

NOVEMBER - The month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory



Talk about how we are all called to sainthood. Work on self portraits and title them "Future St <Child's name>".
All Saints Day is Sunday 1 November.

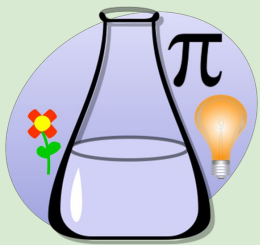
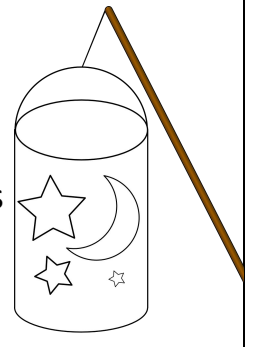
All Soul's Day (Monday 2 November) is a day to remember all who have died. Pray for a special loved one's soul, visit a cemetery, and/or do a favourite activity they enjoyed.



The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica is Monday 9 November. Since St John Lateran is the Pope's church, say a prayer for the Holy Father.



Celebrate Roman soldier turned monk, **St Martin of Tours** (Wednesday 11 November), by making horseshoe cookies or paper lanterns. See Catholic Icing for ideas: <http://bit.ly/1LZUatj>



Find an age appropriate science experiment or activity to celebrate the feast day of **St Albert the Great**, patron of scientists (Sunday 15 November).

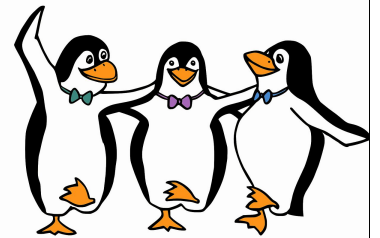


Reach out to someone who is sick in remembrance of **St Elizabeth of Hungary** (Tuesday 17 November).



Make crowns to celebrate the **Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King** (Sunday 22 November).

Have a family sing along or dance party to honour **St Cecilia**, patron saint of music (Sunday 22 November).



Serve fish for dinner on the **Feast day of St Andrew the Apostle** (Monday 30 November).



Prepare to countdown to Christmas by choosing Advent Activities (see attached ideas to print and insert).



ADVENT ACTIVITY IDEAS - To add to, print, cut and insert into your Advent Calendar

Hang up your Christmas stocking.	Make Christmas scented playdough with glitter.	Go and choose a Christmas Tree. Decorate the Christmas tree.	Buy a cheap tiny tree, and let the kids decorate it... all by themselves.
Make a gingerbread house.	Visit the Smith and Caughey Christmas displays.	Make Christmas cookies or mince pies and give them to your neighbours.	Turn chocolate Santas into St Nicholas'. http://bit.ly/1NPzF2D
Have a bubble bath by candle light.	Put up a wreath.	Dip Candy Canes in Hot Chocolate.	Put out a Nativity set.
Celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (12 December) or St Juan Diego (9 December) by eating Mexican food for dinner.	Set up a train track around the tree. Build a little figurine world around it.	On St Lucia (Lucy)'s feast day, 13 December, drive around and look at Christmas lights. This tradition started because her name means "light".	Visit a Living Nativity (Christmas Drive Thru at Greenlane Christian Centre). http://bit.ly/1hMMKeB
Put your shoes out for St Nicholas' Feast Day, 6 December.	Buy canned food and donate it to the food bank.	Dance to Christmas songs.	Go to a Carol Service.
Wrap some presents for Dad.	Sing Christmas songs by candle light.	Have a picnic under the Christmas tree.	Family game night.
Shop for food and toys to donate.	Make some handmade gifts.	Make Christmas cards, and mail them.	Give your little girl a Christmas manicure.
Create a Sensory Nativity Story Box. See The Fairy and the Frog blog for ideas: http://bit.ly/1jwAZeh	Have a Christmas pageant.	Watch a Christmas movie.	Go to a Christmas Parade.
Visit St Benedict's Christmas Display. http://bit.ly/1NPAqZy	Colour in some Christmas pictures. (J is for Jesus Candy canes)	Read Christmas books with hot chocolate and marshmallows.	Do a Christmas craft. (Make a snow globe or paper angels.)
Use a JoyWare "Cradle to Cross Wreath" to journey with Mary and Child on a donkey travelling to Bethlehem through the 24 days of Advent. http://bit.ly/1LZZYTC	Make paper chains or popcorn chains to decorate the house.	Wait to add Jesus to your Nativity scene until Christmas. Have a Baby Jesus hunt.	Give a gift to Jesus to celebrate His birthday. Jesus taught us that when we help those in need, we are helping Him.
Bake a birthday cake for Jesus.			