



MISSION MATTERS

monthly



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Humor is the universal solvent against the abrasive elements of life. Hatred corrodes the container it’s carried in”

- Alan Simpson

CATHOLIC Q&A

How should Christian celebrate Christmas?

click [here](#) for the answer

INTERFAITH CALENDAR

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- 12/06: St. Nicholas Day - *Christian*
- 12/08: Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) -*Buddhism*
- 12/08: Immaculate Conception of Mary - *Catholic Christian*
- 12/12: Our Lady of Guadalupe -*Catholic Christian*
- 12/16-25: Posadas Navidenas -*Hispanic Christian*
- 12/22: Yule/Winter Solstice -*Pagan*
- 12/25: Christmas - *Christian*
- 12/26: Zarathosht -*Zoroastrian*
- 12/28: Holy Innocents -*Christian*
- 12/30: Holy Family -*Catholic Christian*



HOLIDAY SEASON HIGHLIGHTS!

What is the real meaning of Christmas? Click [here](#) to learn more.



Chanukah/Hanukkah began on November 28 and ends today, December 6. Click [here](#) to learn more.



Kwanzaa is an African American and Pan-African holiday which celebrates family, community and culture. It begins December 26, 2021 and ends on January 1, 2022. Click [here](#) to learn more.



Come to the annual Blessing of Brains to help prepare for finals. Monday, December 13 3PM Library lobby, FREE PIZZA & MORE!!



HOW CAN I KEEP GOD IN MY WORKDAY?

By Jim Berlucchi

I really want to be more mindful of God throughout my workday, but it’s a challenge. Any recommendations? It is a challenge, indeed. Work, like prayer, demands concentration. It’s filled with deadlines, tasks to be completed, frequent distractions and no short supply of aggravations.

The people I know who maintain presence of God at work seem to have developed these habits to sanctify their workday.

1. They start the day with a set time and place to pray - they offer up their schedule, meetings, and tasks to God, visualizing in advance with the Holy Spirit and asking for his inspiration.
2. They make use of tasteful and often discreet physical items - a rosary or small crucifix, or a necklace with a cross. Some have modest religious images in their immediate work area or on their desktop if it’s allowed by their employer. Others place an image on equipment they’re using.
3. They try to exercise Christian and human virtues - patience with difficult customers, a kind remark to a co-worker, not giving up on a difficult task, deciding not to complain, being humble rather than proud or pushy. They keep a sense of humor and don’t take themselves too seriously.
4. They put forth their best effort - they have high standards of professionalism, they take good care of their tools and equipment, they show up on time and work diligently throughout the day.
5. They make a conscious effort to love the people they meet and work with - they pray for them, they’re cheerful and considerate, they offer help and are willing to sacrifice for the greater good, they know how to apologize, they don’t gossip.

This is a long list, but any small step is a good step. “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” (James 4:8)

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2021-2022 Focus

