



St. Emydius School Newsletter



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Letter From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Sunday, November 27, 2011 began the Season of Advent. It is a time for the Christian world, of which we Catholics are an important part, to prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ. I recall every year, during Advent, reading a short story to my class entitled "Teddy Discovers the Meaning of Advent," by Patricia Brennan-Nichols. In this story, a young boy learns what Advent means by experiencing for himself the faith, hope, joy, and love of the season. In the beginning of the story, Teddy was sent to stay with his grandfather because his mother was in the hospital. She would be there through Christmas. His father had to work and could not take care of Teddy. He was really sad because he would not be spending Christmas with his mom and dad. That was probably why Teddy thought his presents were so important this Christmas.

His grandfather decided to teach him the true meaning of the season. Every week, Teddy and Grandfather lit a candle on the Advent wreath. Then they read some passages from the Bible. Some were from Isaiah the prophet, some from St. Paul, and some from St. Matthew's Gospel. They all had to do with darkness and how Jesus brought light to take that darkness away from his people.

Over the weeks, Teddy became less sad. He hardly thought about his own presents at all. Every night, when he lit the Advent candle, he said a prayer for his mother, asking Jesus to make her well.

On the afternoon of Christmas Eve, Teddy's parents told him his mother would be home in just one more week. He was sure Jesus had answered his prayers. This really has been the best Christmas ever for Teddy, but not the way he expected it to be.

In sharing this story with you, it is my hope that we prepare ourselves in a positive way. In a time of turmoil, wars, fires, violence, unemployment, illness, and death, we need to stress the positive side of life and be grateful for the little rays of hope which shine in our midst.

Let us take time out of our busy schedules to prepare ourselves in a special way for the coming of Jesus, our Savior, so that we may find peace and comfort during this special time of the season.

Sincerely,

Miss Socorro Mendoza
Principal

CLASS MASS.....**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2011**

8:00 a.m.

Grades 2/1/K will attend.

Parents are invited to attend

FAMILY MASS.....

Our last family Mass for 2011 will be celebrated
on

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**DECEMBER 4, 2011****11:00 A.M. MASS****Grades 6/5 in charge.**

All families are invited and encouraged to attend
this special monthly Mass. Please don't forget
your special collection envelope.

ST. EMYDIUS SCHOOL FOOD SALE....

St. Emydius School will sponsor the Food Sale
after all the Masses on

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011

Please stop by and enjoy the food and
help support our school!

THANK YOU.....

A big **THANK YOU** to all those parents and
students who brought in food for the Thanksgiving
Food Drive that was sponsored by the Student
Council. Thank you, also, to Ms. Ponce who
organized the event.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....

Ryan Calderon	2	11/30
Daisy Vasquez	6	11/23
Kimberly Beas	7	11/25
Lesley Lopez	7	11/27
Christian Caceres	7	11/30
Christopher Ancheta	8	11:27
Michael Ancheta	8	11/27

**SCHOOL MASS.....**

St. Emydius School students will celebrate the monthly
school Mass and birthday celebrations on

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011****8:00 A.M.**

All parents are invited to attend.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY.....

This month's Awards Assembly will be held on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2011**K-4—9:00 a.m.****5-8—10:45 a.m.**

All parents are invited to attend and support your
children.

