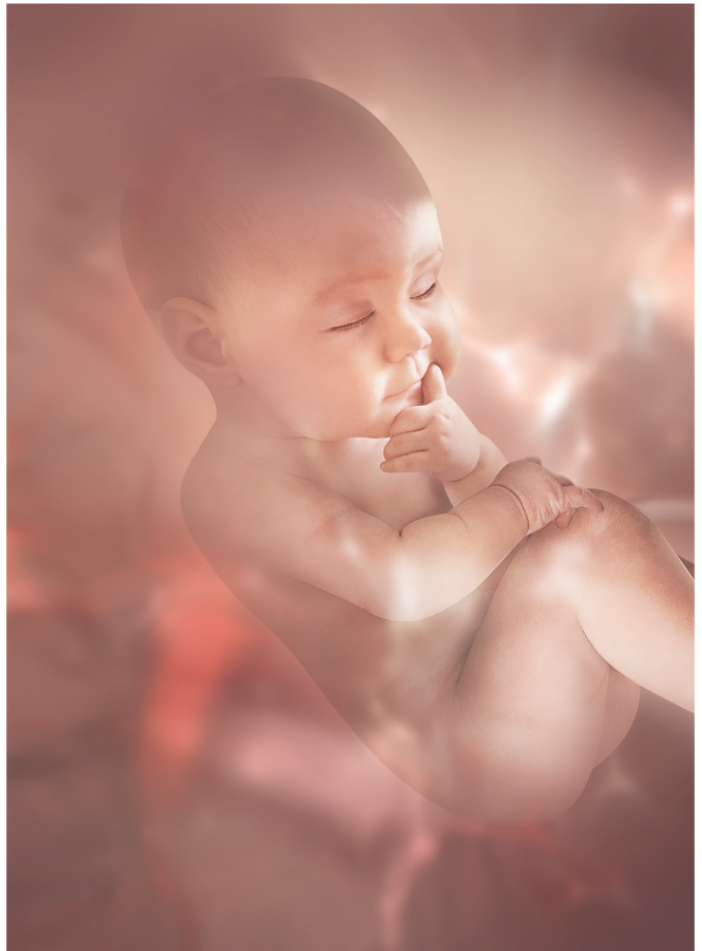

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," (Mk 10:14)

Our "Tiny Jesus" Advent Journey

Inspired by the writings of Marigold Hunt and, of course, the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, let us rejoice with St. Joseph, our Blessed Mother and "Tiny Jesus" as we journey together towards Bethlehem! *So far on our journey we have pondered **The Incarnation** - when **God became Man**. The Incarnation is the greatest thing that has ever happened in the history of the world! Last week we journeyed to Zachary and Elizabeth's home where "Tiny John" jumped for joy because "Tiny Jesus," growing in Our Lady's womb with His little Sacred Heart beating with love, came to visit! Now it is time for "Tiny Jesus" to be born! St. Joseph learned that the government was taking a census, as governments still do today. The government wanted to count how many people were living in the country. St. Joseph's hometown was Bethlehem so the Holy Family had to go there to be counted. It was a long, difficult journey all the way from Nazareth to Bethlehem. The only way to get there was to walk or ride on a horse or donkey. Horses were for rich people or soldiers so Mary and "Tiny Jesus" rode on a donkey with St. Joseph walking beside them. It would have taken them at least four days to travel to Bethlehem, camping at night. How chilly it must have been! When at last the Holy Family arrived in Bethlehem, they found the town overflowing with people who had also come to be counted. The inn was full and there was no room for them. Eventually they were able to find a cave that was used as a stable where they could get out of the cold wind and have privacy. St. Joseph and Our Lady entered the cave with hearts overflowing with love! For there, as we all know, TINY JESUS WAS BORN! Let us pray the "Tiny Jesus Chaplet" with hearts full of love! Let's end the chaplet this week by singing: "O come let us adore Him! O come let us adore Him! O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!" Happy birthday, Jesus!*

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The Tiny Jesus Chaplet

Let's pray "The Tiny Jesus Chaplet" each day of our Advent Journey! You can also pray it with the help of "The Tiny Jesus Chaplet" video found on the home page of Catholic Kids 101. By doing this we are honoring the nine months Jesus grew in Mary's womb!

Begin with the Sign of the Cross and then say: **"Heavenly Father, I offer this chaplet for every baby growing in his or her mother's womb, that they will be born safely, and come to love Jesus, just like I do!"**

Then say 9 times: **"Heavenly Father, I offer You Your beloved Son Jesus 1 MONTH OLD, growing in the womb of the Virgin Mary. And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. Hail Mary, full of grace...etc."** Each time you repeat this, say the next month - 2 MONTHS OLD, 3 MONTHS OLD, until you get to 9 MONTHS OLD! End with the Sign of the Cross.