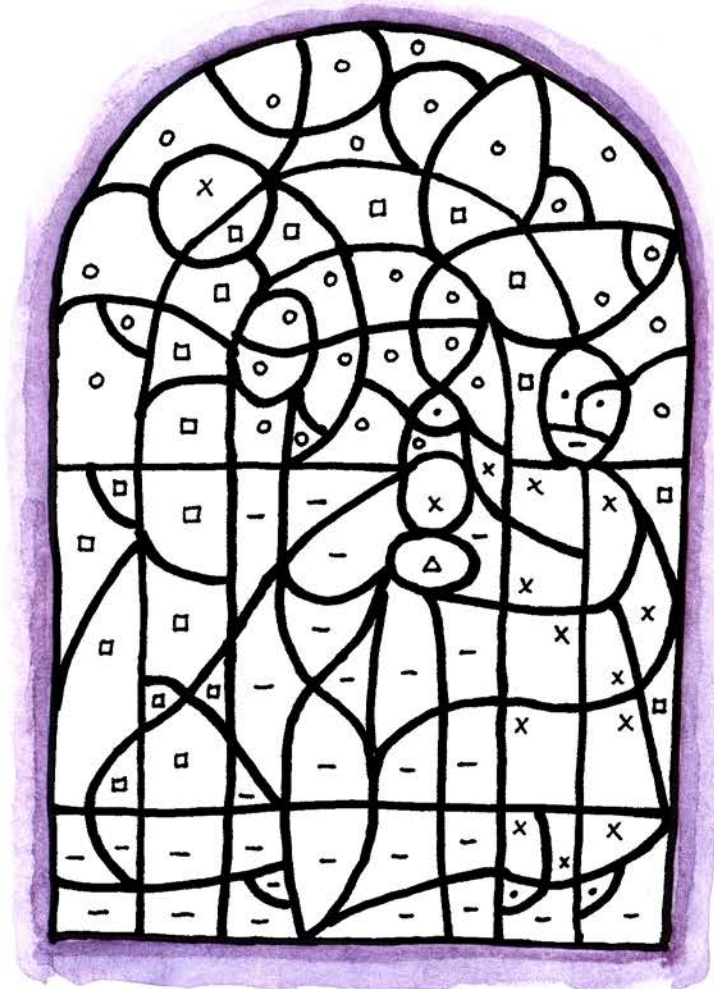


~ Do nice things for people. Remember that anything you do for someone else you do for Jesus!

Answers to Cross-word: Across: 1. she 5. saw 7. immaculate 10. over 11. preserve 15. pure 17. man 18. lamb 20. ready 22. am 23. original. Down: 2. him 3. you 4. hate 5. save 6. were 8. Mary 9. love 12. soul 13. baby 14. Adam 16. Eve 18. laws 19. born 21. Anne

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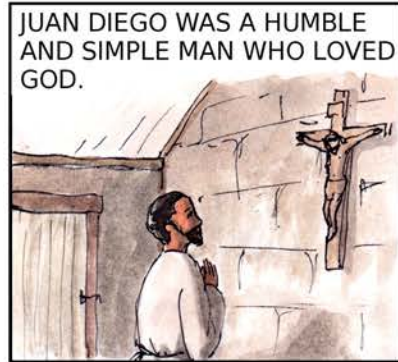
*In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to always be ready.
Here's someone waiting
for his master to return...*

Use this code to colour the picture in:

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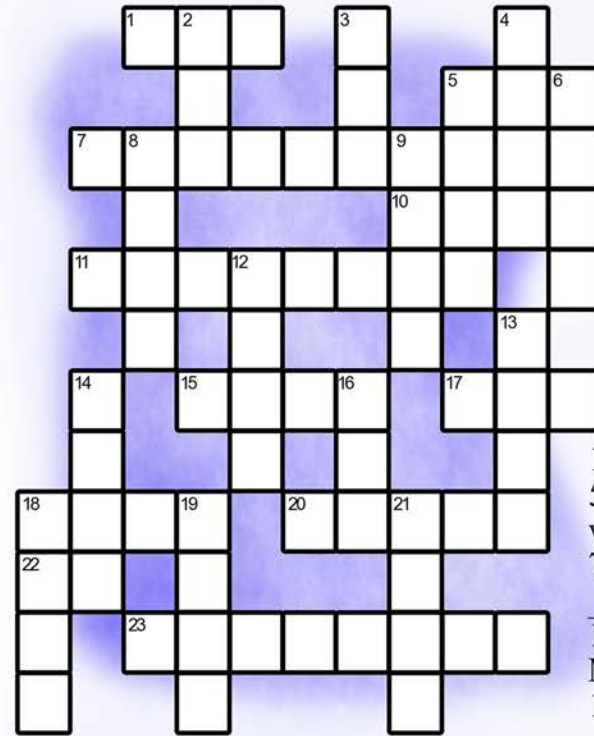
SAINT JUAN DIEGO

DECEMBER 9



SAINT JUAN DIEGO LIVED A LONG AND SIMPLE LIFE TEACHING THE FAITH. MARY CHOSE HIM, BECAUSE HE WAS HUMBLE, TO BRING HER MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH AT THAT TIME. WHEN THE NEW CHURCH WAS BUILT, MILLIONS OF THE PAGAN PEOPLE IN MEXICO BECAME CHRISTIANS. JUAN DIEGO DIED AT AGE 74.

Immaculate Conception Cross-Word



Fill in the blanks to do this puzzle about Our Lady.

ACROSS:

1. _____ was without sin.
 5. God _____ that Mary would do His will.
 7. She was the _____ Conception.
 10. God watched _____ Mary.
 11. God decided to _____ her from sin.
 15. Mary's soul was not stained- it was _____.
 17. God's Son become _____.
 18. He is called the _____ of God.
 20. When the time was _____, the angel came to Mary.
 22. She said, "I _____ the handmaid of the Lord.
 23. She had no _____ sin, so she was always ready to obey.
- DOWN:
2. Whatever God wanted she would do for _____.
 3. She brought the Saviour into the world for _____ and me.
 4. She teaches us to love God and _____ sin, which offends Him.
 5. God had decided to _____ Mary from all sin.
 6. If you _____ God, how would you make your mother?
 8. The name of God's mother is _____.
 9. She did every single thing out of _____ for God.
 12. He had preserved her _____ from every stain of sin.
 13. Before she was even a little _____ she was chosen by God.
 14. We all have original sin because of _____ ...
 16. ... and his wife, _____, who committed the first sins.
 18. They had chosen to disobey God's _____.
 19. Since then, every other person* was _____ with original sin.
 21. Mary was the daughter of the holy saints, _____ and Joachim.

* Except Saint John the Baptist, who, according to tradition, was freed from original sin - 'filled with the Holy Spirit' when his mother was greeted by Mary who was expecting Jesus.