

CAMPUS MINISTRY CONNECTION

DECEMBER 2025

WE ARE ONE BODY

THIS MONTH'S THEME

COMFORTING ARMS

Comfort is a seemingly simple concept, yet it can be surprisingly complicated to achieve. Everyone needs specific things in order to “feel comfortable.” What is one person’s comfort may not apply to another. The *desire* for comfort is what unites us. Everyone wants to feel loved, cared for, and safe. When we are in a state of comfort, it means those needs are being met. As the verse to the right tells us, God knows very well that His children want to be comforted. He uses the imagery of mother and child, because no matter how old we become, the human desire to be embraced by one who loves and protects us never fades. In fact, God *Himself* had a mother from whom he received comfort and support. Mary’s very role of ‘Mother of God’ perfectly exemplifies His understanding of the human need to be surrounded by love.

As the Body of Christ, we are given the privilege to share the love and protection of God by offering comfort to one another. This begins with our families, by reveling together in joyous moments and weeping together in sorrowful moments. Then we are called to reach beyond our families, recognizing that everyone we interact with on a daily basis deserves comfort and support. This month, let’s make an extra effort to bring comfort to someone who exists on the outskirts of our daily lives and show them that God wants to embrace them like a mother too.

O Immaculata, Pray for Us

*“As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you...”-Isaiah 66:13*

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & SCHOOL FAITH EVENT DATES

MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Dec. 3 - Memorial of St. Francis Xavier

Dec. 4 - Memorial of St. John Damascene

Dec. 6 - Memorial of St. Nicholas

Dec. 7 - **Second Sunday of Advent**
Memorial of St. Ambrose

Dec. 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
SJS School Mass & SBS School Mass

Dec. 10 - Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto

Dec. 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec. 13 - Memorial of St. Lucy

Dec. 14 - **Third Sunday of Advent**
Memorial of St. John of the Cross

Dec. 21 - **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Memorial of St. Peter Canisius

Dec. 22 - SJS School Mass

Dec. 23 - SBS School Mass

Dec. 25 - Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Dec. 26 - Feast of St. Stephen

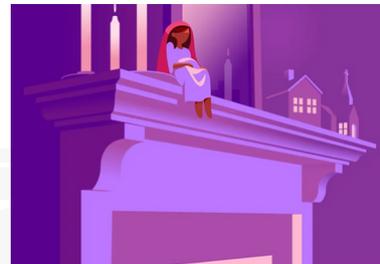
Dec. 27 - Feast of St. John the Evangelist

Dec. 28 - Feast of the Holy Family
Feast of the Holy Innocents

ADVENT ON HALLOW

Looking for something new to try this Advent? Now that our schools are partnered with Hallow there are a number of prayer challenges that your family can use to help you spiritually prepare for the Christmas season.

For families with kids in preschool - grade 2, a great option is [Mary on the Mantel](#). Kids will listen to Mary's story and be given a kindness challenge each day. If you have a Mary statue or doll, she can [journey around your home](#), similar to Elf of the Shelf, but with a focus on Christ rather than Santa.



For families with kids in grades 3-5, you might want to check out [Finding Fiat](#) or [Jesse Tree Tales](#). Both collections follow the story of a 10-year-old who finds themselves in unique circumstances and learn an important message as they navigate their situation.

For families with older kids, or for parents who want a challenge for themselves, [Be Still](#) is this year's Pray25 Advent challenge. You can also participate in last year's challenge, [For God so Loved the World](#).

Student's Hallow accounts can be used on up to 5 devices, so if your child is in grades 3-8, use these login [instructions](#) to access their account on your phone. If your child is in preschool - grade 2, scan this QR code and create a personal account with a 90-Day Free Trial using the promo code: **SchoolPartner90Days**



Did You Know?

Christmas is not a single holiday, but an entire liturgical season! The Church kicks off the season with the [Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord](#) (Christmas Day). That solemnity lasts for 8 days, which the Church calls the **Christmas Octave**, because if anyone deserves a birthday week, it's Jesus. **Christmastide** is the "12 Days of Christmas" tradition that ends on the [Solemnity of the Epiphany](#) (Three Kings Day). However, the entire Christmas season ends on the [Feast of the Baptism of the Lord](#) (this year it's Jan. 11). Though, for those who don't want the season to end, you can keep the Christmas spirit going with an older tradition called **Candlemas**, which is celebrated on Feb. 2 and marks the [Feast of the Presentation of the Lord](#).

