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# Ephesus Notes



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## SAINT OF THE DAY

**December 6: Second Sunday of Advent;  
St. Nicholas, Bishop.**

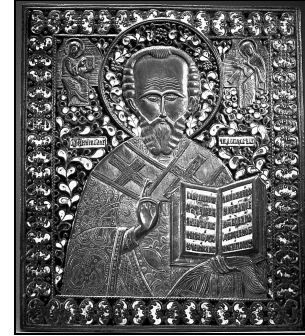
**St. Nicholas** was bishop of Myra in Lycia, in today's Turkey, in the fourth century. He was famous for secret charity: the best-known story tells how he tossed bags of gold through a window at night so that a poor man's three daughters could marry. He is patron of children and sailors. This year his memorial gives way to the Sunday.

## FROM THE CATECHISM

**83. In what sense is Jesus the Only Begotten Son of God?**

Jesus is the Son of God in a unique and perfect way. At the time of his Baptism and his Transfiguration, the voice of the Father designated Jesus as his "beloved Son". In presenting himself as the Son who "knows the Father" (Matthew 11:27), Jesus affirmed his singular and eternal relationship with God his Father. He is "the Only Begotten Son of God" (1 John 4:9), the second Person of the Blessed Trinity. He is the central figure of apostolic preaching. The apostles saw "his glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father" (John 1:14).

*Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 83*



*St. Nicholas, Russian icon, Walters Art Museum, Baltimore*

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care."

—Isaiah 40:11 (today's first reading)

## PRAYER TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

O God, Who hast honored this world by the birth of Saint John the Baptist, grant that Thy faithful people may rejoice in the way of eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

*(Mothers for Priests brochure JB1)*

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA

**Q:** To which Italian port city were St. Nicholas's relics carried in 1087?

**A:** Bari.

**Mary, Mother of our Savior, Pray for us.**

**Recommended Prayer Brochure:** JB1 Litany of Saint John the Baptist



# Sunday Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Mark 1:1-8, December 6, 2026)

*Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.*

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The **BEGINNING** of the **GOSPEL** of Jesus  
Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in **ISAIAH** the **PROPHET**:  
Behold, I am sending my **MESSENGER**  
ahead of you;

he will **PREPARE** your way.

A voice of one crying out in the **DESERT**:  
“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make **STRAIGHT** his **PATHS**.”

John the **BAPTIST** appeared in the desert  
proclaiming a **BAPTISM** of **REPENTANCE**  
for the forgiveness of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside  
and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem

were going out to him

and were being baptized by him in the  
**JORDAN RIVER**

as they acknowledged their sins.

John was clothed in **CAMEL**’s hair,  
with a **LEATHER** belt around his waist.  
He fed on **LOCUSTS** and wild **HONEY**.

And this is what he proclaimed:

“One mightier than I is coming after me.

I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the  
thongs of his **SANDALS**.

I have baptized you with water;

he will baptize you with the Holy **SPIRIT**.”